

**SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE MISSISSIPPI AIRPORTS ASSOCIATION**

**December 18, 2025**

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of the Mississippi Airports Association (the “Association”) convened a special meeting (the “Meeting”) of the Board at 10:00 a.m. on December 18, 2025 via videoconference (Zoom) in accordance with Section 6.4.3 of the Bylaws of the Association.

**1. ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM.**

President Williams called the Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and called the roll of Directors. The following Directors were present and participated in the Meeting:

Clay Williams, President, Gulfport-Biloxi Regional Airport Authority  
Matt Dowell, Vice-President, Golden Triangle Regional Airport (joined at 10:30 a.m.)  
Tommy Booth, Michael Baker International  
Rosa Beckett, Jackson Municipal Airport Authority (joined at 10:15 a.m.)  
Mike Forster, Louisville-Winston County Airport  
Levell Hawkins, Mid Delta Regional Airport  
Tom Henderson, Neel-Schaffer, Inc.  
Austin Jenkins, Stennis International Airport  
Clint Johnson, Cleveland Municipal Airport  
Wes Kirkpatrick, Monroe County Airport  
Donna Sowers, Roscoe Turner Airport  
Tom Williams, Meridian Airport

The following additional individuals were present and participated in the Meeting:

Kathy Kenne, Tellōs Marketing, LLC, Executive Director  
Will Schuller, Federal Aviation Administration  
Josh Stubbs, Mississippi Department of Transportation (via teleconference)  
Jeff Wagner, Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC, General Counsel  
(joined at 10:10 a.m.)

President Williams noted that a quorum was present and declared that the Meeting was competent to proceed with the business identified on the Agenda attached to these Minutes as Attachment 1.

**2. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2025 ANNUAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES.**

The next matter to come before the Board was consideration of the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors held on September 18, 2025. Mr. Williams noted that Mr.

Wagner had distributed draft minutes of the September 18, 2025 meeting to the Board via email prior to the meeting. After discussion, upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously approved the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Board held on September 18, 2025. President Williams directed that the Minutes be filed in the Minute Book of the Association.

### **3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT.**

President Williams remarked on the Annual Conference, noting the quality of the facilities, the speakers and the attendance. President Williams commended Tom Heanue on the job that he, Ms. Kenne and the other members of the 2025 Annual Conference Committees did in planning the 2025 Annual Conference.

President Williams stated that he looked forward to serving as President of the Association and working with the other members of the Board of Directors on matters of interest to airports in the state.

### **4. TREASURER'S REPORT.**

#### **A. Financial Update.**

The next matter to come before the Board was the Q4 Financial Update for the Association by Mr. Jenkins, a copy of which is attached to these minutes as Attachment 2. Mr. Jenkins stated that the Annual Conference was a big success for the Association financially, and that the Association continues to be in very good financial condition, which should improve even more as the remaining outstanding Association dues are received. Dues invoices were sent to members in October. President Williams noted that airports with outstanding dues invoices would be divided up between Board members for personal contact. Mr. Jenkins noted that part of the reason for the positive result from the Annual Conference was that sponsorships were considerably higher than prior years. Following discussion, Mr. Kirkpatrick moved, and Mr. Booth seconded, that the Q4 Financial Update be accepted as submitted. There being no further discussion, President Williams called for a vote on the matter with all directors present voting in the affirmative. President Williams declared the motion approved.

#### **B. FY 2026 Budget.**

The next matter to come before the Board was consideration of a proposed budget for the 2026 Fiscal Year of the Association, a copy of which is attached to these minutes as Attachment 3. Mr. Jenkins noted that the proposed budget had been prepared working with Ms. Kenne and the executive officers of the Association. Following discussion of the proposed budget, Mr. Henderson moved, and Mr. Tom Williams seconded, that the proposed budget be accepted as submitted. There being no further discussion, President Williams called for a vote on the matter with all directors present voting in the affirmative. President Williams declared the proposed budget approved and thanked Mr. Jenkins for his work in putting together the budget for the Association.

## **5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT.**

Ms. Kenne stated that although membership numbers are good, the Association continues to work to bring in new members and to bring back former members that have left the Association. Ms. Kenne noted that Mr. Heanue has approached the Natchez-Adams County Airport about rejoining the Association and is optimistic the airport may rejoin this year.

