



MINUTES

SOUTH CAROLINA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION MEETING

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2025

Commission Members in Attendance

Delphin Gantt, Chairman
Anne Esposito, District 1
Denise Bryan, C.M., District 2
Skeets Cooper, District 3
Terry Connorton, District 4
Doug Barnes, District 5
Marco Cavazzoni, District 6
Chris Bethea, District 7
Bud Coward, Commissioner Emeritus

Aeronautics Staff in Attendance

Gary Siegfried, Executive Director
Dale Estrada, Finance Director
Christopher Eversmann, Airport Development Director
David Smith, Project Manager

Visitors

Charles Taylor, Marion County
Melanie Friscoe, SCAA
Steve Gould, UZA
Brad Beadles, FLO
Brian Salyers, TBE
Carolyn Donelan, Challenger/Richland One
Andy Busbee, Michael Baker Intl.
Kevin Howell, GSP

Judy Elder, TBE
Betty Baker, OGB
Mark Warner, McCormick County Airport
James D. Stephens, Greenville Downtown Airport
Doug Adomatis, Greenville Technical Charter HS
Paul Smith, WK Dickson
Paul Werts, TBE

Welcome & Call to Order

Chairman Gantt called the meeting to order approximately at 11:00 a.m., welcomed everyone, announced a quorum in attendance.

Invocation and Introductions

The invocation was given by Chairman Gantt. Following the invocation, all attendees introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Gantt presented the minutes of the October 15, 2024, meeting. He asked if anyone had any edits or corrections. Since none were forthcoming, Commissioner Cooper made a motion to approve the minutes and Commissioner Esposito seconded the motion.

The minutes were approved as written.

Chairman Gantt asked Gary Siegfried if he would present the Financial Report.

Financial & Budget Reports

Mr. Siegfried started with the balances from the end of December FY25. Operating Results finished with total expenses at 47% and income at 83% of budget.

The State Aviation Fund showed a beginning balance of \$29,477,546.51 in FY24-25. This balance along with fuel sales tax revenues of \$2,991,622.14, airline property tax revenue of \$5,123,478.89, a general fund recurring appropriation of \$500,000, and a refund of prior year expense & miscellaneous revenue of \$51,660.51 brought total available funds for airport projects to \$51,685,752.36.

After considering budgeted/committed items of \$45,629,816.54 the remaining \$6,055,935.82 was available for new grants at the end of FY24-25.

Airport Development

Mr. Eversmann presented the Airport Development report by providing brief updates concerning Airport Development deadlines, upcoming airport inspections and ongoing Aeronautics projects.

Mr. Eversmann then presented the grants for consideration.

Grants for consideration (Airport Development)

District 1

1. Charleston County Aviation Authority (CCAA) / Charleston Executive (JZI) / AIP State Match Grant (5%) / Prepare Stormwater Master Plan / Planning / Project cost – \$267,095

Associated AIP Grant: 3-45-0013-033-2024

The requested grant amount is \$13,355.

ASDI items (Jun 25, 2024): Part 77 Airspace penetrations; Runway markings incorrect (aiming bars and displaced threshold).

A motion was made by Commissioner Barnes to approve and seconded by Commissioner Cavazzoni.

The motion was approved unanimously.

2. Charleston County Aviation Authority (CCAA) / Mount Pleasant Regional (LRO) / AIP State Match Grant (5%) / Update Airport Layout Plan (ALP) / Planning / Project cost – \$221,544

Associated AIP Grant: 3-45-0042-028-2024

The requested grant amount is \$11,077.

ASDI items (May 8, 2023): No discrepancies identified!

A motion was made by Commissioner Cavazzoni to approve and seconded by Commissioner Bryan.

The motion was approved unanimously.

District 3

3. McCormick County / McCormick County (S19) / Non-NPIAS Airport Development Grant (90%) / Prepare Airport Site / Construction / Project cost – \$1,690,370

Associated AIP Grant: NA

The requested grant amount is \$1,521,333.

ASDI items (Ju1 10, 2024): Part 77 Airspace penetrations; Non-standard airfield topography.

A motion was made by Commissioner Barnes to approve and seconded by Commissioner Cooper.

The motion was approved unanimously.

4. McCormick County / McCormick County (S19) / Non-NPIAS Airport Development Grant (90%) / Obtain Avigation Easement / Land Acquisition / Project cost – \$46,234

Associated AIP Grant: NA

The requested grant amount is \$41,611.

