



**OKLAHOMA AEROSPACE AND AERONAUTICS COMMISSION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2026 AT 9 AM
OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FIRST FLOOR COMMISSION ROOM
200 NE 21ST STREET, OKLAHOMA CITY, OK**

NOTE: The Oklahoma Aerospace and Aeronautics Commission may discuss, vote to approve, vote to disapprove, vote to table, decide not to discuss, or change the order of any item on the agenda. Any conflicts of interest must be disclosed prior to discussion, and the conflicted Commissioner must recuse from all discussion and votes pertaining to that item.

MINUTES

1. ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETING ACT, FILING OF MEETING NOTICE, AND POSTING OF THE AGENDA — Chairman Kevin Potter

Pursuant to the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, this meeting shall be held at the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) First Floor Commission Room, 200 NE 21st Street in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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2. CALL TO ORDER AND RECORDING OF MEMBERS PRESENT AND ABSENT — Chairman Potter and Adrienne Stroud, Executive Assistant

Adrienne Stroud called roll and recorded the following Commissioners present and absent:

Present

Seth Phillips	Vice Chairman (District 1)
Kevin Potter	Chairman (District 2)
Bob Baker	Commissioner (District 3)
Lindy Ritz	Commissioner (District 4)
Blake Raney	Commissioner (District 5)
Jim Putnam	Commissioner (At-Large)
Jerry Hunter	Commissioner (At-Large)
Craig Campbell	Secretary (House Appointed)

Absent

Bailey J Siegfried	Commissioner (Senate Appointed)
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The meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m. with 8 of 9 Commissioners present.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OKLAHOMA AEROSPACE AND AERONAUTICS COMMISSION MEETING ON MARCH 11, 2026 – Chairman Kevin Potter

Commissioner Putnam made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Ritz seconded the motion. Chairman Potter called for the vote, and the votes were recorded as follows:

Ayes - Commissioner Phillips
 Commissioner Baker
 Commissioner Ritz
 Commissioner Raney
 Commissioner Putnam
 Commissioner Hunter
 Commissioner Campbell

Nays –

Abstain - Chairman Potter

The motion carried 7-0.

4. INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF MEMBER – Grayson Ardies, Executive Director

The Commission was informed of the Department's new Director of Communications and Marketing, Laura Rudicel, who started with the Department May 13, 2026.

5. RECOGNITION FOR FORMER COMMISSIONER – Director Ardies

Former commissioner Charles Ortega was recognized for his years of service to the Oklahoma Aerospace and Aeronautics Commission.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT – Chris Wadsworth

The Commission was briefed on current financial figures.

7. LEGISLATIVE, CONGRESSIONAL AND REGULATORY UPDATE – Director Ardies

The Commission was briefed on legislation and public policy issues concerning airports, aviation and aerospace.

- A. HB4273
- B. SB1531
- C. HB4392
- D. Others
- E. FY 27 Budget Agreement
- F. Greater Oklahoma City Chamber DC Fly-In

8. AIRCRAFT ENGINE TEST CELL GRANT CONSENT DOCKET – Director Ardies

- A. The Commission considered approving a grant for AGILE Space Industries for phase 2 of the space engine test cell program at the Space Test Center in Tulsa, OK. Total project cost is estimated at \$18,600,000 and will be funded with \$9,750,000 of state funds from the Department's engine test cell appropriation and \$8,850,000 of matching funds.
- B. The Commission considered approving a grant for JETS (Jet Engine Test Solutions) to construct an aircraft engine test cell at the OKC Will Rogers International Airport in Oklahoma City, OK. Total project cost is estimated at \$6,620,838 and will be funded

with \$3,972,503 of state funds from the Department's engine test cell appropriation and \$2,648,335 of matching funds.

Commissioner Raney made a motion to approve the Aircraft Engine Test Cell Grant. Commissioner Ritz seconded the motion. Chairman Potter called for the vote, and the votes were recorded as follows:

Ayes - Commissioner Phillips
 Chairman Potter
 Commissioner Baker
 Commissioner Ritz
 Commissioner Raney
 Commissioner Putnam
 Commissioner Hunter
 Commissioner Campbell

Nays –

Abstain -

The motion carried 8-0.

9. AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION GRANT PROGRAM CHANGE ORDERS – Michelle Bouziden, Senior Project and Grants Manager

- A.** The Commission was briefed on an amendment to state grant 1K4-25-FS to install a 100LL fuel system at **David Jay Perry (Goldsby) Airport**. The change order was necessary to upgrade the credit card terminal computer board to a supported version. The estimated additional cost will be \$3,634.46 and will be funded with \$1,817.23 of state grant funds and \$1,817.23 sponsor matching funds. An approval is contingent upon the Department receiving an acceptable grant application.
- B.** The Commission was briefed on an amendment to state grant RVS-24-FS for Phase 2 to reconstruct the connector taxiways for primary runway 1L/19R at **Tulsa Riverside Airport**. The amendment will allow for a line-item adjustment and funding will be moved from construction and grant administration to cover additional construction quantities and reconcile the project costs. The amendment will not increase the Department's previously approved share. An approval is contingent upon the Department receiving an acceptable grant application.
- C.** The Commission considered approving an amendment to state grant BVO-26-PREP to construct a 120' x 130' box hangar at **Bartlesville Regional Airport**. The amendment is necessary to relocate a waterline from under the hangar. The estimated additional cost will be \$59,977.64 and will be funded with \$23,991.06 of state grant PREP funds and \$35,986.58 of sponsor matching funds.
- D.** The Commission considered approving an amendment to state grant CLK-26H-FS to construct a 10-unit T-hangar and 68' x 56' box hangar at **Clinton Regional Airport**. The amendment is necessary to relocate underground utilities that conflict with the hangar footprint. The estimated additional cost will be \$78,206.98 and will be funded with \$43,013.84 of federal grant funds, \$31,282.79 of state grant funds and \$3,910.35 of sponsor matching funds.
- E.** The Commission considered approving an amendment as part of the Department's acting as agent role for the Oklahoma Space Industry Development Authority (OSIDA) and supporting their infrastructure investment plans for the terminal area plan and ALD update at **Infinity One Oklahoma Spaceport**. The amendment will add additional work

efforts to the ongoing planning study. The estimated additional cost will be \$31,900 and will be funded with \$31,900 of OSIDA's general revolving fund.

Commissioner Campbell made a motion to approve the Airport Construction Grant Program Change Orders Items C-E. Commissioner Phillips seconded the motion. Chairman Potter called for the vote, and the votes were recorded as follows:

Ayes - Commissioner Phillips
 Chairman Potter
 Commissioner Baker
 Commissioner Ritz
 Commissioner Raney
 Commissioner Putnam
 Commissioner Hunter
 Commissioner Campbell

Nays –

Abstain -

The motion carried 8-0.

10. PROGRESSING RURAL ECONOMIC PROSPERITY (PREP) FUND – Nick Young, Airports Division Manager

The Commission considered approving a state grant for a project that is currently identified in the Department's approved Airport Construction Program at **Wiley Post Airport**. The project consists of constructing 6 box hangars. Based on bids, the total project cost is \$2,570,150 and will be funded with \$1,028,060 of PREP funds and \$1,542,090 sponsor matching funds. An approval is contingent upon the Department receiving an acceptable grant application.

Commissioner Putnam made a motion to approve the Progressing Rural Economic Prosperity (PREP) Fund. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion. Chairman Potter called for the vote, and the votes were recorded as follows:

Ayes - Commissioner Phillips
 Chairman Potter
 Commissioner Baker
 Commissioner Ritz
 Commissioner Raney
 Commissioner Putnam
 Commissioner Hunter
 Commissioner Campbell

Nays –

Abstain -

The motion carried 8-0.

11. AIRPORT PROJECT CONSULTANT APPROVAL – Nick Young

Any Commissioner may request that any or all of these items be considered individually.

