

**ADOPTED MINUTES | Approved on June 17, 2026**

**LOUISVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD**

Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at 3 p.m. Louisville Regional Airport Authority  
Administrative Offices 700 Administration Drive, Louisville, KY 40209

**LOUISVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY  
BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 15, 2026**

The meeting of the Board of the Louisville Regional Airport Authority was held on April 15, 2026. Chairman Dale Boden convened the meeting at 3:02 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Louisville Regional Airport Authority.

Board members present: Mr. Cleo Battle, Mr. Mark Blieden, Mr. Dale Boden, Mr. Chris Carmicle, Ms. Marcia Dall, Mr. Mitchel Denham, Ms. Laura Benson Jones, Mr. Brian Lavin, Mr. John Sistarenik and Mr. Mike Ward. Not in attendance: Mayor Craig Greenberg. Mr. Greg Ehrhard attended as counsel to the Board.

Staff members present: Ms. Pat Apone, Ms. Dodie Caulk, Mr. Phil Clark, Ms. Jorgie Dermody, Mr. Kyle Hartlage, Officer Justin Hilliard, Ms. Noel Jolly, Mr. Dan Mann, Officer Chris Martin, Ms. Kim Pemberton, Ms. Brenda Perry, Mr. David Prince, Ms. Beverly Santamouris, Mr. Cam Sidor, Ms. Megan Atkins Thoben, Mr. Adam Thomas, and Mr. Jason Wheeler.

Also in attendance: Mr. Jacob Franklin, Ms. Wendy Harrower, Ms. Brenda Medina, Mr. Mike Nevel, Mr. Joe Pittman, Ms. Andrea Roy, Mr. Todd Tabor, Mr. Robert Walker, and Ms. Amy Zinner.

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

On motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held February 18, 2026, were unanimously approved.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**FINANCE REPORT**

Ms. Santamouris provided the finance report. Fiscal-year-to-date operating revenue was \$75,875,263 or 5.3% above budget. Landing and field use fees are underperforming by 2.3% due to a decrease in landed weight, but aviation and land leases are 25.9% above budget from a \$1,400,000 lump payment from the Authority's Fixed Based Operator due to previous underreporting of commissions owed to the Authority. Fiscal-year-to-date operating expenses were \$35,930,241 or 3.0% over budget. The UPS 2976 incident and snow removal have contributed to this variance. The number of enplaned passengers is in line with what was budgeted and landed weight is slightly below what was budgeted for Fiscal Year 2026.

**CONSTRUCTION REPORT**

Mr. Hartlage provided the construction report. At Louisville Muhammad Ali International Airport for the Security Checkpoint Expansion Project, steel erection is complete with a "topping out"

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ceremony held on March 26, 2026 to install the last steel beam. Construction of the new tug road and grading is underway adjacent to the generator project. Interior work includes fire sprinkler replacement and associated work. For Concourse Improvements Project, construction continues on the east side of the connector. The first set of gates, A1 and B2, reopened on March 17, 2026 and the second set, A3 and B4, are nearing completion and are scheduled to reopen for service on April 28, 2026. The next phase involves closing the circulation area in front of gates A1/A3 and B2/B4. This closure will not impact passenger movement, as the remaining half of the corridor will stay open. All gates will be fully open in time for Derby 2026.

For the West Terminal Area Vestibule Project, construction continues with structural steel, fireproofing and HVAC work underway. The project will be substantially complete and available for use prior to Derby 2026.

Mr. Hartlage detailed the four airfield projects the Authority has planned for the upcoming construction season. The 2026 Airfield Pavement Rehabilitation Project will replace slabs throughout the airfield at a cost of \$4.3 million. The Reconstruct Taxiway D North Project will reconfigure the taxiway connectors at cost of \$18.6 million. The Reconstruct Taxiway B Phase 2 Project is in year two of a three-year program to rehabilitate the taxiway pavement and will cost \$11.1 million, and the Runway 17R-35L and Taxiway F Grading Improvements Project will cost \$8 million. He anticipates work on all of these projects will begin in May.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

The Board chose to consider all the consent agenda items as one item:

#### **1. HNTB Amendment 1 Task Order 11 — Planning, Engineering and Architectural Professional Services — Louisville Muhammad Ali International Airport — Approval**

On November 15, 2023, the Board approved the award of a Planning, Engineering, & Architectural Professional Services contract with HNTB for a three-year period. The contract requires Board approval for each Task Order. Task Order 11 was previously approved and included construction administration and observation services for the Reconstruct Taxiway D North project at SDF. This amendment to Task Order 11 includes the development of a guided visual approach and temporary instrument flight procedures for the displacement of the Runway 17L threshold during construction, including full design, airspace analysis, stakeholder coordination, FAA documentation, simulation validation, and flight inspection. It also provides ongoing procedure maintenance, obstacle monitoring, and PAPI flight inspection certification to support current operations and future needs. The amount for Amendment 1 is \$97,500, which will be 90% funded through a future FAA Grant.

