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## MINUTES

**BATON ROUGE METROPOLITAN AIRPORT  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2026  
3:30 P.M.  
AIRPORT ADMINISTRATION CONFERENCE ROOM  
SUITE 300, 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR TERMINAL BUILDING**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER.**

Chairman, Bill Profita, called the meeting to order.

### **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Fife.

### **3. ROLL CALL.**

| <b>MEMBERS<br/><u>ATTENDING</u></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>MEMBERS<br/><u>ABSENT</u></b> | <b>A/P STAFF<br/><u>ATTENDING</u></b>                                                                                        | <b>OTHERS<br/><u>ATTENDING</u></b>                                                                   |
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| Mr. Arrigo<br>Councilman Moak<br>4:54pm. Mr. Butler<br>Rep. Hennessy Dickerson<br>3:31pm. Councilman Dunn, Jr.<br>4:54pm. Mr. Fife<br>3:31pm. Mr. Lowery<br>Ms. Payton<br>Mr. Profita<br>Mrs. Womack<br>Senator Barrow<br>3:40pm. Mr. Chambers | Mr. Johnson IV                   | Mr. Edwards<br>Mr. Hubbard II<br>Mr. Taffaro<br>Ms. Butler<br>Mr. Alford<br>Mr. Vidrine<br>Mrs. Cashio<br>Mrs. Granger-Dukes | Mr. Krouse<br>Ms. Honoré<br>Mr. Zachary<br>Mr. Furr<br>Mr. Farisdron<br>Mr. Gillette<br>Mr. Friedman |

## Public Comment Policy

All items on this agenda are open for public comment. Those members of the public desiring to speak on a particular item should approach the podium and request to speak after the item is announced by the Chairman. They will be required to give their name and address and the Chairman will allocate a specific amount of time for members of the public to speak.

**4. Election of Officers.**

**Chairman**  
**Vice-Chairman**

Chairman Bill Profita opened the floor for nominations for Chairman at this time.

Mr. Arrigo nominated Bill Profita. There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed. A motion was made by Mr. Arrigo, seconded by Mr. Butler, to elect Mr. Bill Profita as Chairman. There being no opposition, the motion carried.

Chairman Bill Profita opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairman.

Chairman Bill Profita nominated Ms. Kizzy Payton as Vice-Chairman. There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed. A motion was made by Mr. Profita, seconded by Mr. Lowery, to elect Ms. Payton as Vice-Chairman. There being no opposition, the motion carried.

**5. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of December 2, 2025.**

A motion was made by Senator Barrow, seconded by Mr. Butler, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 2, 2025.

There being no opposition, the motion carried.

**6. Authorization for the Mayor-President and/or Chairman of the Airport Commission to execute a building lease agreement with Anna Jones- State Farm Insurance Agent for 4718 sq. ft. of office space located on Harding Boulevard for a period of one (1) year commencing January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026, at a rental rate of \$3795.00 per month. By: Director of Aviation.**

At this time, Chairman Profita asked to make a motion and have this item deferred to February Commission agenda. A motion was made by Senator Barrow, seconded by Mr. Arrigo, to defer this matter.

There being no opposition, the motion carried.

**7. Authorization for the Mayor-President and/or Chairman of the Airport Commission to execute a Consent to Mortgage of Leasehold for Williams Jet Center, LLC. By: Director of Aviation.**

Mr. Taffaro explained the item to the Airport Commission at this time. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Payton, seconded by Senator Barrow, to approve the item.

There being no opposition, the motion carried.

8. **Authorization for the Mayor-President and/or Chairman of the Airport Commission to execute a Consent to Assignment and Assumption of Lease from Baton Rouge Jet Center, LLC to its assignee, Velocity BTR Holdings, LLC and execute a Consent to Leasehold Mortgage. By: Director of Aviation.**

Mr. Taffaro explained the item to the Airport Commission at this time. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Arrigo, seconded by Rep. Hennessy Dickerson, to approve the item.

There being no opposition, the motion carried.

9. **Authorization for the Mayor-President and/or Chairman of the Airport Commission to execute a Consent to Assignment and Assumption of Lease from BTR Hangar Properties, LLC to its assignee, Velocity BTR Holdings, LLC and execute a Consent to Leasehold Mortgage. By: Director of Aviation.**

Mr. Taffaro explained the item to the Airport Commission at this time. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Dunn, Jr., seconded by Ms. Payton, to approve the item.

There being no opposition, the motion carried.

10. **Accepting the low bid for the Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport Taxiway Marc NW Taxiway Widening. By: Director of Aviation.**

**Estimate: \$324,942.50**

| <b><u>Bidders</u></b>                    | <b><u>Base Bid+ Alternate No.1</u></b> |
|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| <b>M &amp; J Civil Construction, LLC</b> | <b>\$ 318,532.00</b>                   |
| The Luster Group, LLC                    | \$ 318,902.19                          |
| Hendrick Construction, Inc.              | \$ 324,036.02                          |
| Brown Industrial Construction, LLC       | \$ 391,485.50                          |
| Decote Development Group, LLC            | \$ 396,323.00                          |
| Arbour Construction, LLC                 | \$ 421,657.00                          |
| Honore Companies, LLC                    | \$ 432,835.00                          |
| Triumph Construction, LLC                | \$ 578,722.40                          |

Mr. Edwards explained the item to the Airport Commission at this time. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Fife, seconded by Mrs. Womack, to approve the item.

There being no opposition, the motion carried.

- 11. Status Report**– Report was presented by Mr. Krouse, Airport Management Group, LLC (AMG).
- 12. Public Relations /Marketing Report**– Report will be given at the March meeting.
- 13. Financial Report** – Report was presented by Nicholas Vidrine, Airport Business Manager.
- 14. Business Development Report** – Report was presented by Renee Cashio, Airport Business Development & Administrative Manager.
- 15. Administrative Matters.** None
- 16. Adjourn.**

A motion was made by Ms. Payton, seconded by Councilman Moak, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 5:05pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

*Mike Edwards*

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Director of Aviation

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