

# Rock Hill – York County Airport Commission

## Minutes of Meeting May 20, 2025

The Commission met on the above date at the airport terminal with the following members present:

Col. Robert Burton – Chairman  
Michelle Ayer  
Rick Simeone  
Tom Dubrouillet

Tim Gause – Vice Chairman  
Raymond Crabb  
Frank Simpson

### Absent:

David Vehaun

Josh Edwards

### Others present included:

Steven Gould, Airport Director  
Kevin Madden, York County  
Elijah Handschumacher, Airport  
Roger Williams, FEHA  
Chris Johnson, Bueno Box Architecture

Brian Salyers, Talbert, Bright & Ellington  
Rick Shepard, Skytech  
Karl Kleiderer, AOPA ASN  
Luis Osuna, Vortex Aircraft Services

- I. Chairman Burton called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.
- II. Luis Osuna and Chris Johnson addressed the commission informing them as to why they have been delayed with their hangar projects. They are concerned with the deadline as it relates to their lease agreement. They are requesting consideration of an extension to allow more time to complete their hangars. Chairman Burton relayed that the commission would discuss further in executive session before making a recommendation.
- III. The meeting minutes from March 12, 2025, were approved as presented.
- IV. Standing Reports:
  - A. Airport Director:
    - Elijah Handschumacher began his 12 week summer airport internship on May 12, 2025.
    - Average monthly aircraft operations for March and April were: Jets – 241; Non-Jets – 2,663.
    - Average monthly fuel flowage for March and April were: Jet A – 23,085 gallons; AvGas – 9,029 gallons. Our first four months of 2025 have been the highest of any given time to begin the calendar year.
    - There are many airport access fob holders expiring soon, so we are working through the process of renewals. A new format has been created to make the application process simpler and easier to complete.
    - The airport held another successful Tour De York event on April 12<sup>th</sup> with 27 aircraft participating.
    - Skytech maintenance technician, Jake Doster, was recognized by the South Carolina Aviation Association as the 2025 Aviation Maintenance Technician of the Year. A recognition ceremony was held on April 29<sup>th</sup> during SC Aviation Week.
    - Notifications for Aeronautical-Use Hangar inspections will be sent soon and will begin June 1<sup>st</sup>.

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- We are using the state’s airport maintenance program to contract with a vegetation management company to address areas our equipment can’t handle as well as repair a few areas of property that are in disarray.
  - Fit 2 Fly 5K planning will begin soon and is planned for September 13, 2025.
- B. Skytech:
- Enjoyed participating in Tour De York
  - Pilatus has been affected by the international tariffs and production has slowed down some.
- C. Talbert, Bright & Ellington:
- Taxiway ‘J’ Rehab – Plan to schedule final inspection shortly.
  - West Side Corporate Taxilane – Revisions to the drawings have been made to fit the layout of the hangar developer’s plan.
  - Localizer Replacement – Received the shop drawings and are tentatively schedule for installation in August 2025.
  - Terminal Parking Lot Rehabilitation – We revised the schedule to complete in a shorter timeframe. Construction is complete. Working on punch list now.
  - South Apron Expansion – Survey and geotechnical investigation reports were received. Design of the expansion has begun.
  - Taxiway J Apron “A” Rehabilitation – Survey and geotechnical investigation reports were received. Design of the expansion has begun.
- D. Taxiway J HOA:
- Concerns about aircraft traffic on the taxiway now that the FEHA hangars are completed. New signage to be installed soon to assist.
  - There seems to be vehicle traffic blocking aircraft access on occasion.
- V. Old Business:
- None.
- VI. New Business:
- A. Chairman Burton proposed the creation of a Hangar Owners Association Liaison to represent the various HOAs on the Airport Commission. Kevin Madden suggested trying to create an Ex-Officio position to fill this role.
- VII. Additional Comments: None.
- VIII. The regular meeting convened into Executive Session at 3:45 PM.

<In accordance with South Carolina Code of Laws: Section 30-4-70(a)(2)>  
<Discussion of matters relating to contractual arrangements>

The commission reconvened into open session at 4:08 PM with no action resulting from the Executive Session.

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- IX. Meeting adjourned at 4:10 PM.
  - A. Next regular meeting is July 30, 2025 at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven A. Gould Jr., C.M. – Commission Secretary  
Minutes Approved this 30<sup>th</sup> day of July 2025