- A.** The Commission considered approving staff to enter into a contract for a single task order agreement for **Carlton Landing Field Airport**. The project consists of the design

phase for the terminal apron expansion. The total cost of the agreement for the design phase of the project is \$70,300 and will be funded with \$70,300 of state funds.

- B.** The Commission considered approving staff to enter into a contract for a single task order agreement as part of the Department's acting as agent role for the City of Okemah and supporting their infrastructure investment plans for the **Okemah Municipal Airport**. The project consists of the design phase for a new 100LL fuel system and expansion of the terminal apron. The total cost of the agreement for the design phase of the project is \$96,100 and will be funded with \$96,100 legislative directed state grant funds.
- C.** The Commission considered approving staff to enter into a contract for a single task order agreement as part of the Department's acting as agent role for the City of Shawnee and supporting their infrastructure investment plans for the **Shawnee Regional Airport**. The project consists of the design phase to strengthen the runway and taxiway. The total cost of the agreement for the design phase of the project is \$726,600 and will be funded with \$690,270 federal grant funds, \$18,165 state grant funds and \$18,165 sponsor matching funds.

Commissioner Ritz made a motion to approve the Airport Project Consultant. Chairman Potter seconded the motion. Chairman Potter called for the vote, and the votes were recorded as follows:

Ayes - Commissioner Phillips
 Chairman Potter
 Commissioner Baker
 Commissioner Ritz
 Commissioner Raney
 Commissioner Putnam
 Commissioner Hunter
 Commissioner Campbell

Nays –

Abstain -

The motion carried 8-0.

12. ON-DEMAND AIRPORT CONSULTING CONTRACT APPROVAL – Nick Young

The Commission considered authorizing staff to amend a contract with Huitt-Zollars for on-demand services for independent fee estimates related to developing a project from the concept phase up until the bidding phase. The amendment will allow for a not-to-exceed limit of \$50,000 which will be funded with state funds.

Commissioner Putnam made a motion to approve the On-Demand Airport Consulting Contract. Commissioner Phillips seconded the motion. Chairman Potter called for the vote, and the votes were recorded as follows:

Ayes - Commissioner Phillips
 Chairman Potter
 Commissioner Baker
 Commissioner Ritz
 Commissioner Raney
 Commissioner Putnam
 Commissioner Hunter
 Commissioner Campbell

Nays –

Abstain -

The motion carried 8-0.

13. PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT PROGRAM – Nick Young

The Commission considered approving to allow staff to move forward in accordance with Title 3, Section 85 of Oklahoma State Statutes and act as an agent for the following cities' airports for the development of Preliminary Engineering Reports (PER) and accepting a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grant offer. The estimated total cost of the project is \$385,025 and will be funded with \$365,773 federal grant funds and \$19,252 of state grant funds.

- A. PER – Elk City Regional Airport; Reconstruct and expand apron
- B. PER – Okmulgee Regional Airport; Reconfigure and construct apron
- C. PER – Stigler Regional Airport; Construct new parallel taxiway
- D. PER – William R Pogue Airport (Sand Springs); Reconstruct west terminal apron

Commissioner Ritz made a motion to approve the Preliminary Engineering Report. Commissioner Phillips seconded the motion. Chairman Potter called for the vote, and the votes were recorded as follows:

Ayes - Commissioner Phillips
 Chairman Potter
 Commissioner Baker
 Commissioner Ritz
 Commissioner Raney
 Commissioner Putnam
 Commissioner Hunter
 Commissioner Campbell

Nays –

Abstain -

The motion carried 8-0.

14. FY 2027-2031 FIVE-YEAR AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM – Nick Young

The Commission was briefed on the projects being recommended for inclusion in the Commission's FY2027-2031 Airport Construction Program (ACP). The Commission's ACP is the programming guide for federal, state, and local funds for airport development consistent with the Oklahoma Airport System Plan. Staff requests that the ACP move into the public comment phase. The ACP will be presented to the Commission for formal approval during the May Commission meeting.

