



**Airport Advisory Commission Meeting  
Conference Room, EQY Airport Terminal  
5:00 pm – April 13, 2026**

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**Chair:** Mr. Gary Wilfong

**Attending Members:** Mr. Chris Cooper, Mr. Brooks Durham, Mr. Rob Fulton and Mr. John Stephens.

**Staff in Attendance:** Mr. Mark Watson (arrived at 5:10pm), Mrs. Lisa Hollowell, Mrs. Lisa Strickland (arrived at 5:10pm), Mr. Malcom Weeks, Mrs. Cindy Brooks

**Engineer of Record Attendee:** Mr. Michael Player

**Visitors:** Mr. Ethan Cloutier

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**1. Welcome Guests**

Chair Wilfong called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm on April 13, 2026 welcoming the Commissioners, staff and guests.

**2. Motion to Approve Agenda:**

Approval of the agenda for the April 13, 2026 Meeting was requested.

**Motion:** Mr. John Stephens made a motion to approve the agenda of the April 13, 2026 Meeting.

**Second:** Mr. Chris Cooper

**Action:** The motion to approve the agenda of the April 13, 2026 Meeting passed unanimously with the following votes:

**AYES:** Chair Wilfong, Mr. Chris Cooper, Mr. Brooks Durham, Mr. Rob Fulton, Mr. John Stephens.

**NAYS:** None

3. **Motion to Approve Minutes:**

Approval of the minutes for the March 9, 2026 Meeting was requested.

**Motion:** Mr. Brooks Durham made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2026 Meeting.

**Second:** Mr. John Stephens

**Action:** The motion to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2026 Meeting passed unanimously with the following votes:

**AYES:** Chair Wilfong, Mr. Chris Cooper, Mr. Brooks Durham, Mr. Rob Fulton, Mr. John Stephens.

**NAYS:** None

4. **Airport Report**

- Mr. Weeks discussed the Airport report that was displayed to all on the wall screen, explaining the year-to-date operations for March, and the increase from the previous year. Mr. Weeks discussed the past month's operations, including facility fees.
- Mr. Weeks explained that most of the numbers are holding true.
- Mr. Weeks informed the Commission that Harris Teeter is no longer a base customer, and is working to replace with another jet.

- Some general discussion ensued regarding Harris Teeter leaving, and property tax on aircrafts.

**5. ALMP- Airport Board Member Training Option for Commission**

- Mr. Weeks explained there is a program through NC State which offers this program to Commission members at no cost, it is an on-line program they are able to sign up for if they are interested.

**6. NC Division of Aviation (EQY-SPAM Program)**

- Mr. Weeks explained that beginning in April a safety, preservation and maintenance program will begin through the Division of Transportation.
- Mr. Weeks explained that the DOT will put down a crack sealant on the runway to ensure rejuvenated pavement plus they will update the markings, this will go on through June.
- Mr. Weeks added that there will be some runway closures during this due to the work being done on the runway; all base customers are being notified, and NOTAMs will be issued.

**7. Air Traffic Control Tower Update**

- Mrs. Hollowell explained they are still waiting to hear about the 8-million-dollar grant request, and are working to be bid ready.

**8. Hangar L1 Construction Update**

- Mrs. Hollowell explained that the most recent updated sited having the configuration inside the fence was not going to work for the tenant; the hangar owners are now either reconfiguring or looking for a new tenant.

**9. Wildlife Fencing Project Update**

- Mr. Player explained the construction has begun, the two new culverts, still working on clearing efforts; the project is moving along on schedule.
- Mr. Player explained there is a wildlife skirt being installed, and the fence will be 10 feet high.
- Mr. Player also explained there is a work authorization being worked on for the addition fencing on Aviation Drive; plus working with the State for construction funding.
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#### **10. Apron Reconstructing Project Update**

- Mr. Player explained that they have submitted their 100% submittal design package; they are working with the State on the bidding process time line, and working with the FAA to ensure the funds are in place.
- Some general discussion ensued regarding tie town spaces that might be lost.

#### **11. Citizen Input**

- None

#### **12. Add On:**

- Mrs. Hollowell explained they are perusing a grant from the Helen Cleanup to improve emergency responses to the Airport and any damages, because the Airport is in the designated area.
- Mrs. Hollowell explained they have been meeting about using the funds to improve the access road from Fire Station 4 to the Airport.
- Some general discussion ensued about needs of the Airport the grant money could be used for.

#### **MOTION To Adjourn:**

**Motion:** Mr. Brooks Durham made a motion to adjourn.

**Second:** Mr. Chris Cooper.

**Action:** The motion to adjourn the meeting.

The motion passed unanimously with the following votes:

**AYES:** Chair Wilfong, Mr. Chris Cooper, Mr. Brooks Durham, Mr. Rob Fulton, Mr. John Stephens.

**NAYS:** None

Meeting was adjourned at 5:35 pm.

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