

AIRPORT COMMISSION MINUTES

May 12, 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, May 12, 2026.

Attendees:

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

Guests:

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 May 12, 2026, Airport Commission meeting. Gene Jackson seconded the motion; all members in attendance were in favor and the motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Gene Jackson and seconded by Doug Appleton to approve the minutes of April 14, 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: Marc Adelman updated the Airport Commission regarding the status of the Erosion Control Mitigation project.

Disposition: Geotechnical analysis will be completed to determine what additional drainage requirements are needed for the sedimentary basin to drain properly.

Marc Adelman updated the Airport Commission members about the status of the Erosion Control Mitigation project. He explained that most of the project is complete, however, the grass is not expected to fully germinate until fall. During a recent progress meeting it was identified to the airport engineering firm that the sedimentary basin area is not draining properly. Due to this issue, it was recommended that geotechnical analysis should be completed to determine what additional modifications are needed for the sedimentary basin to drain properly.

Topic: Update on the Corporate Hangar Site Prep Construction Project

Action: Marc Adelman updated the Airport Commission concerning the status of the Corporate Hangar Site Prep Construction project.

Disposition: The project should be completed by the end of June 2026

Marc Adelman updated the Airport Commission regarding the status of the Corporate Hangar Site Prep Construction project. Blair Construction indicated during a progress meeting that all the grading for the project including the pad, retaining wall and finish grade for the automobile parking lot area will be completed by the end of May. Once this work is completed 4" of asphalt will be paved in the aircraft parking ramp area and 3.5" of asphalt will be paved in the automobile parking lot area. During the meeting, the contractor also indicated the entire project should be completed in June 2026.

Topic: Update on Air Ambulance Modular Building Project

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

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

Marc Adelman indicated that Air Methods representatives visited the airport last week and indicated that they would like to place temporary housing structures on the airfield until they can move forward with constructing the modular building. The modular building cannot be occupied until permanent utility connections are brought to the site. During the meeting, Air Methods representatives said that the HCA Healthcare agreement was recently signed, which would allow the company to move forward with constructing the modular building.

During the visit with Air Methods staff different locations were looked at in the t-hangar building area and adjacent to the south ramp to accommodate the temporary housing units. The temporary housing units will be required to maintain access to a water line according to the City's Planning Division. Marc Adelman said that since the airport will require the helicopter to take off and land from the south ramp it would be beneficial if the temporary units were positioned as close to the south ramp as possible. Utility connections for water, electric and sanitary sewer are required for the modular building. The Planning Division also identified that a parking lot must be completed to support the modular building that will be accomplished when the Corporate Hangar Site Prep construction project is completed. Air ambulance operations are expected to begin this summer. Discussion continued.

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 concerning the status of the Aviation Training Facility and hangar projects. Specific information related to both projects is identified below.

Hangar 300

- Installation of the water, gas and electric lines should be completed in May.
- Installation of the exhaust fan and roof vent should be completed over the next couple of weeks.
- The forced air gas heating units will be installed this spring.

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

Hangar 300

- A hangar door track system design issue has delayed project completion.

Aviation Training Center Building

- Forty-six (46) steel columns were designed to construct the entire building.
- Fourteen (14) footings are left to be completed.
- This week concrete will be poured for ten (10) of the fourteen (14) remaining footings.
- Four (4) column footings were designed too close to the storm water system.
- A change order funding request was submitted on May 7, 2026, to the Economic Development Administration for \$8,885 to modify the four (4) footings.
- In two weeks, a subcontractor is expected to begin erecting steel for at least forty-two (42) columns.
- If the four (4) footings that require modification are not completed while the steel subcontractor is on site, the company is expected to return and complete the final four (4) footings that require modification with a crane from Airport Drive.
- Once the steel is erected, then underground work (fire system and electric) will begin before the concrete slab work begins.

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 have increased for the past seven weeks. He also mentioned that aviation fuel prices across the area are based on when the load of fuel is received and the price of fuel at that time. Currently, Avgas is \$7.47 per gallon, and Jet A is \$7.41 per gallon.

Travis Williams mentioned that the first Virginia International Raceway (VIR) event of the season is occurring this weekend. However, he added that this event typically does not generate a lot of jet traffic. He indicated the first big VIR event is scheduled for June 19th – 22nd and should bring in more jet traffic. He indicated that the FBO has hired a new line service technician who will start next week and should be approved to work on his own soon.

Travis Williams stated that seventy-five (75) aviation students are staying over during the summer session. In addition, he mentioned there are several camps scheduled for this summer and field trips will be completed in June for the Virginia Governors School program. The recent Discovery Flights completed with Danville Public Schools (DPS) went very well. He also mentioned that Averett University is partnering with DPS to look at trying to obtain additional grant funds to complete other aviation educational programs. Marc Adelman said that he and Travis Williams will complete their first field trip with DPS Aviation Science students on May 18th.

Communications

Sid Allgood said that Phil Hall completed a presentation regarding the airport to City Council and did an amazing job. He mentioned that there has been a lot of interest in completing a presentation to the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors and hopefully that will happen soon. He indicated that at the last Airport Commission meeting it was mentioned about having a strategic planning meeting, but he stated we will not have that at this time. However, he stated that he met with Marc Adelman recently and discussed the possibility of developing an Airport Strategic Plan and was informed that this is one of the services that the airport's engineering firm, Delta Airport Consultants, offers. Sid Allgood asked the Commission members to let him know of any ideas they may have that can be incorporated into the Strategic Plan.

Stephen Daniel said he could not attend the City Council presentation but wanted to thank Phil Hall and Marc Adelman for making the airport visible.

Doug Appleton mentioned that on Sunday, May 10th, 2026, a transient pilot from Greenville, South Carolina needed to make an unscheduled stop in Danville due to a mechanical issue. Due to the nature of this stop, a replacement part was needed to resolve the issue. Since this occurred on a Sunday morning and during a holiday weekend, there was no local mechanic on duty. However, with the assistance of the FBO and an Averett instructor, the pilot was able to obtain assistance from Dix Aviation, which is located at the South Boston airport. Once Dix Aviation arrived on the field and made repairs, the pilot and plane were able to resume their journey in a short amount of time.

Phil Hall said he was glad that the presentation regarding airport improvements was completed with the City Council. He stated that during the previous strategic planning workshop, it was discussed that the Commission should provide marketing outreach, and he added that is basically what we did during this presentation. It seems that it generated a firestorm of activity for Marc Adelman and Travis Williams with interviews.

Bob Jiranek said that southside Virginia and North Carolina may need scheduled airline service. Marc Adelman said that a big issue for this airport in planning for commercial air service is going to be ground transportation parking. He indicated with the Aviation Training Facility project, sixty (60) reserved parking spaces are needed for Danville Community College and upwards of fifty (50) or more spaces are needed for Averett University but only 125 parking spaces are presently available along Airport Drive near the terminal building. Discussion continued.

Closed Session

The Airport Commission convened into a closed meeting at 3:56 pm. The Airport Commission reconvened into an open meeting at 4:14 pm.

Adjournment

The Airport Commission meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm.