

AIRPORT COMMISSION MINUTES

April 14, 2026

3:00 P.M.

Danville Regional Airport – Eastern Conference Room

The following were present for the Danville Regional Airport Commission meeting held on Tuesday, April 14, 2026.

Attendees:

Sid Allgood, Chairman	Travis Williams, Averett University	Marc Adelman, Director
Phil Hall	Earl Reynolds, Deputy City Manager	Todd Pinekenstein, Trans. Bld.
Gene Jackson	Alan Spencer, Deputy City Attorney	Grounds Superintendent
Bob Jiranek		Lisa Bivens, Trans. Senior
Fred Shanks		Admin. Assistant
Hampton Wilkins		

Guests:

Marcio Couto, Instructor and Program Manager of Aviation Maintenance Technology, Danville Community College

Melissa Mann, Dean of Career & Technical Education, Danville Community College
Chairman

Will Robinson, Aviation Maintenance Technology Instructor, Danville Community College

Ken Bowman, Supervisor Chatham-Blairs District, Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors

Sid Allgood called the meeting to order and requested a roll call.

Approval of Agenda

Phil Hall made a motion to approve the agenda for the April 14, 2026, Airport Commission meeting. Fred Shanks seconded the motion; all members in attendance were in favor and the motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Fred Shanks and seconded by Bob Jiranek to approve the minutes of March 10, 2026, Airport Commission meeting as presented. All members in attendance were in favor and the motion passed.

Public Comment

No public comments received.

New Business

Topic: Update on the Status of Erosion Control Mitigation Project

Action: Todd Pinekenstein updated the Airport Commission regarding the status of the Erosion Control Mitigation

Disposition: The Erosion Control Mitigation project should be completed later in April.

Todd Pinekenstein updated the Airport Commission members regarding the status of the Erosion Control Mitigation Project. He explained the project was progressing well but had experienced a delay involving the clearing of vegetation and soil stabilization in the original stormwater basin area.

Topic: Update on the Status of Erosion Control Mitigation Project (Continued)

Although the project specifications require that the stormwater basin area be cleared and stabilized, the contractor was reluctant to perform the work due to the extremely wet conditions in the area. The area was eventually cleared of vegetation, which should promote drying, and eventually allow for the area to be seeded. Marc Adelman said that the inspection firm indicated that it could be months before the area dries out enough to support seeding requirements. Discussion continued.

Topic: Update on Air Ambulance Modular Building Project

Action: Marc Adelman updated the Airport Commission concerning the status of the Air Methods project.

Disposition: Communications will continue with the company to support construction goals

Marc Adelman indicated that on April 8, 2026, a virtual meeting was held with the Air Methods Real Estate staff to discuss their plans to initiate construction of the modular building. Air Methods indicated that they want to begin construction activities in May if possible. However, they have yet to sign the 2024 lease agreement that was executed by the City Manager and approved by City Council almost two years ago. Marc Adelman said he has a meeting scheduled with the City Attorney's office to discuss the status of the lease.

On April 22nd Air Methods' general contractor will meet on site to discuss the modular building project with Blair Construction, WRA Inspection Services, and multiple city inspectors to address building construction and utility connection installation requirements. Marc Adelman said Air Methods would like to begin operations in July; however the helicopter would only be stored in Danville under good weather conditions, and it would be stored elsewhere if bad weather is expected so it could be under roof.

Topic: Update on the Aviation Training Facility Building and Hangar Projects

Action: Marc Adelman updated the Airport Commission concerning the status of the Aviation Training Facility Building and Hangar projects.

Disposition: Construction work continues for the hangar and Aviation Training Facility building.

Marc Adelman updated the Airport Commission regarding the status of the Aviation Training Facility and hangar projects. Specific information concerning the status of both projects is identified below.

Hangar 300

- Pour concrete next week – steel piers
- Install insulation this week and roof panels
- Hangar door expected to be delivered this week
- Possible completion of hangar – August 2026

Aviation Training Center Building

- Concrete footings for 20 of the 36 piers to be poured April 15, 2026
- Other footings could not be poured due to the overlap with the hangar construction work
- Underground electrical, plumbing, and fire system installation begins next month
- Stone for floor of building expected to be installed by August 2026

Topic: Aviation Training Facility Building and Hangar Projects (Continued)

Marc Adelman said that Danville Community College (DCC) expects fifty (50) students will be enrolled in their aviation maintenance program by year two and could potentially need 60 reserved parking spaces. Averett University indicated they expect that a total of seventy-five (75) students and faculty will access the new building each day. Marc Adelman said that Todd Pinekenstein counted the spaces in the long-term parking lot and there are 67 spaces available. The total number of available parking spaces along Airport Drive including the long-term parking lot includes 119 spaces. Marc Adelman said that Averett University and DCC will discuss related parking issues since there are not enough parking spaces to accommodate all needs identified. There has been some discussion regarding expanding the current shuttle service provided by Danville Transit to the airport to help mitigate parking requirements.

Due to significant pavement deterioration adjacent to the long-term parking lot, the airport plans to pursue a state aviation grant to rehabilitate the parking lot area before the Aviation Training Facility building opens. The ability to secure state aviation funding for parking lots is directly related to public/private use of the spaces. More state funding is available relative to public parking use. The airport has also submitted a grant application to the Virginia Department of Aviation to complete a Terminal Area Plan that will be considered at the May Virginia Aviation Board meeting. One of the objectives of this plan is to look at alternative parking arrangements to increase capacity. Discussion continued.