ASDI items (Ju1 10, 2024): Part 77 Airspace penetrations; Non-standard airfield topography.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cooper to approve and seconded by Commissioner Esposito.

The motion was approved unanimously.

District 4

5. Greenville – Spartanburg Airport District / GSP International (GSP) / **FY-25 Commercial Service Entitlement Grant (100%)** / Expand Fleet Maintenance Facility / Construction / Project costs – \$1,490,833

Associated AIP Grant: NA

The requested grant amount is \$1,490,833.

ASDI items: GSP is a Part 139 Airport and, therefore, not inspected by SCAC Staff.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cooper to approve and seconded by Commissioner Cavazzoni.

The motion was approved unanimously.

6. Greenville Airport Commission / Greenville Downtown (GMU) / State – Local Airport Maintenance Grant (80%) / Repair Terminal Electric Panel / Maintenance / Project cost – \$40,360

Associated AIP Grant: NA

The requested grant amount is \$32,288.

ASDI items (Aug 14, 2024): Part 77 Airspace penetrations; Inoperative Runway edge lights; Pavement / foundation tie in / Faded hold bar marking (south apron area).

A motion was made by Commissioner Bethea to approve and seconded by Commissioner Esposito.

The motion was approved unanimously.

7. Greenville Airport Commission / Greenville Downtown (GMU) / State – Local Airport Maintenance Grant (80%) / Repair EMAS / Maintenance / Project cost – \$187,125

Associated AIP Grant: NA

The requested grant amount is \$149,700.

ASDI items (Aug 14, 2024): Part 77 Airspace penetrations; Inoperative Runway edge lights; Pavement / foundation tie in / Faded hold bar marking (south apron area).

A motion was made by Commissioner Barnes to approve and seconded by Commissioner Bryan.

The motion was approved unanimously.

District 5

8. City of Rock Hill – York County / Bryant Field (UZA) / State – Local Airport Development Grant (70%) / Replace Localizer / Construction / Project cost – \$550,853

Associated AIP Grant: NA

The requested grant amount is \$385,597.

ASDI items (May 2, 2024): Part 77 Airspace penetrations identified; Erosion near airfield fence; Fueling vehicles parked too close to structures; Faded pavement marking on Taxiway 'C'

A motion was made by Commissioner Barnes to approve and seconded by Commissioner Cooper.

The motion was approved unanimously.

9. City of Rock Hill – York County / Bryant Field (UZA) / State – Local Airport Development Grant (70%) / Rehabilitate Taxilane / Design / Project cost – \$77,353

Associated AIP Grant: NA

The requested grant amount is \$54,147.

ASDI items (May 2, 2024): Part 77 Airspace penetrations identified; Erosion near airfield fence; Fueling vehicles parked too close to structures; Faded pavement marking on Taxiway 'C'.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cavazzoni to approve and seconded by Commissioner Bethea.

The motion was approved unanimously.

District 6

10. Richland County / Jim Hamilton – LB Owens (CUB) / State – Local Airport Maintenance Grant (80%) / Replace Rotating Beacon Tower / Maintenance / Project cost – \$146,610 Note: **This is an amendment to SCAC 24-045**

Associated AIP Grant: NA

The requested grant amount is \$6,560.

ASDI items (Aug 21, 2023): Part 77 Airspace penetrations identified; Faded Runway ID Pavement marking; Perimeter fence gaps beneath fabric; Taxilane pavement condition.

A motion was made by Commissioner Barnes to approve and seconded by Commissioner Cavazzoni.

The motion was approved unanimously.

11. City of Orangeburg / Orangeburg Municipal (OGB) / AIP State Match Grant (5%) / Rehabilitate Runway 17 – 35 Lighting and Signage / Design / Project cost – \$238,170

Associated AIP (BIL) Grant: 3-45-0045-029-2024

The requested grant amount is \$11,909.

ASDI items (Feb 29, 2024): Part 77 Airspace penetrations identified; Inoperative ODALS; Fuel site emergency shutoff sign obscured; Faded airfield sign panels; Non-standard Runway pavement Threshold markings .

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryan to approve and seconded by Commissioner Cavazzoni.

The motion was approved unanimously.

