

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 28, 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 October 28, 2026, 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 Meacham – Executive Assistant
Ashley Thorsen – Operations Director
Matt Zeilstra – Controller
Heather Day – Chief Administration Officer
Chris King-Dye – Maintenance and Asset Management Director
Eli Cohen – Helpdesk Technician
Carlos Ruiz – Chief Commercial Officer
Brian Hilbrands – Planning Manager
Clint Nemeth – Engineering and Sustainability Director
Bryan Tierney – Terminal Operations Manager
Rich Atha – Police Chief
Tom Cizuaskas – Business Manager
Bryan Wolcott – Aircraft Rescue Firefighter Lieutenant
Aaron Wallace – Aircraft Rescue Firefighter
Ghassan Abukar – Director Information and Technology and Telecommunications

Others Present: Mary Kay Shaver (Varnum), Shawn Hardy (TPG), Corey Drews (TPG), David Joye (RS&H), Nick Patterson (RS&H), Scott Breslin (PAA), Becky Bechler (PAA), Zach Webber (HNTB), Paul Swanson (CS Erickson), Kelly Jost (C&S), Cindy Droog (Sabo PR), Mary Ann Sabo, Tom Moerdyk, Jon Oliver

10-1 Approval of the Agenda

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

10-2 Public Comment

No public comment.

10-3 Consent Agenda

- a) Approval of Authority Board Minutes – September 30, 2026
- b) Approval of Public Hearing Meeting Minutes – October 13, 2026.

FINANCE AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

- c) Resolution 26-31: SP Plus LLC – Amended and Restated Parking Lot and Shuttle Bus Operating Agreement
- d) Resolution 26-32: Meijer, Inc. – Property Lease
- e) 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 Mrs. Klohs, the approval of Consent Agenda items a – e that includes about \$4.2M in investments in our parking garage to enhance the guest experience.
Motion carried.

10-4 Resolution 26-33: Approval of 2027 Operating Budget

Mrs. Kim reviewed the 2027 annual operating budget.

Motion by Mrs. Klohs, supported by Mr. Burrill, the approval of the 2027 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.

10-5 Resolution 26-34: Adoption of 2027 Rates and Charges

Mrs. Kim reviewed the 2027 rates and charges.

Motion by Mrs. Klohs, supported by Mr. Beukema, the approval of the 2027 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.

10-6 Resolution 26-35: Approval of 2027 Capital Budget

Mr. Ries reviewed the 2027 capital budget. He reviewed the current priorities and significant projects.

Motion by Mrs. Klohs, supported by Mr. Small, the approval of the 2027 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.

10-7 Resolution 26-36: Approval of 2028-2032 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. Beukema, supported by Mr. Verhulst, the approval of the 2028-2032 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.

10-8 President and CEO Report

Mr. Richardson reviewed the CEO report.

10-9 Other Business

No other business was discussed.

10-10 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 a.m.

APPROVAL: _____
Birgit Klohs, Secretary to the Board

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PROPOSED