

West Michigan Airport Authority

May 12, 2025

**DRAFT Minutes**

**CTO:** Chair Murray called the meeting to order at 4:00p.m. (1600)

**Roll Call:** The following members answered the call: Roden, Brandsen, Gruppen, Dannenberg, Shea, Byrd, Hoekwater, Zeerip; *ex-officios* VanBeek, Fogg. Others present: McCammon, WMAA treasurer; Firmiss, city of Holland IT; Storey, interim airport manager. Student advisor Nile Leonard.

**Public Comment:** No one sought recognition.

**Agenda Approval:** Dannenberg moved approval of the agenda as stated; seconded by Byrd. Passed by voice vote.

**Minutes:** Dannenberg moved approval of April 14 meeting minutes; seconded by Byrd. Passed by voice vote.

**Consent Agenda:** Dannenberg moved approval of consent agenda, seconded by Shea. Passed by voice vote.

**Unfinished Business: A.** The Board considered an agreement with Matthew Neyens to become airport manager and director. Byrd moved approval of the agreement, seconded by Dannenberg. Passed unanimously by roll call vote. **B.** The board considered an agreement with Beta Technologies to install electric aircraft and vehicle charging stations. Byrd moved approval of the contract, seconded by Dannenberg. Passed on voice vote.

**New Business: A.** The board considered a request from Tommy's Car Wash Systems to install two lighted signs on the Fogg hanger, 1581 South Washington with a face to Geurink Blvd. Approval moved by Brandsen, seconded by Roden. Passed by voice vote.

**B. Budget Hearing:** Chair Murray opened the public hearing on the proposed FY 2026 budget at 4:14pm (1614). The board had an extended discussion of the budget as a component of the financial forecast. Chair Murray closed the public hearing at 4:48 (1648).

**FY 2026 WMAA Budget review:** McCammon reviewed the elements of the budget with board members and responded to questions. Byrd moved approval of the budget as stated, seconded by Dannenberg. Budget approved on a unanimous roll call vote. The board proceeded to consider the budget resolution and millage set. Byrd moved adoption of the

resolution, seconded by Dannenberg. Passed by voice vote. (Budget resolution is part of the minutes and is attached) **Financial Reports:** McCammon highlighted the monthly financial reports for the board, Shea moved to accept the reports; seconded by Gruppen. Motion passed on voice vote.

**Communications from the Airport Authority Manager:** Storey distributed a written report on the results of the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Tulip Time Fly-In. Sixteen aircraft participated and 75-80 individuals visited the business center for the continental breakfast. He also reported upcoming events: May 16 home school student tour and North Taxilane preconstruction meeting; June 2 presentations to committee evaluating responses to RFQ for engineer consultant; several school groups throughout June; August Wings of Mercy Aviation Day. Chair Murray called the board's attention to a letter from Space Source, Inc., indicating interest in building a hanger when the north taxi lane project is concluded.

**Board Updates:** Chair Murray notified the board he directed the sending of a letter to 1200.Aero terminating their contract for flight reporting when it expires August 23.

**Adjournment:** The authority board having concluded its scheduled business, Byrd moved it now adjourn, seconded by Gruppen. Passed by rising vote at 5:20pm (1720).

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Storey, Interim Airport Manager

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**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET AND CERTIFY MILLAGE  
AMOUNT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026**

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**Whereas,** the West Michigan Airport Authority annual budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 was presented to the Authority on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025; and

**Whereas,** the Authority has reviewed, considered and revised the proposed budget; and

**Whereas,** the Airport Authority held a public hearing concerning the proposed budget on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at the Airport Business Center, 60 Geurink Blvd. Holland, MI 49423;

**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved,** that the West Michigan Airport Authority Board approves the fiscal year 2026 operating and capital budgets as presented; and

**Be It Further Resolved,** that the .10 property tax millage rate to support the proposed budget is part of this approval; and

**Be It Further Resolved** that the Airport Authority does hereby adopt the Annual Budget, of Estimated Revenues and Appropriations, by departmental unit, for all funds as therein presented, to include any modifications approved at the time of the public hearing, for the fiscal year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026; and

**Be It Further Resolved** that the Airport Authority Manager is hereby authorized to administer appropriation adjustments to the budgets of the fiscal year 2024-25, to the extent that such adjustments do not exceed the 2024-25 *Revised Estimates*, as outlined in the fiscal year 2025-26 annual budget; and

**Be it Further Resolved** that all open encumbrances at June 30, 2025 will be liquidated and re-established as of July 1, 2025. The Fiscal Agent, City of Holland Finance Office, is hereby authorized to increase overall fund appropriations in the fiscal year 2025-26, directly from *Fund Balance - Unassigned*, equal to re-establish encumbrances; and

**Be It Further Resolved** that the Airport Authority Manager is instructed to notify the member governmental units of the .10 property millage rate for fiscal year 2026.

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Charles Murray

Chairperson

Al Dannenberg, Secretary

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