

MINUTES OF MEETING
RHODE ISLAND AIRPORT CORPORATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2026, AT 8:45 AM
IN THE MARY BRENNAN BOARD ROOM
RHODE ISLAND T. F. GREEN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
2000 POST ROAD, WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND

The meeting of the Rhode Island Airport Corporation (RIAC) Board of Directors was called to order by Chair, Jonathan Savage at 8:45 a.m., in accordance with the notice duly posted pursuant to the Open Meetings Act (R.I.G.L. §42-46-1 et seq.).

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jonathan Savage, John Justo, Jeffrey Bogosian, Deborah Thomas, and Gregory Pizzuti.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Christopher Little.

ALSO PRESENT: Iftikhar Ahmad, President and CEO, and those members listed on the attendance sheet attached hereto.

1. Approval of the Minutes:

A motion was made by **Mr. Traficante** to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of February 12, 2026. The motion was seconded by **Mr. Bogosian**.

The motion was passed unanimously.

2. Public Comments:

No written comments were received.

3. Report from the President and CEO:

- **Mr. Ahmad** stated that we are proud to share that for the second consecutive year, Rhode Island T. F. Green International Airport has been named the fastest-growing airport in the United States, based on FAA passenger data. This distinction underscores RIAC's commitment to operational excellence, an enhanced passenger experience, and the strategic vision driven by our dedicated team.
- **Mr. Ahmad** stated that looking ahead to the next six months, we expect a decline in enplanements driven by two primary factors: our upcoming runway construction impacts on Runway 5-23 and broader geopolitical pressures affecting airline networks and pricing. Runway 5-23, at 8,700 feet, is our longer runway, while Runway 16-34, at 6,081 feet, is our shorter runway. As a result, airlines are adjusting aircraft size to meet performance requirements on the shorter runway. This downgauging reduces available seat capacity, and we expect a corresponding decrease in passenger volumes. In addition, elevated fuel costs are placing upward pressure on fares and dampening demand. Taken together, these conditions create a window to advance our capital program, positioning the airport to emerge stronger and better aligned with future demand.

- **Mr. Ahmad** stated that in February, PVD celebrated the inaugural nonstop Breeze Airways flight to Cancun, Mexico, with a lively gate-side event, complete with live music, refreshments, and branded giveaways. This addition to our network represents not only an exciting step toward expanding connectivity and visibility but also the opportunity to amplify our economic impact, delivering increased value for the state and our passengers.
- **Mr. Ahmad** stated that on March 4, the Spring House Seafood Grill opened in the terminal, marking another milestone in our transformation. With its fresh seafood and coastal-inspired menu, the restaurant offers an elevated dining experience and captures the sense of place we strive to cultivate.
- **Mr. Ahmad** stated that on March 13, Irish step dancers performed in Baggage Claim in celebration of St. Patrick's Day. Events like this delight travelers and highlight our dedication to community engagement by creating memorable experiences for everyone who passes through PVD.

- **Department Updates:**

- (a) **Financial Report and Passenger Activity**

Ms. Williams presented an update on the December 2025 state of revenues and expenses with comparisons to the prior year and budgets, and update on overtime. **Mr. Persson** presented an update on overtime.

- 4. **Action Items:**

- (a) **To authorize the President and CEO, or his designee, to execute a professional services contract with CHA Consulting, Inc. in the amount of \$598,095 for final design and bid phase services for parking Lot D improvements at Rhode Island T. F. Green International Airport.**

Ms. Mineker presented the action item for final design and bid phase services for parking Lot D improvements at PVD. There was discussion regarding the Cell Phone Lot.

A motion was made by **Mr. Bogosian** and seconded by **Mr. Traficante** to approve the recommendation.

The motion was passed unanimously.

- (b) **To authorize the President and CEO, or his designee, to execute an amendment to the task order with Michael Baker International, Inc. in the amount of \$275,100 for additional design phase services associated with an alternate emergency operations center and concessions shell space at Rhode Island T. F. Green International Airport.**

Ms. Mineker presented the action item for additional design phase services associated with an alternate emergency operations center (EOC) and concessions shell space at PVD. There

was discussion regarding the current EOC location and the plans for the concession space.

A motion was made by **Mr. Traficante** and seconded by **Ms. Thomas** to approve the recommendation.

The motion was passed unanimously.

- (c) To authorize the President and CEO, or his designee, to execute a construction change order with Bentley Companies in the amount of \$1,254,910 to facilitate changes to phasing, including a compressed construction timeline and the early completion of Gate 7 for the Gates 7 and 8 Reconfiguration Project at Rhode Island T. F. Green International Airport.

Ms. Mineker presented the action item for changes to phasing, including a compressed construction timeline and the early completion of Gate 7 for the Gates 7 and 8 Reconfiguration Project at PVD. There was discussion regarding the selection process and change order standards.

A motion was made by **Mr. Traficante** and seconded by **Ms. Thomas** to approve the recommendation.

The motion was passed unanimously.

- (d) To authorize the President and CEO, or his designee, to execute a construction contract with Arden Engineering Constructors, LLC in the amount of \$147,266 for the replacement of the boiler system at the Block Island State Airport terminal to restore base building heat and functionality.

Mr. Persson presented the action item for replacement of the boiler system at the BID terminal.

A motion was made by **Mr. Traficante** and seconded by **Mr. Pizzuti** to approve the recommendation.

The motion was passed unanimously.

- (e) To authorize the President and CEO, or his designee, to execute a contract with Encore Fire Protection in the amount of \$329,562 for three years of fire protection inspection and support services at Rhode Island T. F. Green International Airport.

Ms. Damicis presented the action item for fire protection inspection and support services at PVD.

A motion was made by **Mr. Traficante** and seconded by **Ms. Thomas** to approve the recommendation.

The motion was passed unanimously.

6. Future Meetings:

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 9, 2026, at 8:30 a.m., in the Mary Brennan Board Room, Rhode Island T. F. Green International Airport, Warwick, Rhode Island.

7. Adjournment:

Mr. Bogosian moved to adjourn at approximately 9:15 a.m. **Mr. Traficante** seconded the motion.

The motion was passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon Savage, Chair
Rhode Island Airport Corporation

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE SHEET
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<u>NAME</u>	<u>AFFILIATION</u>
Brittany Morgan	RIAC
Dawn Mineker	RIAC
Nicole Williams	RIAC
Nikolas Persson	RIAC
Jessica Damicis	RIAC
Sapha Mabrouk	RIAC
David Spalding	RIAC
Joseph Rodio, Jr.	Rodio & Ursillo, Ltd.