NEW HANOVER COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
September 30, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The New Hanover County Airport Authority met on Wednesday, September 30, 2026, at Wilmington International Airport, 1740 Airport Boulevard, Wilmington, North Carolina. Chair Thompson called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. and Mr. Rhodes led the Authority in the pledge of allegiance. Chair Thompson 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 Jason Thompson, Chair; Faison Gibson, Vice Chair; Wanda Copley, Secretary; Nick Rhodes, Past Chair; Brian Eckel, 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.

Approximately 8 guests attended the Authority meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Authority has reviewed the minutes of the Authority meeting on September 2, 2026, and the closed session on September 2, 2026. Mr. Rhodes MOVED, SECONDED by Mr. Eckel, to approve the minutes of both open and closed sessions as submitted. Upon vote, the MOTION WAS APPROVED.

CONSENT AGENDA – None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

Ms. Pierce left the meeting.

AUDITOR PRESENTATION

Mr. Campbell introduced Lauren Strope with Cherry Bekaert. Ms. Strope provided the annual audit report to the Authority remotely via zoom.

Discussion followed regarding the Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) referenced in the audit and how those funds are received and the procedure to spend those funds.

Following the report Chair Thompson called for a motion to adopt the financials and audit results as presented. Mr. Jones MOVED, SECONDED by Ms. Gibson, to adopt the financials and audit results as submitted. Upon vote, the MOTION WAS APPROVED. Ms. Pierce was absent for this vote.

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. Contract with New Hanover County under which NHCAA agrees to reimburse NHC for the salary and benefits of nine (9) deputies in an amount not to exceed $888,710 (FY24 $849,952).

b. Second Amendment to the Lease Agreement between NHCAA and Happy Hour T-Shirts, LLC (dba Battle House). The amendment extends the lease term through September 30, 2032.

c. Updated FY27 Fee Schedule. The new schedule is effective November 1, 2026. (A copy of the updated FY27 Fee Schedule is hereby incorporated as part of the minutes as is contained in Exhibit Book III, page 241.)

Chair Thompson called for a motion to approve the above Finance and Business Development items as a slate. Mr. Eckel MOVED, SECONDED by Mrs. Copley to approve Finance and Business Development action items a, b, and c, as presented. Upon vote, the MOTION WAS APPROVED. Ms. Pierce was absent for this vote.

Mr. Campbell reviewed the monthly financials and the marketing report.

Mr. Bourk reviewed the estimated capital program cash flow slide.

OPERATIONS AND FACILITIES

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

a. Amendment to CMAR – Monteith CO to add a total of $1,200,000 in contract value for contractor general conditions related to time extension and addition of previously deferred owner items.

b. Work Authorization for RS&H in the amount of NTE $810k for additional Construction Administration (CA).

c. Contract with Barnhill Construction for NTE $6,602,135.50 for RWY 6-24 Rehab Phase 2 pending final contract/legal review. (Funded by FAA Discretionary Grant Received for $6.3M).

Chair Thompson called for a motion to approve the above Facilities items as a slate. Ms. Gibson MOVED, SECONDED by Mr. Rhodes, to approve the Facilities action items a, b, and c, as presented. Upon vote, the MOTION WAS APPROVED. Ms. Pierce was absent from this vote.

Mr. Dick shared photos of the current conditions at the terminal commercial curb, canopy, and atrium for the tunnel entrance with the vertical circulation core building.

Mr. Dick updated the Authority on the status of the ongoing construction projects. Discussion followed regarding tree removals at the end of the runways.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Bourk reviewed the Air Service Activity reports. Mr. Bourk noted that ILM has doubled in size since 2021. ILM went from 450,000 enplanements in 2021 to 910,000 enplanements in 2026. In the first 5 years, the Authority spent $150M on capital improvements to keep up with that growth and programmed another $150M for the next 5 years in additional capital improvements to keep growing. Mr. Bourk predicted another big jump in growth in the upcoming years bringing ILM to 1.25M to 1.5M enplanements between 2035 and 2040. This is the approximate capacity of the terminal phase 6 expansion.

Mr. Bourk reminded the Authority about the Annual Tenant meeting and meetings with the Airlines and Rental Cars.

Mr. Bourk shared photos of recent events including the Full-Scale Mass Casualty Drill; visiting military planes – Doc B29 and P-51; and the Dragon Boat Regatta at Carolina Beach.

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

- Ambassador's Quarterly Meeting
- Carolina Beach Dragon Boat Regatta

NEW BUSINESS – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Bourk updated the Authority on the status of the demolition of two buildings -WBD and the unused half of Battlehouse Building. The plan is to move forward with those.

Mr. Bourk provided an airshow update noting that both the Blue Angels and the Thunderbirds are interested in the 2028 airshow. Discussions continue. We will find out for sure in December.

Mr. Bourk reported that he has received notification that the bonds have closed and the hotel will be moving forward.

Chair Thompson 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). Mr.

Jones MOVED, SECONDED by Mrs. Copley, to go into closed session. Upon vote, the MOTION WAS APPROVED. Ms. Pierce was absent from this vote.

All persons not Authority members or ILM staff, were asked to leave the meeting. The Authority went into closed session at 5:40 pm.

Mrs. Copley MOVED, SECONDED by Mr. Jones, to return to open session. Upon vote, the MOTION WAS APPROVED. Ms. Pierce was absent from this vote.

OPEN SESSION

The Authority returned to open session at approximately 6:02 pm. Chair Thompson reported that the Authority completed its discussion of matters relating to economic development.

No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Thompson called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Rhodes MOVED, SECONDED by Ms. Gibson. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:03 pm.

Prepared by:
Rose M. Davis

Respectfully Submitted:

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Wanda Copley, Secretary
Date of Approval: November 4, 2026