

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 September 30, 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 September 30, 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, Jennifer Merchant, Pete Beukema, Dan Burrill, Dan Koorndyk – 6

Board Absent: Birgit Klohs – 1

Staff Present: Tory Richardson – President and CEO
Alex Peric – Vice President and COO
Carlos Ruiz – Chief Commercial Officer
Casey Ries – Chief Asset Development Officer
Haley Meyer – Executive Assistant
Maria Kim – Chief Financial Officer
Matt Zeilstra – Controller
Clint Nemeth – Engineering and Sustainability Director
Rich Atha – Police Chief
Eli Cohen – Helpdesk Technician
Bryan Tierney – Terminal Operations Manager
Tom Cizauskas – Business Administration Manager
Derrick Grinnell – Chief Firefighter
Chris King-Dye – Maintenance and Asset Management Director
Ashley Thorsen – Operations Director

Others Present: Mary Kay Shaver (Varnum), Shawn Hardy (TPG), Paul Swanson (CS Erickson), Scott Breslin (PAA)

9-1 Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Mr. Burrill supported by Mr. Beukema the approval of the agenda.

9-2 Public Comment

No public comment.

9-3 Consent Agenda

a) Approval of Authority Board Minutes – August 26, 2026

b) Reports

- Project/Construction Report
- Public Safety and Operations Report
- Maintenance and Asset Management Report
- Aviation Activity Report
- Media Report

Motion by Mr. Small supported by Mr. Verhulst, the approval of consent agenda items a – b.

Motion carried.

9-4 President and CEO Report

Mr. Richardson reviewed the CEO report.

9-5 Other Business

No other business was discussed.

9-6 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 a.m.

APPROVAL: 

Birgit Klohs, Secretary to the Board

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