Ms. Kenne indicated that the Association would need to get signature cards from all the new signatories for the Association's accounts. Ms. Kenne stated each signatory could go into any local Trustmark branch to sign.

## **6. COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

### **A. 2026 Annual Conference and Meeting.**

Ms. Kenne reminded everyone that the 2026 Conference will be in Biloxi, September 30 – October 2, 2026, to be hosted by the Gulfport-Biloxi Regional Airport Authority. The venue will be the Beau Rivage. President Williams stated that he would like to assemble a Program/Speaker Committee for the Conference. Ms. Beckett, Mr. Booth, Mr. Hawkins and Mr. Henderson volunteered to serve on the committee.

### **B. 2027 Annual Conference and Meeting.**

Ms. Kenne reminded the Board that the 2027 Annual Conference will be in Jackson, hosted by the Jackson Municipal Airport Authority.

## **7. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT.**

The next matter to come before the Board was a report from the Legislative Committee. President Williams thanked Mr. Kirkpatrick for agreeing to serve as Chair of the Legislative Committee.

### **A. Capitol Day.**

President Williams noted that the Association's Capitol Day will be January 28, 2026. Ms. Kenne indicated that the Association will not have a table that would need to be manned, thereby allowing airport directors more freedom to move about and meet with Legislators. President Williams suggested that one of the main messages to the Legislature should be to continue the legacy Multi-Modal Improvements Program which has funding criteria that more closely matches the types of development projects that benefit airports in the state.

Ms. Beckett suggested that the Association consider a reception of some type in association with Capitol Day. President Williams suggested entertaining a small, select group of Legislators this year and considering a broader effort next year.

## **B. Proposed Legislation – Abandoned Vehicles.**

President Williams indicated that the Jackson Municipal Airport Authority (JMAA) has requested that the Association support legislation that would allow airports to dispose of abandoned vehicles without having to involve the city or county. JMAA has provided information concerning the proposal which was circulated prior to the meeting, a copy of which is attached to these minutes as Attachment 4. Mr. Tom Williams stated that he is fully in favor of the proposal. Mr. Tom Williams then moved, and Mr. Kirkpatrick seconded, that the Association support the proposal. There being no further discussion, President Williams called for a vote on the matter with all directors present voting in the affirmative.

Ms. Beckett then suggested that the Association also consider supporting the ability of airports to enter into Public-Private Partnerships (3P) as a means of helping to encourage airport development, perhaps following the Mississippi Department of Transportation model. Mr. Wagner suggested that the Legislature may be amenable, noting that the Association had successfully lobbied previously for including municipal and regional airport authorities in the list of public entities in Mississippi that may participate in New Markets Tax Credit Developments as a form of Public-Private Partnership.

## **8. OLD BUSINESS.**

There was no Old Business for the Board to consider.

## **9. NEW BUSINESS.**

### **A. Credit Card Competition Act.**

President Williams stated that he had been contacted about sending a letter programs to members of the Mississippi congressional delegation generally in the form of Attachment 5 concerning the Credit Card Competition Act and the affect it may have on co-branded credit cards and loyalty. Following discussion, the consensus of the Board was for President Williams to circulate a proposed letter for consideration of the Board.

### **B. Airport Hazards.**

The next matter to come before the Board was discussion of airport hazards and, in particular, the provisions of the Mississippi Airport Zoning Law, §61-7-1 *et seq.*, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended. Mr. Wagner advised the Board that he had been contacted by several members of the Board concerning the Airport Zoning Law and the ways under the Airport Zoning Law that airport operators could protect their airports and aviation from hazards to aviation. Mr. Wagner advised the Board that the Airport Zoning Law authorizes zoning regulations to prevent the creation or establishment of airport hazards or, to the extent zoning regulations may not be the appropriate method due to constitutional restrictions or otherwise, the acquisition of rights in property (e.g., easements, height restrictions, etc.) to prevent the establishment or creation of hazards. Mr. Wagner indicated he would be pleased to provide more information concerning the Airport Zoning Law at a later meeting.

