

MINUTES
REPUBLIC AIRPORT COMMISSION (RAC) MEETING
7150 REPUBLIC AIRPORT, ROOM 201
EAST FARMINGDALE, NEW YORK
DECEMBER 9TH, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Commission Chairman Robert Bodenmiller at 7:03p.m. Vice-Chairman Vincent Bologna, Jr and Commission Members Stella Barbera, Richard Grant, and ex-officio member Anthony Ceglio were present.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Bodenmiller opened the meeting by addressing the JetBlue aircraft observed on Friday, explaining that it was a charter arranged by NY Islanders after their original charter operator went out of business. Airport Manager John Lauth noted that JetBlue may or may not be used for the remainder of the season, as the team may select an alternative operator.

Mr. Lauth announced Judith Zalewski's promotion to Finance & Administration Manager and welcomed Rubina Ahmed as the new Administrative Assistant/Security Access Coordinator.

II. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM AUGUST 2025 AND OCTOBER 2025

A motion was made to adopt the August minutes by Ms. Barbera, seconded by Vice-Chairman Bologna. The minutes were adopted unanimously. A motion to adopt the October minutes was made by Vice-Chairman Bologna and seconded by Ms. Barbera. The minutes were adopted unanimously.

III. CHANGES AND/OR ADOPTION OF AGENDA

No changes.

IV. REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS, & OTHER BUSINESS

A. REPORTS

1. OPERATIONS, AIRCRAFT COMPLAINTS, and FINANCIAL REPORTS for SEPTEMBER and OCTOBER 2025

Airport Manager Mr. John Lauth discussed the Operations Reports:

- September's Total Operations reported by FAA increased 12.5% from the same month last year, and Landings increased 0.7%. Landings for the fiscal year to date increased 2.4%. Touch and Go's decreased 16.9%. Enplaned passengers were down 33.1% from last year due to low passenger volume on SkyWest Charter. Based aircraft fell 1.8%.
- October's Total Operations reported by FAA decreased 23.5% from the same month last year. Landings decreased 24.5%. Landings for the fiscal year to date decreased 2.3%. Touch & Go's decreased 35.7%. Enplaned passengers decreased 10.1%. Based aircraft fell 2.8%.

Chairman Bodenmiller asked the reason for the decrease in Based aircraft. Mr. Lauth responded that there were only 3 fewer aircraft than the previous month however inventory of based aircraft always ranges 400-450.

Mr. Lauth discussed the Aircraft Complaint Reports:

- In September, 228 complaints were filed from 25 households, compared to 36 complaints from 18 households last year. It was noted that the majority of complaints were received from two households. Most complaints were related to multi/single-engine aircraft and daytime operations and came from north and northwest of the airport. Touch and Go operations and arrivals on Runway 19 accounted for the majority of complaints. Transient aircraft

accounted for 106 complaints, Based aircraft for 62, and 60 were reported as 'General/Unknown'.

- In October, 211 complaints were filed from 16 households, compared to 31 complaints from 14 households last year. The majority of complaints were related to multi/single-engine aircraft and daytime operations. Most complaints came from north and northwest of the airport. Touch and Go operations and arrivals on Runway 19 accounted for the majority of complaints. Eighty-five complaints could not be identified by runway and were reported as 'General/Unknown'. Transient aircraft accounted for 76 complaints, Based aircraft for 49, and 86 were reported as 'General/Unknown'

Commissioner Stella Barbera mentioned that a high volume of complaints originated from a single household north of the airport. John Lauth explained that the airport remains proactive in community outreach and the majority of complaints involve single-engine aircraft operations.

Mr. Lauth discussed the Financial Reports:

- September Revenue on an Accrual Basis was favorable by \$39,618.59. Fees for Rental Income, Tie-down areas and Miscellaneous Revenue were all favorable. September expenses were favorable by \$112,183.58. Utilities Expenses were higher than anticipated. Actual Revenue exceeded Actual Expenses by \$34,815.01.
- October Revenue on an Accrual Basis was favorable by \$134,653.40 and exceeded expenses overall. Fees for Rental Income, License, and Fuel Flowage were all favorable. October Expenses were mostly favorable. Utilities Expenses was higher than budgeted. But overall Actual Revenue exceeded Actual Expenses by \$119,320.26.