Commissioner Campbell made a motion to approve the 2027-2031 Five-Year Airport Construction Program. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion. Chairman Potter called for the vote, and the votes were recorded as follows:

Ayes - Commissioner Phillips
 Chairman Potter
 Commissioner Baker
 Commissioner Ritz
 Commissioner Raney
 Commissioner Putnam

Commissioner Hunter
Commissioner Campbell

Nays –

Abstain -

The motion carried 8-0.

15. PROGRESSING RURAL ECONOMIC PROSPERITY (PREP) FUND AND PRO-GROWTH AVIATION INFRASTRUCTURE APPROPRIATIONS UPDATE – Director Ardies

The Commission was briefed on PREP funds allocated for certain infrastructure projects at Oklahoma airports.

16. AEROSPACE & AVIATION EDUCATION PROGRAM UPDATE – Paula Kedy, Statewide Aerospace STEM Education Manager

- A. Southern Oklahoma Student Aero Day (Durant) – March 26, 2026
- B. OAIRE UAS Teacher Training for AOPA schools planning to participate in next fall's UAS Search and Rescue Competition (Stillwater) – April 6, 2026
- C. Meeting with Deputy Superintendent and STEM Team at Oklahoma State Department of Education to discuss new graduation requirements in regard to Career Pathways – April 8
- D. AAAE South Central Conference in El Paso, presentation on Aerospace Education and EVTOL – April 12-15
- E. OKANG Flight Fest, 137th Special Operations Wing – April 29
- F. Oklahoma High School Students of the Month
 - i. April – Rena Du, Oklahoma Aviation Academy (Norman)
 - ii. April – Dallas Krebbes, Tupelo High School
 - iii. May – Scout Halley, Putnam City Schools
 - iv. May – Michael Hall, Cache High Schools
- G. Report on new AOPA high schools for 2026-2027 academic year

17. AEROSPACE EDUCATION TANGO FLIGHT GRANT PROGRAM CONSENT DOCKET– Stephanie Holt-Lucas

Any Commissioner may request that any or all of these items be considered individually.

The Commission considered approving grant applications from two schools for the implementation of the Tango Flight Program.

- A. Stillwater High School - \$74,354
- B. Watonga High School - \$74,354

Commissioner Putnam made a motion to approve the Aerospace Education Tango Flight Grant Program. Commissioner Ritz seconded the motion. Chairman Potter called for the vote, and the votes were recorded as follows:

Ayes - Commissioner Phillips
 Chairman Potter
 Commissioner Baker
 Commissioner Ritz
 Commissioner Raney
 Commissioner Putnam
 Commissioner Hunter
 Commissioner Campbell

Nays –

Abstain -

The motion carried 8-0.

18. SPONSORSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP CONSENT DOCKET – Director Ardies

A. Oklahoma Aerospace Forum

The Commission considered approving a \$5,000 sponsorship for the 2026 Oklahoma Aerospace Forum scheduled for October 8, 2026, at the Omni Hotel in Oklahoma City.

B. Tinker and the Primes

The Commission considered approving a \$4,875 sponsorship for the 2026 Tinker and the Primes conference scheduled for August 4-6, 2026, in Midwest City.

C. Greater Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce

The Commission considered approving a \$5,000 renewal membership for the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce.

Commissioner Ritz made a motion to approve the Sponsorship and Membership Consent Docket. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion. Chairman Potter called for the vote, and the votes were recorded as follows:

Ayes - Commissioner Phillips
 Chairman Potter
 Commissioner Baker
 Commissioner Ritz
 Commissioner Raney
 Commissioner Putnam
 Commissioner Hunter
 Commissioner Campbell

Nays –

Abstain -

The motion carried 8-0.

19. AEROSPACE WEEK AND AERO DAY OVERVIEW – Director Ardies

The Commission was briefed about the 2026 Aerospace Week and Aero Day at the Capitol events that were held March 30 - April 3 in Oklahoma City.

