

**Lunken Airport Oversight Advisory Board Meeting Minutes  
February 9, 2026**

Present: Anne Sesler, Susan Brownknight, Jeff McClean, James Murray, Elissa Pogue, Pete Riddle, Jane Sites, Neil Tilow

Also: Bob Vickrey, Seth Timmerman, Mike Brenner, Dave Crockett, Mike Driller, Michael Hater, Jeff Mayerle, Elaine Luchi

I. Roll Call

While waiting for Board members' arrival, Bob was asked about an incident that occurred on the Airport over the weekend. A Flight Instructor and their student were forced to make a gear-up landing. James described it as a textbook emergency landing and noted that communication between the aircraft and the Control Tower was very professional. There was no major damage to the plane or the runway. A Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) of the runway closure was issued, but Lunken Operators were not directly notified. The City does not employ aircraft mechanics, but Lunken does have privately-owned, certified repair shops at the Airport.

Seth Timmerman was hired as the Aviation Division Manager. He is a private pilot and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Aviation Management from Indiana State University. He is intrigued by Lunken's history and excited to be in the Division Manager position.

II. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the December meeting were approved as written. Minutes are available at <https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/dote/lunken-airport/lunken-airport-boards/>

III. Hotel Development Update

Anthony was not in attendance, but he relayed to Bob that the selective demolition is almost complete.

It was reported that some members of the neighboring communities would like more details of the project from the developer. They are concerned that historical aspects of the terminal, such as the murals and other fixtures, are not being taken into consideration. Developer Guy van Rooyen has attended LAOAB meetings in the past, and it was suggested that he give an update at a future meeting. The City will request the schematics so that they may be posted on its website.

IV. Operations Report

Total operations for 2025 were 114,000. This is lower than normal compared to the last few years, but it may be an anomaly as opposed to a trend. January numbers also decreased which is most likely due to winter weather, the Level 3 snow emergency, and/or Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFR) when the Vice-President is in the area.

V. Financial Report

Revenues continue to increase, specifically rents and landing fees. Payroll expenses have risen as all open positions are now filled. Overall, net income is higher in FY 2026 than through the same period in FY 2025.

VI. Customs Facility Update

The consultant designing the renovation updated U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) on the project. Because the Airport is designated as a flood plain, staff are seeking a variance to allow for first floor occupancy in the facility. Transportation and Engineering (DOTE) will ask City Council for additional funding from the General Fund. It is not known if proceeds from sale of the railroad may be allocated for this.

VII. Strategic Business Plan

Meetings with stakeholders and public workshops were originally planned for March 23-24 but will be pushed out at least one week because the original dates fall during Cincinnati Public Schools spring break. The location for the public/focus group meetings have not been identified.

VIII. Land Development

Of the six respondents to the Request for Proposals for development of Lease Area 58 (6-acre parcel south of former Runway 3L/21R), five were invited to share more details with the selection committee. Bob will make a recommendation to the Director of DOTE by the end of February. The five interviewed already have a presence at Lunken.

IX. New Business

The Board introduced themselves to Seth and gave a brief history of their time on the LAOAB.

Noise continues to be a concern for the community representatives. At least one resident has contacted Mayor Pureval's office. The preferred method to register a noise complaint is to send an email to [lunken.airport@cincinnati-oh.gov](mailto:lunken.airport@cincinnati-oh.gov). Additionally, residents may call Lunken's main number at (513) 352-6340.

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Next meeting: Monday, April 13, 2026 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.