



Oconee County Aeronautics Commission

April 28, 2026 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, Airport Director, Mr. Jeff Garrison & 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]. 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: None

Call to Order: Mr. Suddeth called the meeting to order at 3:27 PM.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Duncan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Armfield to approve the October 30, 2025 regular meeting minutes as presented; approved 7-0.

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 mcox@oconeesc.com or 864-364-5651, so that she may receive your comment and read it into the record.

- None provided.

Presentation to Commission: Oconee County SC Economic Development Director, Mr. Jamie Gilbert discussed the number of industries currently unitizing Oconee Regional Airport, as well as the airports' vital role in attracting new investment and promoting continued economic growth throughout Oconee County, SC.

Airport Operations Update: Mr. Garrison discussed the upcoming Taxiway Rehabilitation Project and outlined the various stages of the project that will be completed. He also provided an overview of the planned improvements and the anticipated progression of the work through each phase of the project.

2026 Revised Commission Meeting Schedule: Mr. Rholetter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Duncan to approve Tuesday, July 28, 2026 and Tuesday, October 13, 2026 as the Commissions next quarterly meeting dates.

Election of Officers:

- Chair: Mr. Rholetter nominated Dan Suddeth; second provided by Mr. Armfield; no other nominations were offered; passed 7-0.
- Vice Chairman: Mr. Armfield nominated Bryan Duncan; second provided by Mr. Suddeth; no other nominations were offered; passed 7-0
- Secretary: Mr. Duncan nominated Martin Armfield; second provided by Mr. Suddeth; no other nominations were offered; passed 7-0.

Next Meeting Date/Time: Tuesday, July 28, 2026

Adjourn: Mr. Duncan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rholetter to adjourn; approved unanimously, adjourned at 3:44 p.m.

Notes Prepared by: Martin Armfield

Minutes Prepared/Submitted by: Melinda Cox