

**Lunken Airport Oversight Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**  
**April 13, 2026**

Present: Anne Sesler, Dave Crockett, James Murray, Elissa Pogue, Robert Roark, Jane Sites, Neil Tilow

Also: Seth Timmerman, Bob Vickrey, Mike Brenner, Anthony Cadle, Anthony Cacciatori, Mike Driller, Rick Miller, Howard P., Tim Zeis, Elaine Luchi

I. Roll Call

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

City staff and the development team meet weekly. The current deadline for construction commencement is July 15, but extension(s) may be granted. The developer has indicated he would like to hold a groundbreaking event involving the Mayor and City Manager, possibly in May. Elissa requested that a list of bullet points be created to address questions on this project.

The history of the project was discussed: In 2020, the City issued a Request for Information (RFI) to solicit proposals for use of the Terminal Building. Through the RFI process, the City began negotiations with vR Group to enter into a redevelopment contract for the building. The project was approved by the Planning Commission in early December 2021. City Planning staff and the developer conducted a public engagement meeting, and City Council approved the lease later that month. The vR Group has expressed interest in attending a future Board meeting to provide updates on the project.

IV. Operations Report

Operations increased in February and March compared to the last few months. Numbers are likely to continue to trend upward with better weather.

V. Financial Report

Net operating income is \$477,400 higher through the same period in the last fiscal year.

Lunken's landing fee collection provider uses Automatic Dependent Surveillance – Broadcast (ADS-B) which enables aircraft to be tracked for air traffic control and safety purposes. The Aircraft Operators and Pilots Association (AOPA) may pursue legislative action to prevent billing companies from using the technology for fee collection. This may result in a decrease in landing fee revenue.

VI. Customs Facility Update

Passero Associates continues to work on the design of the renovation of the Macy's hangar for use as U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) facility. The deadline for completion as set by CBP is May 2027.

VII. Strategic Business Plan

Focus Groups are set to meet with the consultants the week of April 20. The LAOAB participated in individual interviews, and they will also meet with Woolpert as a group. These sessions will be held at Signature Aviation South on Airport Road.

VIII. Land Development

Kroger was selected as the preferred developer of Lease Area 58 (6-acre parcel south of former Runway 3L/21R). City staff have been meeting with Kroger bi-monthly and would like to have a lease on the City Council Calendar before their summer recess.

IX. New Business

None

Submitted by Elaine Luchi  
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Next meeting: Monday, June 8, 2026 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.