

**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
Tuesday, October 20, 2026
8:00 AM**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM by Chair Small.

Members Present: Doug Small, Dan Koorndyk, Mike Verhulst – 3

Members Absent: Jennifer Merchant – 1

Also Present: Tory Richardson, Alex Peric, Haley Meyer, Maria Kim, Ashley Thorsen, Casey Ries, Tom Cizauskas, Heather Day, Ghassan Abukar, Brian Hilbrands, Bryan Tierney, Clint Nemeth

Virtually Present: Carlos Ruiz, Emma Pawlowski

10-1 Meeting Minutes

The Operations and Marketing Committee meeting minutes of August 18, 2026, were approved as submitted with a motion by Mr. Verhulst and support by Mr. Koorndyk.

10-2 Public Comment

No public comment.

10-3 Marketing and Sponsorship Plan 2027

Mr. Ruiz presented our 2027 media proposal and sponsorship program, highlighting newly added community partners, including Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival, Cascade Community Foundation, Aviators for Autism, Western Michigan University College of Aviation, and West Michigan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

10-4 Resolution 26-33: 2027 Annual Operating Budget

Mrs. Kim reviewed the 2027 annual operating budget.

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

Mrs. Kim reviewed the 2027 rates and charges.

10-6 Resolution 26-35: 2027 Capital Budget

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

10-7 Resolution 26-36: 2028-2032 Capital Improvement Plan

Mr. Ries reviewed the capital improvement plan (CIP). The current CIP anticipates the completion of ELEVATE components

10-8 Cybersecurity Update

Mr. Abukar presented an update on our cybersecurity focus and highlighted ongoing efforts.

10-9 October 2026 Construction/Project Report

Mr. Nemeth reviewed the status of the construction projects.

10-10 **Other**

No other business was discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 AM

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