

**MINUTES**  
**REPUBLIC AIRPORT COMMISSION (RAC) MEETING**  
**7150 REPUBLIC AIRPORT, ROOM 201**  
**EAST FARMINGDALE, NEW YORK**  
**FEBRUARY 10, 2026**

The meeting was called to order by Commission Chairman Robert Bodenmiller at 7:02p.m. Commission Member Richard Grant was present. Vice-Chairman Vincent Bologna, Jr and Commission Member Stella Barbera were unable to attend.

**I. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Bodenmiller opened the meeting by noting the Town of Babylon's proposal to create an overlay zoning district in East Farmingdale. The proposal could allow more than 1,000 residential units across five properties totaling 112 acres on the east side of Route 110 near Conklin Street. The overlay district includes property owned by NYSDOT that is part of Republic Airport.

**II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

A vote was not held due to lack of a quorum.

**III. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 2025**

A vote was not held due to lack of a quorum.

**IV. CHANGES AND/OR ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

No changes.

**V. REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS, & OTHER BUSINESS**

**A. REPORTS**

**1. OPERATIONS, AIRCRAFT COMPLAINTS, and FINANCIAL REPORTS for NOVEMBER and DECEMBER 2025**

Airport Manager Mr. John Lauth discussed the Operations Reports:

- November's Total Operations as reported by FAA, decreased 11.2% from the same month last year, and Landings decreased 13.7%. Landings for the fiscal year to date decreased 3.6%. Touch and Go's decreased 10.3%. Enplaned passengers were down 67% from last year. Based aircraft fell 4.6%.
- December's Total Operations reported by FAA increased 7.4% from the same month last year. Landings increased 11.6%. Landings for the fiscal year to date decreased 2.4%. Touch & Go's decreased 9.2%. Enplaned passengers decreased 63.1%. Based aircraft fell 5%.

Mr. Lauth discussed the Aircraft Complaint Reports:

- In November, 258 complaints were filed from 12 households, compared to 39 complaints from 13 households last year. It was noted that the majority of complaints were received from three households. Most complaints were related to general and multi/single-engine aircraft and daytime operations and came from the north and southwest areas of the airport. Touch and Go operations and arrivals on Runway 19 and Runway 32 accounted for many of the complaints. Transient aircraft accounted for 124 complaints, Based aircraft for 77, and 57 were reported as 'General/Unknown'.
- In December, 75 complaints were filed from 8 households, compared to 38 complaints from 12 households last year. The majority of complaints were related to multi/single-engine aircraft and daytime operations and came from southwest and north areas of the airport. Touch and Go operations and arrivals on Runway 19 accounted for many of the complaints. Transient aircraft accounted for 22 complaints, Based aircraft for 17, and 36 were reported

as 'General/Unknown'

Mr. Lauth discussed the Financial Reports:

- November Revenue on an Accrual Basis was favorable by \$78,032.77. Fees for License Fees and Utility Sales were favorable. November expenses were favorable by \$38,168.46. Airport Maintenance Fees were higher than anticipated. Actual Revenue exceeded Actual Expenses by \$39,864.31.
- December Revenue on an Accrual Basis was favorable by \$367,846.41 and exceeded expenses overall. Fees for Rental Income, Tie-down areas, and Landing Fees were all favorable. December Expenses were favorable by \$49,494.04. Vehicle Maintenance, Airport Maintenance, and Professional Services were higher than budgeted. But overall Actual Revenue exceeded Actual Expenses by \$417,340.45.

## 2. RECENT / CURRENT EVENTS

Mr. Lauth reported the following:

- a. New York Blood Center Blood Drive, January 20<sup>th</sup>** – Event was hosted by New York State Troopers – Troop L – Metro Cops & Republic Airport. NYBC recently declared a blood emergency, citing critically low blood supplies across the region.
- b. Annual Airport Emergency Plan Meeting, January 28<sup>th</sup>** – Attendance included Airport tenants, Suffolk County Police, CBP and FBI.
- c. New Portable Restrooms on Echo Ramp** – A plan is in place to upgrade the portable restrooms for our Echo Tenants within the next month.
- d. 2026 Air Show / July 4<sup>th</sup> Multi-Agency Planning Meeting, January 21<sup>st</sup>** – As previously mentioned in last meeting, this year's air show will feature the Blue Angels and will take place over Fourth of July weekend in celebration of the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. The actual air show performance is scheduled for Sunday July 5<sup>th</sup> and Monday July 6<sup>th</sup> at Jones Beach.
- h. Snow Events** – Less than two weeks ago, a snowstorm brought roughly 12 inches of snow and high winds, beginning Sunday morning into Monday; the airport was closed for about a day and half before reopening Monday. Prolonged cold afterward caused some pipe breaks in the area, but Republic Airport kept roads clear and airport running.

## B. OTHER NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BUSINESS

Mr. Ceglio reported the following:

- 1. Stratosphere 5-Parcel Development Project:** The project has not started due to the cold weather and is expected to begin in April.
- 2. Runway 1/19 Pavement Resurfacing Project:** The project has not started yet due to the cold weather; a pre-construction meeting will be held in March, and a schedule update – including whether work will begin in April or September – will be provided at the next RAC meeting.
- 3. NYS State Air NY Grant** – Republic Airport received a \$1.1 million grant – 1 out of 16 airports statewide and the only Long Island airport. Funds will go towards snow removal equipment and replace the emergency above ground tank.

## V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

One (1) individual commented.

The meeting adjourned at 7:27p.m.

The next RAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

*These minutes are respectfully submitted by:*

*Anthony C. Ceglio on behalf of Executive Secretary  
Republic Airport Commission*

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**  
**REPUBLIC AIRPORT COMMISSION**  
**February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

*Commission Chairman Robert Bodenmiller noted that all under consideration for the RAC Commission have submitted their documents. Public comments were then invited.*

Ms. Nancy Cypser of the Woodland Civic Association commented on the overlay, noting that while some concerns may arise in the distant future, certain issues need immediate attention. One concern is the 55-foot height limit, including the 12-foot allowance for air conditioning and water towers for the building. She highlighted that this is close to the airport, whereas the Acadia project at the intersection of Conklin Street and Broadhollow Road had a limit of 20 feet. Nancy emphasized safety and the runway protection zone, urging the Airport and FAA to weigh in and that all parties provide input before the overlay is approved. Comments to the Town of Babylon are due by March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026, and she will share their comments with Republic Airport before submission. Tony Ceglio noted that Federal Aviation Regulations Part 77 provides guidelines for building heights around airports, including approach areas, and NYSDOT, in compliance with FAA Grant Assurance 21 (compatible land use) is expected to take all appropriate, reasonable actions—including zoning—to restrict land use near the airport to activities compatible with aircraft operations. Nancy added that limiting the units to 1,400 could still open the door to additional construction. Bob Bodenmiller also noted concerns about infrastructure, citing that Farmingdale has 3,000 units, and this project would increase the total to 6,000.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.**