



## Oconee County Aeronautics Commission

October 30, 2025

### Meeting Minutes

Members, Oconee Aeronautics Commission

Mr. Dan Suddeth, Chairman

Mr. Al Brightwell, Vice Chairman

Mr. Bobby Fendley, Martin Armfield, Wayne Rholetter, Mr. Bryan Duncan,

Mr. Casey Whittington

Airport Staff Liaison: Mr. Jeff Garrison

Oconee County Aeronautics Commission met at 3:30 PM in Council Chambers at 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Commission Members [Mr. Wayne Rholetter & Airport Director, Mr. Jeff Garrison absent], & Melinda Cox, Airport Manager present.

**Press:** Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting, date, time, place of meeting and agenda were posted to the bulletin board at the County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC, and the County Council website [[www.oconeesc.com/council](http://www.oconeesc.com/council)]. In addition, it was made available to Airport tenants and customers as well as *[upon request]* to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Members of the press present: Mr. Dick Mangrum, WGOG

**Call to Order:** Mr. Suddeth called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

**Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Armfield made a motion, seconded by Mr. Duncan to approve the January 30, 2025 regular meeting minutes as presented; approved 6-0.

**Presentation to Commission:** Mr. Dan Suddeth stated Oconee County SC Economic Development Director, Mr. Jamie Gilbert canceled his presentation today but hopes to reschedule for a later date.

**Airport Classification of Operations Update:** Mr. Suddeth informed Commission Members of KCEU's Airport Classification change per Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). He stated the new classification is due to KCEU's increase in air traffic, the variety of aircraft types, higher approach speeds, and larger wing spans, all of which require expanded safety area dimensions. The Airport Engineering Firm is preparing a comprehensive report identifying the affected areas and outlining possible options to achieve compliance with the new standards.

**2026 Meeting Schedule Establishment for Commission:** Mr. Dan Suddeth stated the Commission will continue to meet quarterly on the last Thursday of the month. Those meeting dates are as follows: April 30, 2026, July 30, 2026 and October 29, 2026.

### **Public Comment:**

*If you are not able to attend in person and you have a comment, you may submit it by contacting our Airport Manager, Melinda Cox at [mc Cox@oconeesc.com](mailto:mc Cox@oconeesc.com) or 864-364-5651, so that she may receive your comment and read it into the record.*

- None provided.

**Next Meeting Date/Time:** January 29, 2026 @ 3:30PM

**Adjourn:** Mr. Fendley made a motion, seconded by Mr. Duncan to adjourn; approved unanimously, adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Notes Prepared by: Martin Armfield

Minutes Prepared/Submitted by: Melinda Cox