Minutes of Fairhope Airport Authority
June 9, 2026

The Fairhope Airport Authority met June 9, 2026, at 5:00PM in the City of Fairhope Council Chambers at 161 N Section Street.

Present: Len Strickland, Vice Chairman, Susana Freeman, Ronnie Holyfield, Don Ward, and Jack Burrell. Pel Henry and Will Bruce were absent. Also present was Josh Myrick, Attorney, and Dave Friedel, Airport Manager. Cynthia A Boothe took the Minutes.

The Minutes of the May 12, 2026, Regular Meeting were considered and approved with a motion by Don Ward, second by Susana Freeman and unanimously passed.

Airport Manager's Report: Dave reported that the traffic count for May was 5,255, down some because of wind and weather.

The reflective striping was completed with additional closure times but was finished.

Still working on PAPI lights check.

Jordan Stringfellow, Volkert, will not be here tonight, so Dave is combining her report with his.

The Seal Coat Project is done, the Taxiway Lights Project is nearly done, and The Runway Project final inspection is scheduled for next Wednesday.

All projects should be closed out in the next thirty to sixty days.

Dave stated that Jordan is waiting to get the final approval for the Earmark from Derrick Owens, FAA, to use the money for the Fencing Project, and any remaining funds will be used for Land Reimbursement. Dave is working with Volkert to set up an RFP for the Fencing Project.

Last month there was some talk about the Minimum Standards and Liability Insurance. After talking to several Insurance Agents, the Hangar Keeper's insurance should still be required as it covers 3rd party aircraft, not just if there is a physical hangar in use. The recommended amount is $750,000.00 minimum.

As pointed out last month, Section six of the Minimum Standards (SASO), refers back to the FBO Standards, which may not be applicable to other companies. It is recommended that something to the effect of "Individual SASO Business Model requirements will be presented to the Authority for approval."

Dave and Josh Myrick, Attorney, will continue to work on these items and then bring it back to the Authority for approval.

Dave went over the land lease rates that are currently in place and stated that the rates are increased 12 1/2% every 5 years, which is stated in the leases. He stated that he and Kathy will send out notices this year to make it easier for tenants.

Flightline First Report: Ethan McDonald introduced Tyler O'Brien who will be the new General Manager at the FBO.

Ethan reported that the fuel sales for the month of May were 6,908 gallons of AV-gas, 35,525 gallons of Jet-A, for a total of 42,433 gallons sold.

Aspire Aviation Report: Ethan gave the report for Aspire. He stated that they had fifty Flight Hours of instruction, sixty Ground Hours of instruction, two new students and one new aircraft.

Engineer's Report: Dave Friedel gave Volkert's report along with the Airport Manager's Report.

Treasurer's Report: Don Ward presented the Financial Statement for the month of May and went over the Revenue and Expenses for the month. He said that everything looks good and he should have the final numbers for all the recent projects as soon as they finish the closeout process.

Legal Report: Josh Myrick presented the Assignment of Lot P-18 Ground Lease from Cutting Edge to Apex Aviation for approval by the Authority. Nothing on the lease is changing except the timeline on Construction. They will have one hundred and twenty days to get their plans approved. Once approved they will have eighteen months to complete their project. A motion was made by Jack Burell to approve the Assignment of Lot p-18 Ground Lease from Cutting Edge to Apex Aviation, second by Don Ward and unanimously passed.

Josh stated that the Eviction noticed has been filed for the non-operable aircraft in one of the T-Hangars. It has been served on the defendant, and he has seven days to respond. If Josh does not get a response in seven days, he will obtain a default judgement, and the Authority can then remove the aircraft from the hangar. Dave stated that there is one tie-down spot available at the end of the third row of T-Hangars where they will relocate the aircraft.

Board Discussion/Approval Requests: No Report.

Other Business: Jack Burrell stated that he had been approached by the Eastern Shore Sertoma Club about the possibility of having a fundraising 5K run, Fun-Run, and party at the Airport on January 16, 2027. It would follow all of the rules and regulations required by the Airport to hold their event. After a brief group discussion, Jack Burrell made a motion to allow the Eastern Shore Sertoma Club to hold their Fundraiser event at the Airport with all rules and regulations being followed, second by Don Ward and unanimously passed.

Comments from the Advisory Council Members: Russ Kilgore stated that the Alabama State Airport Conference will be at Point Clear in September. He will get the Authority members all the information necessary for any who want to attend.

Comments from the General Public: No Report.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Don Ward to adjourn the meeting, second by Ronnie Holyfield and unanimously passed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40PM.

Len Strickland, Vice Chairman

Submitted by Cynthia Boothe