

**GERALD R. FORD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
OPERATIONS AND MARKETING COMMITTEE MINUTES
Gerald R. Ford International Airport, International Room
5500 44th Street SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512
Wednesday, August 18, 2026
8:45 AM**

The meeting was called to order at 8:45 AM by Chair Small.

Members Present: Doug Small, Dan Koorndyk – 2

Members Absent: Jennifer Merchant, Mike Verhulst – 2

Also Present: Tory Richardson, Alex Peric, Haley Meyer, Carlos Ruiz, Maria Kim, Ashley Thorsen, Casey Ries, Chris King-Dye, Tom Cizauskas, Kyle McKeown, Jeff Berghage, Michelle Baker, Mike Wouda, Emma Pawlowski, Adam Meeker (Fishbeck), Phil Veenhoven (OAK), Jake Stidham (ECP)

8-1 Meeting Minutes

The Operations and Marketing Committee meeting minutes of June 17, 2026, were approved as submitted with a motion by Mr. Koorndyk and support by Mr. Small.

8-2 Public Comment

No public comment.

8-3 Resolution 26-28: Parking Garage First Floor Renovation

Mr. King-Dye provided an update on the main parking garage first floor improvements. Following the July 2026 relocation of rental car operations to the new ConRAC, the former rental car area will be converted to public parking and the remainder of the first floor refreshed, more than doubling available public parking spaces.

Motion by Mr. Koorndyk, supported by Mr. Small, the approval of design and construction costs not to exceed \$3,275,000 for renovation of Level 1 of the main parking garage, and authorization for the President & CEO to sign all associated documents. Motion carried.

8-4 Resolution 26-29: Airfield Maintenance Building Expansion – Phase 1

Mr. Wouda provided an update on the phased airfield maintenance building improvements. The overall project will improve the current condition and expand capacity of the Airfield Maintenance Building. This Phase 1 work will relocate existing utility lines to prepare for a future phase 2 building expansion and will expand the employee parking lot from 34 to 69 spaces, including additional ADA-accessible and delivery truck spaces. The project will have no impact on guests, airlines, airport operations, or tenants, and all costs are included in the 2026 Capital Improvement Budget.

Motion by Mr. Koorndyk, supported by Mr. Small, the approval of project contracting authority not to exceed \$1,500,000 for Phase 1 of the Airfield Maintenance Building Expansion, and authorization for the President and CEO to sign all associated documents. Motion carried.

8-5 Resolution 26-30: Taxiway B Lighting

Mr. Wouda provided an update on the Taxiway B Airfield Lighting Improvements. The project will upgrade airfield lighting circuits along Taxiway B, improve reliability, and reduce power requirements and utility costs. Improvements include replacing existing fixtures with LEDs, installing new cabling and transformers, and making electrical vault improvements.

Motion by Mr. Koorndyk supported by Mr. Small, the approval of construction phase

contracting authority not to exceed \$1,200,000 for Taxiway B lighting rehabilitation, and authorization for the President & CEO to sign all associated documents. Motion carried.

8-6 Fall Marketing Campaign

Mr. Ruiz presented our fall marketing campaign that starts September 1st and ends December 31st.

8-7 Quarter 2 ASQ Update

Mrs. Thorsen presented the ASQ results for Q2 2026. She reviewed the performance scores and pointed out trends.

8-8 August 2026 Construction/Project Report

Mr. Ries reviewed the status of the construction projects. Mrs. Baker presented an update on firetruck cleaning and completing the airport's transition from AFFF to F3.

8-9 Other

No other business was discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 AM

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