District 7

12. Pee Dee Regional Airport Commission / Florence Regional (FLO) / **Commercial Service Special Allocation (100%)** / Develop Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWP3) / Planning / Project cost – \$73,764

Associated AIP Grant: NA

The requested grant amount is \$73,764.

ASDI items: FLO is a Part 139 Airport and, therefore, not inspected by SCAC Staff.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cavazzoni to approve and seconded by Commissioner Bethea.

The motion was approved unanimously.

13. Marion County / Marion County (MAO) / State – Local Airport Development Grant (70%) / Install Emergency Generators / Construction / Project cost – \$97,183

Associated AIP Grant: NA

The requested grant amount is \$68,028.

ASDI items (Jun 1, 2023): Part 77 Airspace penetrations identified; Fire extinguishers out of date; Segmented circle is overgrown with vegetation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cooper to approve and seconded by Commissioner Bethea.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Grants for consideration (Education)

There are no pending Education Grants for consideration by the Commission.

Grants for consideration (Administration)

14. South Carolina Aviation Association / Project cost - \$65,500

→ Palmetto Aviation Quarterly Newsletter	\$18,250
→ SC Aviation Safety Committee	\$10,000
→ Aviation Week	\$20,000
→ Airport Promotion Video	\$11,750
→ SC Aviation Hall of Fame	\$ 5,500

A motion was made by Chairman Gannt to approve and seconded by Commissioner Cavazzoni.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Flight Department

Mr. Siegfried presented on behalf of Tim Truemper. We were not busy December of 2024. We became very busy in January of this year. February has been heavily booked. Our new plane is scheduled for maintenance. The paint looks good.

Chairman Gantt inquired about the tail number.

Mr. Siegfried shared we are waiting on approval.

Mr. Siegfried asked if there were any questions for himself or any to present to Mr. Truemper.

Hearing none, Mr. Siegfried presented the Director's Report.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Siegfried presented the Director's Report. He shared the Ethics Reports are due at the end of March. Kimmy Harris will send out if she has not already the Expense Reimbursements to each member of the Commission. Mr. Siegfried shared the status of acquiring a refueler. He went on to discuss a variety of meetings attended and his attendance to a vast amount of events.

New Business

Chairman Gantt spoke about the Education Committee. He went on to explain about having grant requests from all over the state. We thought to get a committee to go over all these requests. Chairman Gantt shared the goal is to get entities to speak together.

The group including Chairman Gantt, Commissioner Barnes, Ms. Carolyn Donelan and Paul Werts discussed many different aspects of the Education Committee and Policy.

Chairman Gantt asked everyone to comeback in April to finalize our process pertaining to the Education Grant Policy.

Chairman Gantt congratulated Mr. Paul Werts for being inducted into the Aeronautics Hall of Fame.

The Commissioners shared considerations about adding a direct link to the SCAC information on the main website page.

Chairman Gantt asked for all Commissioners to give their District Reports.

District Reports

- District 1: Commissioner Esposito -Nothing to report.
- District 2: Commissioner Bryan spoke with Representative Crawford about zoning and planning to protect airspace, which is very important to them. Mr. David Smith spoke with the officials of Fairfield County.
- District 3: Commissioner Cooper shared a record year for sales last year. Laurens County will have a ribbon cutting for their new terminal on February 21, 2025 at 2pm.
- District 4: Commissioner Connorton spoke about a new VOR in October as well as a new taxiway May of this year. Hurricane Helene repairs are done.
- District 5: Commissioner Barnes spoke about the pavement in Lancaster County. He mentioned looking into cost of cleaning the concrete runway at the Lancaster County Airport. Commissioner Barnes went on to share the state of the airport in Rock Hill.
- District 6: Commissioner Cavazzoni checked on fencing and Wildlife. He spoke about conducting inventory of airport fencing across all airports.
- District 7: Commissioner Bethea shared a problem with a subdivision in Georgetown County. A conference call was held to address issues. Conway has a new Director Brad Beadle. Conway also has problems similar to Georgetown County. Judi Olmstead will be hosting a topping off party for the new gates at Myrtle Beach International Airport on March 18, 2025.

Next Meeting Date

The next regular Commission Meeting is to be determined.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Bethea to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Cooper seconded. The meeting was adjourned.



Delphin Gantt
Chairman



Gary Siegfried
Recording Secretary

August 4, 2025
Date