Topic: Review of Presentation that will be completed with City Council on April 21, 2026.

Action: Phil Hall reviewed the presentation slides that will be shared with City Council on April 21, 2026.

Phil Hall reviewed the presentation slides that will be shared with City Council on April 21, 2026. The goal of the presentation is to share with City Council the airport’s progress regarding projects that are currently underway or will be completed during FY2027. Projects to be discussed with City Council are listed below.

Project	Description
Erosion Control Mitigation Project	Modifications to an existing stormwater system linked to the airport’s south ramp will be completed to support drainage requirements
South Ramp Site Prep Construction	Planned improvements: grading for corporate hangar development, service road connections, and a 30-space automobile parking lot.
Modular Building	Air Methods will construct a 58’ x 26’ modular building to support crew needs
Design services for new 80’ x 80’ hangar	Project will address utility connections and construction of a corporate hangar
Corporate Hangar Site Prep Construction: T-Hangar Building Area	Grading and drainage improvements to support up to 39,000 square feet of future hangar space and construction of a 39-space automobile parking lot to support airport development activities.
Aviation Training Facility Building	A 13,244 square foot building will be shared by Danville Community College and Averett University to support aviation maintenance and flight training.
Hangar for Aviation Training Facility Project	A new 6,400 square foot hangar will be constructed that will be used by Averett University’s fleet so an existing corporate hangar can be renovated and occupied by Danville Community College

Topic: Review of Presentation that will be completed with City Council on April 21, 2026. (Continued)

In addition to reviewing projects with City Council, members will be informed about the education partnership opportunities and the Aviation Exposure Outreach Program with Averett University, Danville Community College, Danville Public Schools and Danville Regional Airport, and the upcoming Goodyear Education 5K by the Runway, which will be held April 25, 2026. Please see below for additional information concerning partnership opportunities and the Aviation Outreach Work-Based learning program.

- Education and Partnership Opportunities – The Aviation training facility project will expand workforce training opportunities and facilitate planned aviation exposure outreach program activities with Danville Public Schools, Averett University, Danville Community College, and the Danville Regional Airport.
- Aviation Exposure Outreach Program – Danville Public Schools’ Aviation Science students will gain exposure to the following:
 - Airport facilities and navigational aids, capital improvement planning and grant process, unique airport grounds equipment, annual Free Fly Day program and aviation business activities (Air Methods).
 - Averett University’s flight instruction training and FBO operational activities, plane rides provided to students by flight instructors, and awareness of career opportunities.
 - Danville Community College’s aviation maintenance training program, which includes use of virtual reality shop equipment and awareness of career opportunities.
- Goodyear’s Education 5K by the Runway – This event is sponsored by Goodyear supporting the United Way. The race will begin and end on airport property. Averett University will stage aircraft along the terminal ramp during the event and provide a free Discovery Flight as a raffle prize for race participants.

Phil Hall said he plans to start the presentation by thanking City Council for their support of the airport because without their support and assistance none of this would be possible. Sid Allgood said he wanted to thank everyone that participated in preparing the presentation for an outstanding job.

Topic: FBO Management Update

Action: Averett University staff updated members on recent FBO activities.

Disposition: AU Aviation Services will provide additional updates at the next meeting.

Travis Williams updated the Airport Commission concerning FBO activities. He said that fuel prices continue to be a hot topic. Fuel prices continued to increase, going up by thirty (\$.30) cents per gallon since the last meeting, however the prices came back down by twenty-five (\$.25) cents during this last week. He indicated that hopefully the prices will continue to come down when the next load of fuel is purchased in about two weeks. Travis Williams also stated that the FBO’s new mechanic is in his third week of training and continues to do well. The new mechanic will work ten hours a day, five days a week and hopefully provide some coverage every other Saturday.

Topic: FBO Management Update (Continued)

Travis Williams mentioned that nine (9) Discovery Flights will be completed for high school students enrolled in Danville Public Schools Aviation Science Program. The students will spend about three hours seeing what it is like being an aviation student in the Averett Flight program. Travis Williams added that they continue to work with the planners of the Goodyear Education 5K race. He indicated that the university is helping to promote the event through their media platforms. Averett's marketing team will be in attendance for the Discovery Flight activity and will produce a video to promote Averett's partnerships in the community.

Communications

Ken Bowman was present at the meeting and commented that the Pittsylvania County Board of Commissioners need to see the presentation that Phil Hall will provide to Danville City Council members. He said he is a supporter of the airport, and we need to get the word out.

Gene Jackson asked about the security on the airfield to keep someone from going out on an active runway or taxiway when the parking lots are finished inside airport property. Todd Pinekenstein said that those parking in the lots must have a gate access card to enter and park in the lots.

Phil Hall recognized William Robinson, a full-time aviation maintenance instructor for DCC's Aviation Maintenance Program.

Bob Jiranek said what is happening in Danville is a small part of what is happening in southside Virginia and there is a lot of industry and there may be a need for scheduled airline service to serve the growing population.

Sid Allgood thanked everyone that attended the annual Chamber of Commerce meeting. He also mentioned planning the next airport planning retreat.

Adjournment

The Airport Commission meeting adjourned at 3:54 pm.