20. REVIEW OF AEROSPACE CONFERENCES AND TRADESHOWS – Director Ardies

A. MRO Americas – April 20-23

21. PREVIEW OF UPCOMING AVIATION AND AEROSPACE EVENTS – Melissa Fuller, Communications and Digital Marketing Coordinator

The Commission was briefed on upcoming events.

22. DIRECTORS REPORT – Director Ardies

A. Shawnee Presentation – March 12

B. Tulsa International Alaska Luncheon – March 18

C. Lufthansa Ribbon Cutting – March 26

D. Avion Ribbon Cutting – April 2

- E. OK Aero Week, Tulsa Air and Space Museum – April 2
- F. Ardmore Aviation Dinner – April 9
- G. Skydweller Open House – April 27
- H. TUL FIS Facility Grand Opening – May 7
- I. Tulsa Regional Chamber Legislative Briefing – May 8

23. POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO 25 O.S. § 307(B)(4) AND CONSISTENT WITH 2005 OK AG 29, ¶13, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE BOARD AND COUNSEL FROM THE OKLAHOMA OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL CONCERNING GROVE AIRPORT COMPLIANCE REGARDING THE HUTCHINSON PROPERTY, WHERE COUNSEL HAS DETERMINED THAT DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION WILL SERIOUSLY IMPAIR THE ABILITY OF THE COMMISSION TO PROCESS THE CLAIM OR CONDUCT LITIGATION OR PROCEEDING IN THIS MATTER, PROVIDED THAT ANY ACTION TAKEN SHALL BE IN OPEN SESSION.– Chairman Potter

A. Vote to Convene in Executive Session

Commissioner Putnam made a motion to convene in Executive Session. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. Secretary Campbell called for the vote, and the votes were recorded as follows:

Ayes - Commissioner Phillips
 Chairman Potter
 Commissioner Baker
 Commissioner Ritz
 Commissioner Raney
 Commissioner Putnam
 Commissioner Hunter
 Commissioner Campbell

Nays –

Abstain -

The motion carried 8-0.

B. Vote to Acknowledge Return to Open Session

Commissioner Putnam made a motion to convene in Executive Session. Commissioner Ritz seconded the motion. Secretary Campbell called for the vote, and the votes were recorded as follows:

Ayes - Commissioner Phillips
 Chairman Potter
 Commissioner Baker
 Commissioner Ritz
 Commissioner Raney
 Commissioner Putnam
 Commissioner Hunter
 Commissioner Campbell

Nays –

Abstain -

The motion carried 8-0.

C. Vote on Any Action Regarding Subject of the Proposed Executive Session

Commissioner Campbell made a motion that the agency send to the Grove Airport sponsor a letter to ensure that the airport meets full compliance by reimbursing the state for the land that the state purchased within the Grove Airport Runway Protection Zone on behalf of the sponsor and submit a five year plan to ODAA to secure the controlling interest of all remaining lands within the RPZ by the Grove Airport sponsor to ensure full compliance. Commissioner Putnam seconded the motion. Chairman Potter called for the vote, and the votes were recorded as follows:

Ayes - Commissioner Phillips
 Chairman Potter
 Commissioner Baker
 Commissioner Ritz
 Commissioner Raney
 Commissioner Putnam
 Commissioner Hunter
 Commissioner Campbell

Nays –

Abstain -

The motion carried 8-0.

24. CONCLUDING REMARKS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS — Director Ardies and Commissioners

25. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING — Chairman Potter

The Commission announced the date, time, and place for the next Commission meeting.

26. NEW BUSINESS (*“any matter not known about, or which could not be reasonably foreseen 24 hours before the meeting”*)

27. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Potter requested a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Phillips made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Putnam seconded. Chairman Potter declared the meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm.

This notice was posted prominently and publicly at the principal offices of the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics at 110 N. Robinson, Suite 200, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102, the Oklahoma Department of Transportation at 200 NE 21st Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105, and the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics website at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday May 12, 2026.

Chris Wadsworth, Chief of Staff

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