Mr. Mann recommended the Board approve the Amendment to Task Order 11 to the contract with HNTB for a negotiated amount of \$97,500; and authorize the Executive Director to execute the necessary contract documents subject to review and approval by counsel as to legality of form and content.

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#### **2. Arora Task Order 2 — On-Call GIS Program and Surveying Services — Louisville Muhammad Ali International Airport and Bowman Field — Agreement Award**

On November 20, 2024, the Board approved the award of an On-Call GIS Program and Surveying Services contract to Arora Engineers, LLC (Arora) for a three-year period. The contract requires Board approval for each Task Order. Task Order 2 authorizes Arora to provide GIS support services for SDF and LOU. The scope of work includes GIS database deployment, development of indoor mapping, establishment of room and door numbering, airfield lighting and signage, GIS updates and integration, development of GIS/CAD standards, utility systems data enhancements, implementation of an airport geospatial governance program, and configuration and development of various GIS applications. The amount for Task Order 2 is \$330,000.

Mr. Mann recommended the Board approve Task Order 2 to the contract with Arora Engineers, LLC for a negotiated amount of \$330,000; and authorize the Executive Director to execute the necessary contract documents subject to review and approval by counsel as to legality of form and content.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved Mr. Mann's recommendations for the consent agenda items 1 and 2.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **3. Taxiway A Improvements — Bowman Field — Contract Award**

This project includes the rehabilitation of Taxiway A, the parallel taxiway to Runway 6-24, as well as hot spot mitigation efforts at two identified locations along Taxiway A. The rehabilitation work consists of milling and overlaying approximately 3,500 linear feet of existing Taxiway A pavement and its connectors, along with earthwork to correct grade deficiencies within the Runway 6-24 and Taxiway A infield areas. The hot spot mitigation efforts include eliminating the existing hot spot at Taxiway A1 by reconfiguring the taxiway/taxilane intersection, thereby removing direct access to the runway, and relocating the Runway 15-33 hold positions, improving visibility and pilot awareness by eliminating their current placement within a turn.

The LOU Taxiway A Improvements project was advertised in *The Courier-Journal*, in the Tri-State Minority Supplier Development Council newsletter, in the *Louisville Defender* and was posted on the Authority's website. Four bids were received. Upon review of all documentation provided, the lowest responsive bidder was E&B Paving, LLC of Jeffersonville, IN with a base bid price of \$1,931,000. In addition, four additive alternates totaling \$1,597,005.04 were submitted resulting in a total contract amount of \$3,528,005.04.

Authority staff and our consultant reviewed the bid documents submitted by E&B Paving, LLC, verified the bid is responsive, and recommended the contract award for the base bid and the four additive alternates. Additionally, the contract award will be supported by future FAA grant funding, which will cover 38% of the total cost.

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Upon his review of the base bid and the bid alternates, Mr. Mann recommended the Board approve the base bid price of \$1,931,000 and only the bid alternate one price of \$262,600 for a total contract amount of \$2,193,600, and authorize the Executive Director to execute the necessary contract documents subject to review and approval by counsel as to legality of form and content. The project elements in bid alternates two through four will be repackaged and bid as a separate project. On motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved Mr. Mann's recommendation.

#### **4. Foth Task Orders 25, 26, 27, 28, Amendment 1 to Task Order 15 — Planning, Engineering, & Architectural Professional Services — Louisville Muhammad Ali International Airport and Bowman Field — Approval**

On November 20, 2024, the Board approved the award of a Planning, Engineering & Architectural Services contract to Foth Infrastructure & Environment, LLC (Foth) for a three-year period. The contract requires Board approval for each Task Order.

Task Order 25 authorizes Foth to provide construction administration and observation services for the Taxiway A Improvements Project at LOU. The project includes asphalt mill and overlay on Taxiway A and its connectors, earthwork to correct grade deficiencies in the Runway 6-24 and Taxiway A infield areas, hot spot mitigation efforts, installation of a run-up pad, a new taxiway connector from the Corporate Apron to Taxiway A, and grass islands between the GA apron and Taxiway A. The amount for Task Order 25 is \$221,160.

Task Order 26 authorizes Foth to provide design and bidding services for the Dutchman's Area Development project at LOU. The project includes the construction of a private access road which will support a future private development project in the South Hangars Area just North of Dutchmans Lane. The project will also include the construction of a new public road between Gast Boulevard and Roger E. Schupp Street, just South of the Aero Club. The amount for Task Order 26 is \$223,282.

