

**NEW HANOVER COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
April 1, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

The New Hanover County Airport Authority met on Wednesday, April 1, 2026, at Wilmington International Airport, 1740 Airport Boulevard, Wilmington, North Carolina. Chairman Rhodes called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. Ms. Pierce led the Authority in the pledge of allegiance. Chairman Rhodes asked Authority members if they had any conflict of interest pursuant to the Authority's Code of Ethics statement. No conflicts of interest or potential conflicts of interest were identified.

Airport Authority members present were Nick Rhodes, Chairman; Jason Thompson, Vice Chairman; Faison Gibson, Secretary; Spruill Thompson, Past Chairman; Wanda Copley, Andrew Jones and LeAnn Pierce. Kemp Burpeau, Senior Deputy County Attorney, was also present. ILM staff present included Jeff Bourk, Airport Director; Robert Campbell, Deputy Airport Director; Granseur Dick, Deputy Airport Director; and Rose Davis, Executive Assistant.

Vice Chairman J. Thompson arrived at approximately 5:07 pm.

Approximately 10 guests attended the Authority meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Authority has reviewed the minutes of the Authority meeting on February 25, 2026; the Closed Session on February 25, 2026; and the Joint Meeting with the County Commissioners on March 10, 2026. Mr. S. Thompson MOVED, SECONDED by Mr. Jones, to approve these minutes as submitted. Upon vote, the MOTION WAS APPROVED. Mr. J. Thompson was not present for this vote.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Mr. Bourk recognized and congratulated ILM Aircraft Rescue Firefighter Louis Woodman who recently received his Airport Master Firefighter Certification (AMF).

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Gibson MOVED, SECONDED by Mr. S. Thompson, to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. Upon vote, the MOTION WAS APPROVED. Mr. J. Thompson was not present for this vote.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – The following consent agenda items were approved:

- a. Two-year extension of lease with Edge Landscaping for one acre of land on Blue Clay Road. Lease contains a 30-day termination clause.

- b. Termination of maintenance building sublease with Avelo Airlines (other operating agreements with Avelo remain in effect).

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

FINANCE, MARKETING, AIR SERVICE DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Campbell recommended, on behalf of the Finance and Business Development Committees, approval of the following:

- a. A 10-year Lease Agreement with the General Services Administration (on behalf of TSA) for 1,225 square feet of office and related space in the terminal building. Mr. Jones MOVED, SECONDED by Ms. Gibson, to approve a 10-year lease agreement with the General Services Administration as presented. Upon vote, the MOTION WAS APPROVED.
- b. A one-year maintenance agreement with Designa Access Corp for an amount not to exceed \$68,952. Designa maintains parking lot equipment. Mr. S. Thompson MOVED, SECONDED by Mr. J. Thompson, to approve a one-year maintenance agreement with Designa Access Corp. as presented. Upon vote, the MOTION WAS APPROVED.

Mr. Campbell reviewed the monthly financials. Mr. Jones stated for the record that there seem to be dramatic prior year increases, with the majority being driven by timing of receipt of invoices.

Mr. Campbell reviewed the marketing report and the FY27 draft budget. The Authority has the budget for review until May 6th Authority meeting, when it will be approved for public review, with final approval by the Authority at the June 3rd Authority meeting.

OPERATIONS AND FACILITIES

Mr. Dick recommended the approval of the following action items on behalf of the Facilities Committee:

- a. Award of WA to Talbert, Bright & Ellington for RWY 6-24 Rehabilitation Phase 2 for NTE \$95,000. Mr. Jones MOVED, SECONDED by Ms. Pierce to approve a work authorization to TBE as presented. Upon vote, the MOTION WAS APPROVED.
- b. WA #2, Amendment #6 to Ardurra for continuation of stormwater services for post-construction development permitting, regulatory strategy, and related items, in an amount NTE \$63,900. Mr. S. Thompson MOVED, SECONDED by Ms. Gibson to approve WA#2, Amendment #6 to Ardurra as presented. Upon vote, the MOTION WAS APPROVED.
- c. Utility easements with CFPUA for new waterlines serving the airport installed as part of the Terminal Curb Project Phase 2. Ms. Gibson MOVED, SECONDED by Mr. J. Thompson

to approve utility easements with CFPUA as presented. Upon vote, the MOTION WAS APPROVED.

Mr. Dick reviewed the status of ongoing projects including Phase 2 of the terminal curb, road, and parking project; the East Ramp Utility project; and the RWY 6-24 Rehab project.

Mr. Dick reviewed the Operations Chart and a general discussion followed. Mr. Dick reminded the Authority of a tour of Frontier Scientific and terminal curb and parking project before the next Authority meeting on May 6th.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Bourk reviewed the Air Service Activity Reports and shared photos of the food drive for the TSA during the most recent shutdown. Thousands of dollars of gas and grocery gift cards were donated by the community for the 65 TSA employees at ILM and also Nourish NC donated boxes of food for the TSA employees. Mr. Bourk noted that ILM's TSA sick out rate didn't change during the 43-day shutdown like it did at other airports. Nationally the sick out rate went up by 12% and at some airports had over 50% sick outs that led to delays.

Mr. Bourk updated the Authority on the status of negotiations with Crown Management regarding their turn lane on 23rd Street.

Mr. Bourk shared the list of community outreach events that the ILM team have participated in over the last month, which included:

- Ambassador's Quarterly Meeting
- County Commissioners Vision Plan Update
- Chamber Leadership Development Academy (March 12, 25 and 26)
- Tenant's Quarterly meeting
- Part 150 Aviation Noise Technical Conference
- Part 150 Land Use Technical Conference
- OLLI @ UNCW - Airport Tour and Update
- Wilmington South Rotary Club ILM Update
- Cape Fear CREW Awards - ILM received Impact Award
- Coastal Carolina Women's Club Speaker

Mr. Bourk shared information about the free Azalea Festival Static Display, April 11th and 12th at Control Tower Drive off of Kerr Avenue. There will be live music, Warbirds, static displays and ILM ARFF firetrucks. ILM will also have equipment in the Azalea Festival Parade on Saturday morning.

Mr. Bourk updated the Authority on the Airshow scheduled for April 24 and 25, 2026 noting it has been critical to have this smaller airshow to open conversations and learn things for the larger 2027 show. A schedule will be provided to the Authority of events. Mr. Bourk confirmed he will

be going to the Carolina Beach Town Council meeting on April 14th to ask that they waive the fee for services provided for the event and noted that Carolina Beach will be listed as a community sponsor of the event.

NEW BUSINESS – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chairman Rhodes called for a motion for the Authority to enter into closed session to consult with legal counsel pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a)(3) and to discuss matters relating to the expansion of industries & Economic Development pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a)(4). Ms. Gibson MOVED, SECONDED by Mrs. Copley, to go into closed session. Upon vote, the MOTION WAS APPROVED.

All persons not Authority members or ILM staff, were asked to leave the meeting. The Authority went into closed session at 5:49 pm.

Mrs. Copley MOVED, SECONDED by Mr. Jones, to return to open session. Upon vote, the MOTION WAS APPROVED.

OPEN SESSION

The Authority returned to open session at approximately 6:16 pm. Chairman Rhodes reported that the Authority completed its consultation with legal counsel and discussion of matters relating to economic development.

No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Pierce MOVED, SECONDED by Mr. S. Thompson, to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Rhodes adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:17 pm.

Prepared by:
Rose M. Davis

Respectfully Submitted:

Faison Gibson, Secretary

Date of Approval: May 6, 2026