

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**GERALD R. FORD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD**  
**Gerald R. Ford International Airport, International Room**  
**5500 44<sup>th</sup> Street SE, Grand Rapids, MI, 49512**  
**Wednesday April 29, 2026**

A quorum being present, and in accordance with notice being duly given, Chair Koorndyk called the meeting of the Authority Board to order on April 29, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.

Chair Koorndyk welcomed everyone and asked for Board Member attendance by roll call:

Board Present: Mike Verhulst, Doug Small, Birgit Klohs, Pete Beukema, Dan Burrill, Dan Koorndyk – 6

Board Absent: Jennifer Merchant – 1

Staff Present: Tory Richardson – President and CEO  
Alex Peric – Vice President and COO  
Maria Kim – Chief Financial Officer  
Carlos Ruiz – Chief Commercial Officer  
Heather Day – Chief Administration Officer  
Haley Meyer – Executive Assistant  
Pete Simms – Safety Management System Coordinator  
Matt Zeilstra – Controller  
Clint Nemeth – Engineering and Sustainability Director  
Tom Cizauskas – Business Administration Manager  
Casey Ries – Chief Asset Development Officer  
Jon Couchenour – IT Support Analyst  
Alyssa Stoker – Airport Finance Intern  
Alec Boomer – Rescue Firefighter  
Derrick Grinnell – Chief Firefighter  
Ghassan Abukar – Director Information Technology & Telecommunications  
Heidi Groenboom – Communication and Events Supervisor

Others Present: Mary Kay Shaver (Varnum), Shawn Hardy (TPG), Paul Swanson (CS Erickson), Mark Breukink (Mead & Hunt), Corey Drews (TPG), Mike Miller (WSP), Robert Cribbs (CT), Mary Ann Sabo (Sabo PR), Tom Moerdyk, John Oliver

4-1 Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Mrs. Klohs supported by Mr. Burrill the approval of the agenda.

4-2 Public Comment

No public comment.

4-3 Consent Agenda

- a) Approval of Authority Board Minutes – March 25, 2026

**OPERATIONS AND MARKETING COMMITTEE**

- b) Resolution 26-7: Terminal Enhancement Project – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor GFIAA Administrative Construction
- c) Resolution 26-8: Hot Spot 3 – Taxiway Wetland Mitigation
- d) Resolution 26-9: Taxiway D Rehabilitation
- e) Resolution 26-10: GSE Fuel Farm Expansion – Construction Administration
- f) Resolution 26-11: Baggage Handling System Operation and Maintenance Agreement
- g) Reports
- Project/Construction Report
  - Public Safety and Operations Report
  - Maintenance and Asset Management Report
  - Media Report

Motion by Mr. Small supported by Mr. Beukema, the approval of consent agenda items a – g representing more than \$18.8M of investment in our facilities.

Motion carried.

4-4 Resolution 26-14: Kent Intermediate School District – Hangar Lease Termination

Mr. Ruiz stated that the Kent Intermediate School District (KISD) has leased a 113,338-square-foot parcel, including a 21,913-square-foot hangar, since 2007 for the operation of an aircraft maintenance vocational training program. He noted that the educational programming previously offered on the GRR campus has been permanently relocated to KISD's main facility, and KISD has requested termination of the lease effective April 3, 2026.

Motion by Mrs. Klohs, supported by Mrs. Burrill, the approval to authorize the President and CEO to execute the Lease Termination between the Gerald R. Ford International Airport Authority and Kent Intermediate School District. Motion Carried.

4-5 Resolution 26-15: United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America (UAW) Contract Ratification

Mrs. Day stated that the UAW contract and terms were ratified by the UAW membership on March 24, 2026 and that the proposed agreement has a three-year term starting on April 1, 2026 and expiring on December 31, 2028. She noted that these contract terms are all within guidance provided during previously held HR Committee Meetings.

Motion by Mr. Beukema supported by Mr. Small, the approval of the ratification of the GFIAA & UAW 2026-2028 Collective Bargaining Agreement. Motion Carried.

4-6 Resolution 26-16: Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Contract Ratification

Mrs. Day stated that the FOP contract and terms were ratified by the FOP membership on April 16, 2026 and that the proposed agreement has a three-year term starting on May 1, 2026 and expiring on December 31, 2028. She noted that these contract terms are all within guidance provided during previously held HR Committee Meetings.

Motion by Mr. Beukema supported by Mrs. Klohs the approval of the ratification of the GFIAA & FOP 2026-2028 Collective Bargaining Agreement. Motion Carried.

4-7 President and CEO Report

Mr. Richardson reviewed the CEO report.

4-8 Other Business

Chair Koorndyk mentioned that Patterson Avenue SE construction project between 36<sup>th</sup> Street and 44<sup>th</sup> Street starts May 4<sup>th</sup> and ends June 7<sup>th</sup>.

4-9 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

APPROVAL: \_\_\_\_\_  
Birgit Klohs, Secretary to the Board

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