2. RECENT / CURRENT EVENTS

Mr. Lauth reported the following:

- Annual Wildlife Hazard Management: Staff Training, Oct. 1st; Plan Review with Tenants, Oct. 23rd:** Annual wildlife training is required by FAA.
- Annual Snow Plan Review for Airport Staff, Oct. 29th:** Held annual staff training to prepare for upcoming winter season.
- Annual Transportation Security and Emergency Preparedness (TSEP) Training, Nov. 6th:** NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) provided training to airport staff.
- Rates & Charges Discussion with Key Tenants, Nov. 13th:** Presentation made to airport tenants and stakeholders to discuss the process for airport rate increases that have not changed since 2008. NYSDOT asked attendees to provide feedback as part of the process.
- Blue Angels Winter Visit, Nov. 25th.** – The Air Show, usually held Memorial Day weekend, was changed to the week of July 4th to mark the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Air Show will take place at Jones Beach the day after Fourth of July holiday.
- American Airpower Museum C-47 Flight Experience Rides, Nov. 29th**
- Pearl Harbor Memorial Service and Dropping of the Roses Ceremony, Dec. 7th:** Remembrance of 84th anniversary of Pearl Harbor attacks held at American Airpower Museum.
- American Airpower Museum Annual Holiday Pancake Breakfast, Dec 13th.** – Fundraiser to be held 9am- 12pm.

B. OTHER NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BUSINESS

Mr. Ceglio reported the following:

- 1. Stratosphere 5-Parcel Development Project:** Due to cold weather, DOT has suspended roadway realignment work at Parcel A and Parcel B. Construction will resume tentatively in Spring 2026.
- 2. Runway 1/19 Pavement Resurfacing Project:** Mr. Ceglio stated that the communities will be notified when we know the project start date and to anticipate a change in the air traffic pattern due to the runway

- closure during construction. A tentative schedule for the project is from March 2026 to December 2026.
3. **Building 32 RFP:** Appraisal Review completed by NYSDOT. We are expecting to issue the RFP before next RAC meeting.

V. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Two (2) individuals commented.

The meeting adjourned at 7:38p.m.

The next RAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 10th, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

*These minutes are respectfully submitted by:
Anthony C. Ceglio on behalf of Executive Secretary
Republic Airport Commission*

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Ms. Nancy Schliwka of the Woodland Civic Association commented that even if the complaints from the two households are removed, there is still a significant increase from same month last year. She noted that the airport has grown significantly over the past 30 years, despite being surrounded by residential neighborhoods. Ms. Schliwka also mentioned that aircraft seem less consistent in avoiding residential areas even on clear days. Airport Manager John Lauth responded that the airport adheres to Noise Abatement Procedures, and the movement of aircraft is strictly under the FAA. He said we do ask FAA Air Traffic Controllers (ATC), if they can, to follow our Noise Abatement Procedures and put aircraft in a different pattern when it is safe. Mr. Anthony Ceglie explained that the airport has jurisdiction over the airport but not the airspace. He said the airport has recommended ATC conduct Touch & Go training operations over the cemetery located east of the airport. However, ATC indicated that due to the volume of single engine aircraft already in the traffic pattern, as well as aircraft returning from practice areas along the North and South Shore east of the airport, routing the Touch & Go traffic pattern to east of the airport would create conflicts. To maintain a safe traffic pattern, ATC requires Touch and Go's to occur to the west. Mr. Ceglie said the airport would continue to remind and request ATC to move traffic patterns to the east during less busy hours of the day.

Mr. Mark Goldberg, an Echo Tenant, referred to Mr. Lauth's statement that the airport was being proactive with community outreach on the noise complaint issue. Mr. Goldberg asked if the large number of complaints submitted by the one household were removed from the Aircraft Complaint reports, what would the numbers look like? Mr. Ceglie responded that the complaint numbers become closer to normal. Mr. Goldberg commented that the airport and the pilots are not doing a bad job.

Commissioner Stella Barbera asked if the FAA Tower has enough controllers. Mr. John Lauth responded that the tower is adequately staffed and noted that Republic Airport has traditionally served as a training ground for new controllers to build their experience. He reiterated Mr. Ceglie's point that, when managing a high volume of aircraft, safety considerations are required directing the traffic to the other side of the airport. Mrs. Barbera asked if the weather plays a role in the pattern. Mr. Lauth answered that the winds always play a role on which Runway is safely used for arrivals and departures.

Chairman Robert Bodenmiller advised the attendees that Northwell Health has two ambulances, two jets, and two helicopters in their hangar that are used for patient transport. He noted this for general awareness, explaining that any aircraft activity heard during the night may be related to these emergency operations, which would follow the fastest and safest routes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.