

MEETING MINUTES
GERALD R. FORD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD
Gerald R. Ford International Airport, International Room
5500 44th Street SE, Grand Rapids, MI, 49512
Wednesday, October 22, 2025

A quorum being present, and in accordance with notice being duly given, Chair Koorndyk called the meeting of the Authority Board to order on October 22, 2025, at 8:30 a.m.

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

Board Present: Birgit Klohs, Mike Verhulst, Doug Small, Dan Burrill, Pete Beukema, Jennifer Merchant, Dan Koorndyk – 7

Staff Present: Tory Richardson – President and CEO
Alex Peric – Vice President and COO
Casey Ries – Chief Asset Development Officer
Maria Kim – Chief Financial Officer
Haley Meyer – Executive Assistant
Ashley Thorsen – Operations Director
Matt Zeilstra – Controller
Heather Day – Human Resources Director
Chris King-Dye – Maintenance and Asset Management Director
Jon Couchenour – IT Support Analyst
Kellen Barnett – Maintenance Service Coordinator
Paige Spencer – MMS & Asset Information Manager
AJ Lange – Maintenance Equipment Operator 1
Seth Thrasher – Operations Manager
Derrick Grinnell – ARFF Chief

Others Present: Mary Kay Shaver (Varnum), Shawn Hardy (TPG), Mark Brukink (Mead and Hunt), David Joye (RS&H), Scott Breslin (PAA), Becky Bechler (PAA), Zach Webber (HNTB), Josh Karp (CS Erickson)

10-1 Approval of the Agenda

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

10-2 Public Comment

No public comment.

10-3 Consent Agenda

- a) Approval of Authority Board Minutes – September 24, 2025
- b) Approval of Public Hearing Meeting Minutes – October 15, 2025.
- c) Reports
 - Project/Construction Report
 - Public Safety and Operations Report
 - Maintenance and Asset Management Report
 - Aviation Activity Reports
 - Media Report

Motion by Mr. Small, supported by Mr. Verhulst, the approval of Consent Agenda items a – c.
Motion carried.

10-4 State Legislative Update

Mr. Richardson introduced Scott Breslin and Becky Bechler from the Public Affairs Association. Mr. Breslin and Mrs. Bechler provided a state legislative update.

10-5 Resolution 25-14: Approval of 2026 Operating Budget

Mrs. Kim reviewed the 2026 annual operating budget.

Motion by Mrs. Klohs, supported by Mr. Burrill, the approval of the 2026 Operating Budget. Chair Koorndyk asked for votes by roll call.

Yeas: Dan Koorndyk, Doug Small, Birgit Klohs, Pete Beukema, Mike Verhulst, Jennifer Merchant, Dan Burrill – 7

Nays: 0
Motion carried.

10-6 Resolution 25-15: Adoption of 2026 Rates and Charges

Mrs. Kim reviewed the 2026 rates and charges.

Motion by Mrs. Klohs, supported by Mr. Burrill, the approval of the 2026 Rates and Charges. Chair Koorndyk asked for votes by roll call.

Yeas: Dan Koorndyk, Doug Small, Birgit Klohs, Pete Beukema, Mike Verhulst, Jennifer Merchant, Dan Burrill – 7

Nays: 0
Motion carried.

10-7 Resolution 25-16: Approval of 2026 Capital Budget

Mr. Ries reviewed the 2026 capital budget. He reviewed the current priorities and significant projects.

Motion by Mrs. Klohs, supported by Mr. Verhulst, the approval of the 2026 Capital Budget. Chair Koorndyk asked for votes by roll call.

Yeas: Dan Koorndyk, Doug Small, Birgit Klohs, Pete Beukema, Mike Verhulst, Jennifer Merchant, Dan Burrill – 7

Nays: 0
Motion carried.

10-8 Resolution 25-17: Approval of 2027-2031 Capital Improvement Plan

Mr. Ries reviewed the CIP and said an updated plan is required to be submitted to the FAA and MDOT on an annual basis.

Motion by Mr. Burrill, supported by Mr. Beukema, the approval of the 2027-2031 Capital Improvement Plan. Chair Koorndyk asked for votes by roll call.

Yeas: Dan Koorndyk, Doug Small, Birgit Klohs, Pete Beukema, Mike Verhulst, Jennifer Merchant, Dan Burrill – 7

Nays: 0
Motion carried.

10-9 President and CEO Report

Mr. Richardson reviewed the CEO report.

10-10 Other Business

No other business was discussed.

10-11 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

APPROVAL: _____
Birgit Klohs, Secretary to the Board

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PROPOSED