GAINESVILLE-ALACHUA COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
Thursday, July 23, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.
Airline Terminal Board Room
Monthly Meeting Highlights

Call To Order By the Chair: Chair Kinnon Thomas called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Invocation: Mr. Blake Fugate provided an invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Posner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Outgoing Board Member and Chair – K. Kinnon Thomas
Mr. Mehrlich presented two plaques to Chair Thomas. One was in recognition of Mr. Thomas's service as Chair of GACRAA during FY2026 and the other was in recognition of Mr. Thomas's 2 consecutive 3-year terms on the GACRAA Board. Mr. Thomas's term ends on July 31, 2026.

GACRAA General Counsel: Mr. Blake Fugate was present.

Roll Call:
Authority Members Present: Teresa Callen, Brian Crawford, Adrian Hayes-Santos, John Hooker, Fred Posner, Brandi Renton, Staci Sims and Kinnon Thomas were present.

Wes Maul was absent.

Gainesville Chamber of Commerce Representative and Ex-officio member Ian Fletcher was absent. City of Gainesville liaison, Ralph Hilliard, was present.

Determination of a Quorum: A quorum was present at roll call.

Approval of Monthly Meeting Highlights of June 25, 2026
Mr. Posner moved to approve the GACRAA Monthly Meeting highlights of June 25, 2026. Ms. Sims seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Citizens' Input – Non-agenda Items: None

Airport Authority Input – Non-agenda Items: None

Adoption of Agenda
Mr. Hayes-Santos moved to approve adoption of the agenda. Mr. Posner seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Airport Business

Information Items

Mr. Mehrlich displayed photos of the various construction projects in progress.

Outbound Baggage Handling System (BHS) Phase II
Mr. Mehrlich reported that bollards are being poured for steel beams. He indicated that the access control gate and sidewalk are currently being installed. He reported that the conveyer is scheduled for delivery by July 30th and BHS mechanical installation will begin in August.

Fuel Farm Phase II (Existing Facility Renovation)
Mr. Mehrlich reported that the Jet-A tank replacement design is in progress. He indicated that in August, the Mogas/Diesel tank will be in the process of procurement.

Rental Car EV Charging Stations
Mr. Mehrlich reported that installation of the EV charging stations has begun and electrical work is in place.

General Information
Mr. Mehrlich announced that the Short-term parking lot has been renamed the “Surface Lot” and the Long-term parking lot is now known as the “Economy Lot”. New signage has been installed.

Mr. Mehrlich reported that Kimley-Horn has been present at the airport examining the condition of the pavement for all runways and taxiways as part of a statewide initiative. He noted that the final report is expected to be available in about one year but Kimley-Horn will be providing some of the data earlier to assist in the design of the Runway 11/29 rehabilitation.

Mr. Mehrlich provided a brief report regarding meetings held with with airlines at the JumpStart® Air Service Development conference earlier in June. He reported that American Airlines plans to soon operate E-190 aircraft in lieu of the E-145 on selected flights between GNV and CLT. In addition, American Airlines plans to operate six flights per day for GNV-CLT service through December of 2026. He noted that American Airlines is pleased with GNV-MIA service despite the slightly lower load factors on this route compared to GNV-CLT and GNV-DFW. Mr. Mehrlich reported that Delta Air Lines did not have much to offer in terms of additional service, however, the local station manager requested that parking markings for a B-737 be added to Gate 1. Mr. Mehrlich, however, cautioned that there are no B-737 aircraft in the schedule for Delta Air Lines.

Mr. Mehrlich reported that Southwest Airlines did not have any news to report. He reported that Allegiant asked for passenger data for destinations that have Allegiant crew bases and this information will be provided to the airline at the TakeOff Air Service Development Conference later this year. Mr. Mehrlich reported that United Airlines suggested that GNV meet with regional carrier SkyWest Airlines at the TakeOff Air Service Development Conference.

Mr. Mehrlich reported that Parking Utilization information has been added to the Information Items in the agenda packet.

Air Traffic Volume Report and Load Factors
CFO Matt Lyons reviewed the Air Traffic Volume, Fuel Flowage and Load Factor reports for June 2026.

Finance Report:
Mr. Lyons provided the Finance Report included in the agenda for the month ending June 30, 2026.