Task Order 27 authorizes Foth to provide additional design services for the West Airfield Electrical Vault project at SDF. The scope includes site selection, preliminary design, and development of 90% design documents for a new airfield electrical vault on the west side of the airfield. A prior effort, Task Order 53 under the January 30, 2020 Foth agreement previously approved by the Board was placed on hold due to ongoing property acquisitions west of Taxiway A. As a result, the previously identified location for the new west airfield vault is no longer compatible with anticipated future development in this area. This task order will reinstitute the effort to identify a new vault location that aligns with long-term airfield development and land use requirements. The amount for Task Order 27 is \$222,300, which will be 90% funded through a future FAA Grant.

Task Order 28 authorizes Foth to provide design and bidding services for enhancements to the existing diesel fuel system at SDF. The project scope includes installation of two high-pressure submersible pumps, two high-flow diesel dispensers, associated conveyance piping, and two diesel exhaust fluid (DEF) dispensing stations. The project also includes replacement of the existing

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asphalt ARFF access road with Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) pavement to maintain reliable ARFF vehicle circulation around the facility. The amount for Task Order 28 is \$67,884.

Task Order 15 was previously approved and included design and bidding services for the Rehabilitate Taxiway A project at LOU. This amendment to Task Order 15 includes incorporation of the LOU Hotspot Mitigation project, addition of a Louisville Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) Large Site Permit, and inclusion of four bid alternates. The bid alternates consist of construction of a run-up pad, a new taxiway connector from the apron to Taxiway A which will provide access to the East T-Hangars, and grass islands between the GA apron and Taxiway A which will improve safety and eliminate direct access issues. The amount for Amendment 1 to Task Order 15 is \$26,700.

Task Order 17 was previously approved and included design and bidding services for the SDF Taxiway B Electrical Project at SDF. This amendment to Task Order 17 includes the additional replacement of lighting and signage for the Taxiway B South and North Extensions and the renaming of all taxiway connectors along Taxiways A, B, and C, which will bring the airfield taxiway naming convention within compliance with recently updated FAA criteria. The amount for Amendment 1 to Task Order 17 is \$20,000, which will be 90% funded through a future FAA Grant.

Mr. Mann recommended the Board approve the above Task Orders and Amendments to the contract with Foth for a combined negotiated amount of \$781,326; and authorize the Executive Director to execute the necessary contract documents subject to review and approval by counsel as to legality of form and content. On motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved Mr. Mann's recommendation.

#### **5. E&B Paving, LLC Reconstruct Taxiway B Phase 2 Change Order 1 — Louisville Muhammad Ali International Airport — Approval**

This project consists of reconstructing a section of Taxiway B between Taxiway B5 and Taxiway F and represents the second year of a three-year program to reconstruct one of the most heavily utilized sections of pavement on the airfield. The scope of work includes new PCC pavement, asphalt shoulders, upgraded airfield lighting, and drainage improvements.

This change order authorizes an increase in the full-strength Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) pavement thickness from 19 inches to 22 inches. The additional thickness is necessary to address ongoing coordination with UPS regarding the recent retirement of the MD-11 fleet and the uncertainty surrounding future replacement aircraft. Preliminary evaluations indicate that potential replacement aircraft could impose greater loading demands on the pavement structure, requiring the increased thickness to adequately support anticipated aircraft and ensure compliance with FAA AIP pavement design requirements.

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Authority staff and our consultant have reviewed the documents submitted by E&B Paving, LLC. and are recommending the change order approval.

Mr. Mann recommended the Board approve Change Order No. 1 to the contract for the Reconstruct Taxiway B – Phase 2 project to E&B Paving, LLC in the amount of \$1,271,572.80 resulting in a revised total contract price of \$12,365,572.80; and authorize the Executive Director to execute the necessary contract documents subject to review and approval by counsel as to legality of form and content. On motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved Mr. Mann's recommendation.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Mike Ward thanked Director of Terminal Operations Greg Bunten for providing him a tour of the checkpoint expansion project and other projects in the Terminal on April 9, 2026.

Mr. Mann provided an overview of Derby 152 for the Board. There are 19,700 scheduled seats on Departure Sunday, and Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> will be SDF's biggest inbound day. The airlines have added 16 new nonstop routes for Derby travelers, and Atlantic Aviation is expecting more private aircraft than last year. The Authority has a good plan in place to make sure Departure Sunday runs smoothly but it is weather dependent.

There being no additional business, the meeting adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

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Dale Boden, Chairman

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Dan E. Mann, Assistant Secretary