DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board (AAB) Minutes

The DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board met on Monday, November 9th, 2026, at 6:00 PM both in person and via Zoom Video Conference call. There were 7 PDK AAB members: 5 in person, 2 online.

Members Present: Doug Miller (AAB Chair), Larry Scheinpflug (AAB Vice Chair), Reuben Jones, Tess Snipes, Nicole Jennings, Mike Reeves, Will Childs

Members Absent: Jordan Fox

Others Present: Hunter Hines (Airport Director), Korey Barnes (Airport Operations Manager), Sarah Moore (Airport N&E Analyst)

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by AAB Chair Doug Miller

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the October 2026 minutes was made by Larry Scheinpflug and seconded by Mike Reeves. Motion passed unanimously.

I. Information/Old Business

A. **Airport Director's Report delivered by Airport Director (Hunter Hines)**:

1. Airfield Crack Seal and Remarking Project: Finalizing the permanent marking, majority of project complete.
2. Airport Perimeter Fencing Project: Ongoing through mid-December is the projected timeline for completion.

Noise & Environmental Report October 2026: N&E Analyst, Sarah Moore delivered the following report:

The October 2026 Noise Report will be posted on the website in its entirety: Total operations were 16,172 which is an increase of 54.36% as compared to October of 2025. This increase was due to the long runway keel replacement in 2025 which reduced operations. There were 564 voluntary curfew operations. Total 2026 year-to-date operations are 161,674 as compared to the total operations as of October 2025 of 143,644. Again, this increase was due to the long runway keel replacement in 2025 which reduced operations. In October 31% of operations were on a southerly flow, 67% were to the north, and 2% were on the NW/SE runway. Noise complaints: A total of 1441 complaints consisting of 54 complainants. Of that, 14 were new complainants. 26.7 households made complaints. Minus the top two households, the average was 18.7 complaints per household. One complainant accounted for 237 of the 1441 complaints (16%). Top five complainants accounted for 958 of the 1441 complaints (66%). The majority of the complaints were made between 12:00PM and 5:59PM (38%). The Complaint Percentages by Zip Code chart shows that 25% of the complaints originated from the 30319 zip code. A total of 210 advisory letters were sent to aircraft operators who flew during the Voluntary Curfew Period who were not identified as MedEvac and/or other emergency flights. Regarding High Noise Events, 15 advisory letters were sent to the operators whose aircraft exceeded the high noise event threshold(s).

Motion to accept the October 2026 Noise Report was made by Larry Scheinpflug and seconded by Mike Reeves. Motion passed unanimously.

Other:

Board Vice Chair Larry Scheinpflug spoke about a recent October 15th article in the Dunwoody Crier on the history of PDK. Larry mentioned the following specific points: its origin as the World War I encampment

Camp Gordon from 1917 to 1921; DeKalb County signing an option of 300 acres in 1935, and then in 1939 the WPA began construction of grass runways. The Navy then chose this site to build a naval aviation reserve base. In 1943 the base's name changed to U.S. Naval Air Station Atlanta. Between 1942 and 1944, five schools were established at the NAS Atlanta. Thousands of Navy and Marine aviators and ground personnel were trained at the air station and deployed from there for overseas duty. Three thousand pilots graduated from the instructor school. Chair Doug Miller also added that DeKalb County took control of the airport in 1959. Larry noted citizens need to be aware of its history and development into the modern era.

II. **New Business**:

- Board Vice Chair Larry Scheinpflug shared that he met with PDK Airport leadership to review the T-hangar list and process. Larry expressed confidence in what he learned and informed that anyone who wants to know where they are on the T-hangar list can simply call the Airport main office. Jaelen Miller manages the list. Her contact information is: 770.492.5208 (office) and 470.733.2886 (cell) and email is jmmiller@dekalbcountyga.gov.
- The topic of a feasibility study for additional t-hangars was discussed. Airport Director Hines said that he will be speak with Michael Baker Intl. about completing this in 2027.

III. **Public Comments:**

- Mark Clowdus of Clowd Works, Inc at PDK asked if there is a waiting list for tie downs. Airport Director Hunter Hines stated that there isn't one.
- Question was asked from a member of public online how much money has been collected in landing fees? Hines answered that $1.1M has been collected so far.
- Question was asked from an in person citizen about the hangar list process at PDK and they then discussed the process at Athens (Ben Epps) airport. Airport Director Hines pointed out that Athens has a lot less GA than PDK. The PDK process is to give someone who is called on the list 10 days. If there is no response their name is then moved to bottom of list. 30 days after their hangar lease is signed, they must get an aircraft into the hangar and provide a certificate of insurance.
- Question asked from an in person citizen public about Aero Center's plan to demolish their t-hangars. Aero Center Airport Manager Shane Dale stated there is no current timeline on this.

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:07 p.m. by Larry Scheinpflug and seconded by Mike Reeves. Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by:

Lori Bell

Lori Bell (Secretary)

Approved as Submitted:

Doug Miller

Doug Miller (AAB Chair)