

SOUTHWEST GEORGIA REGIONAL AIRPORT
ALBANY DOUGHERTY COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION

January 16, 2025
ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE

TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR: DAVID HAMILTON, present

CHAIRMAN: FRANK MIDDLETON, Present

VICE CHAIRMAN: KEN HODGES, Present

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: DOUG FAIRCLOTH, PAMELA GREEN JACKSON, SANDY HILLSMAN

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: BOB LANGSTAFF, DONTRAVIOUS SIMMONS

THIS MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:00 P.M.

- **AGENDA** – Approved
- **MINUTES-** Chairman Middleton asked for a motion of approval on minutes from the January 2024 meeting. Minutes will stand as distributed.
- **Frank Middleton-** Chairman Middleton asked attendees if there were any additions or questions regarding the financial reports that were sent via email prior to the meeting. David Hamilton stated that parking revenue has increased due to the new parking lot. At the conclusion of the meeting, Sandy Hillsman was nominated and voted in as the next Chairman of the Aviation Commission, and Ken Hodges was voted in as the next Vice Chairman.
- **Kyle Jackson-** Kyle Jackson provided updates regarding passenger load factors, stating that capacity was higher in 2024 than in 2023, which led to a 15% increase in customer satisfaction scores. He also reported improvements in boarding times heading into 2025 and mentioned that no changes in the flight schedule are expected soon. Ken Hodges raised a concern regarding the baggage claim process. Kyle explained the audit procedures and reassured the group that their goal is to have luggage at baggage claim within 20 minutes.
- **Chris Lowery-** Chris Lowery provided project updates, noting good progress on the cargo ramp expansion project. As of today, drainage systems have been completed, and workers are currently pouring two lanes of concrete. Additional lanes will continue to be poured, with an estimated completion date of April 2025. He also discussed current design projects, including the apron rejuvenation project.
- **Terrell Jacobs-** Terrell Jacobs emphasized the importance of building strategic relationships and also spoke about the expansion of UPS operations at the airport as well as the needs for the extension of our airport's runway to 10,000 feet.
- **David Hamilton** – David Hamilton requested the Aviation Commission's approval to pursue the extension of the airport runway to 10,000 feet. He also discussed the FBO (Fixed Base Operator) process, noting that the city received two proposals from vendors bidding to become the airport's FBO provider. He explained that the voting process will involve the PAG, the Aviation Commission, and the City Commission.

Respectfully Submitted,
David Hamilton, Transportation Director