Revenue	June 2026 Actuals	June 2026 Budget	Variance Over / (Under)
Total Operating Revenue	$938,260.99	$894,923.64	$43,337.35

Expenses	June 2026 Actuals	June 2026 Budget	Over / (Under)

Total Expenses	$692,539.26	$692,817.21	($277.95)
Income (Loss) Before Depreciation and Interest	**$245,721.73**	**$202,106.43**	**$43,615.30**

Ms. Sims moved to accept the Finance Report. Mr. Posner seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Finance, Audit, & Operations Committee Report

FY2027 Employee Health Insurance Options and Employee Share of the Premium
Mr. Posner reported that the committee met and recommends that GACRAA absorb the entire 11.5% premium rate increase for the existing health insurance plans and keep the employee share at the FY2026 level for FY2027.

Ms. Sims moved to approve the committee recommendation to have GACRAA absorb the 11.5% rate increase and keep the employee share of the premium at the current FY2026 level for FY2027. Mr. Hayes-Santos seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Travel Reimbursement Policy Revisions – Resolution 26-022
Mr. Posner reported that the committee recommends a significant change in the travel and expense reimbursement policy to increase the milage reimbursement from $0.445 per mile to the IRS rate which as of July 1, 2026 is $0.76 per mile. He also briefly described per diem rate changes recommended by the committee.

Mr. Mehrlich reported that the revised policy would be consistent with GSA rates which allows for different per diem rates depending on travel location, for example travel to NYC would allow for higher per diem rate versus travel to Orlando.

Mr. Hayes-Santos moved to adopt Resolution 26-022 adopting a revised travel and expense reimbursement policy and providing for an effective date. Ms. Sims seconded the motion. A roll-call vote followed: Dr. Hooker – aye, Mr. Posner – aye, Ms. Renton – aye, Ms. Sims - aye, Ms. Callen – aye, Mr. Crawford – aye, Mr. Hayes-Santos – aye, and Mr. Thomas – aye. Motion passed 8-0.

Purchasing Policy Revisions
Mr. Posner moved to approve the Purchasing Policy revisions as recommended by the committee and as illustrated in the agenda. Mr. Hayes-Santos seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Election of Officers

Committee Chair Kinnon Thomas reported that at the previous Board meeting, the Governance and Nominating Committee recommended the following slate of candidates for office:

Office	Candidate
Chair	Staci Sims
Vice-Chair	Fred Posner
Secretary/Treasurer	Adrian Hayes-Santos

Mr. Thomas opened the floor for nominations. Hearing none, he closed the floor for nominations.

It was the consensus of the Board to approve the nominations presented by the Governance and Nominating Committee.

<u>**Banking Officer Signatures – Resolution 26-023**</u>
Mr. Thomas reported that with the election of officers concluded, the banking signatories need to be updated.

Mr. Posner moved to adopt Resolution 26-023 authorizing the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Gainesville-Alachua County Regional Airport Authority and the Chief Executive Office or his designee to act as signatories on the Authority's bank accounts. Mr. Hayes-Santos seconded the motion. A roll-call vote followed: Mr. Posner – aye, Ms. Renton – aye, Ms. Sims - aye, Ms. Callen – aye, Mr. Crawford – aye, Mr. Hayes-Santos – aye, Dr. Hooker – aye, and Mr. Thomas – aye. Motion passed 8-0.

<u>**FAA Grant #61 for New General Aviation Terminal Construction Project – Revised Resolution 26-020**</u>
Mr. Mehrlich reported that the FAA determined that additional items in General Aviation Terminal construction project will be eligible for reimbursement, thus slightly increasing the amount of the proposed grant.

Mr. Posner moved to adopt the revised Resolution 26-020 accepting a Grant Offer from the Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration on behalf of the Gainesville-Alachua County Regional Airport Authority. Mr. Hayes-Santos seconded the motion. A roll-call vote followed: Ms. Renton – aye, Ms. Sims - aye, Ms. Callen – aye, Mr. Crawford – aye, Mr. Hayes-Santos – aye, Dr. Hooker – aye, Mr. Posner – aye, and Mr. Thomas – aye. Motion passed 8-0.

<u>**Tenant Report**</u>
UAC President Zack Lukowski reported that work on renovations to the flight school have begun. He indicated that the project is due to be completed in November. Mr. Lukowski described the involvement of UAC in operating flights to transport blood projects for LifeSouth within the southeast.

<u>**Airport Authority Input**</u>
Mr. Posner commended airport, airline, and TSA staff for their work and assistance to passengers during a recent storm.

<u>**Adjournment**</u>
As there was no further business, Mr. Thomas adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

GACRAA Monthly Meeting

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Secretary/Treasurer	Date