## **10. OTHER MATTERS.**

### **A. MDOT Report.**

Mr. Stubbs indicated that Strategic Multimodal Investments Fund awards would be announced in February 2026 with legacy Multi-Modal Improvement Program awards to follow later in the spring.

### **B. FAA Report.**

Mr. Schuller noted that “go letters” relating to Airport Improvement Program awards should be issued by the end of December allowing recipients to commence work without concern over the work being deemed ineligible.

### **C. Airport Updates.**

President Williams offered each director the opportunity to advise the Board on any updates at their airports.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further business to come before the Meeting, upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously adopted, the Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Clay Williams, President  
Mississippi Airports Association

## **ATTACHMENT 1**

### **MISSISSIPPI AIRPORTS ASSOCIATION SPECIAL MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS 11:30 A.M., THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2025 (VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE)**

1. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum
2. Approval of Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors held on September 18, 2025
3. President's Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Executive Director's Report
6. Committee Reports
  - A. 2026 Annual Conference Committee
  - B. 2027 Annual Conference Committee
  - C. Legislative Committee
    - (1) Capitol Day proposed for January 28, 2026
    - (2) Abandoned Vehicles at Airports
7. Old Business
8. New Business
  - A. Credit Card Competition Act
  - B. Airport Hazards
9. Other Matters
  - A. MDOT Update
  - B. FAA Update
  - C. Airport Updates
10. Adjournment

Mississippi Airports Association  
Minutes of the December 18, 2025  
Special Board of Directors Meeting

**ATTACHMENT 2**  
**Q4 FINANCIAL UPDATE**  
**[ATTACH]**

# MAA Financial Update

Q4 2025 Financial Report

December 18, 2025

Austin Jenkins

Treasurer







# Balance Sheet

- Cash increase of \$19.4K
- No other issues noted

			Sep 30, 25	Sep 30, 24	\$ Change
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Current Assets					
Checking/Savings					
	1001 - Operating - Trustmark		91,047.85	71,593.35	19,454.50
	Total Checking/Savings		91,047.85	71,593.35	19,454.50
	Total Current Assets		91,047.85	71,593.35	19,454.50
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>			<b>91,047.85</b>	<b>71,593.35</b>	<b>19,454.50</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>					
Equity					
	3010 - Fund Balance		71,593.35	50,394.87	21,198.48
	Net Income		19,454.50	21,198.48	-1,743.98
	Total Equity		91,047.85	71,593.35	19,454.50
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>			<b>91,047.85</b>	<b>71,593.35</b>	<b>19,454.50</b>



# Q4 2025 Income

- 90% of Budget – Association Revenues
- Association and Conference Revenues in Q4
- Positive Outlook
- Exceeded Budgeted Amounts

	Oct '24 - Sep 25	Budget	\$ Over Budget	Oct '24 - Sep 25	YTD Budget	Variance	Annual Budget
Income							
5100 - Association Earned Revenues							
5100.1 - Airport Membership Dues	47,000.00	44,000.00	3,000.00	47,000.00	44,000.00	3,000.00	44,000.00
5100.2 - Corporate Membership Dues	6,250.00	7,000.00	-750.00	6,250.00	7,000.00	-750.00	7,000.00
5100.3 - Student Membership Dues	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.00	50.00	-50.00	50.00
5100.4 - Retiree Membership Dues	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.00	100.00	-100.00	100.00
5100.5 - Online Fees Income	2.29	0.88	1.41	2.29	0.88	1.41	0.88
5100.6 - Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 5100 - Association Earned Revenues	53,252.29	51,150.88	2,101.41	53,252.29	51,150.88	2,101.41	51,150.88
5200 - Conference Earned Revenues							
5200.1 - Presidential Sponsor	22,000.00	14,000.00	8,000.00	22,000.00	14,000.00	8,000.00	14,000.00
5200.10 - Golf Fees Income	3,945.00	2,500.00	1,445.00	3,945.00	2,500.00	1,445.00	2,500.00
5200.11 - Shoot Fees Income	665.00	1,000.00	-335.00	665.00	1,000.00	-335.00	1,000.00
5200.12 - Shirt Sales	1,015.00	250.00	765.00	1,015.00	250.00	765.00	250.00
5200.13 - Online Fees Income	43.09	100.00	-56.91	43.09	100.00	-56.91	100.00
5200.14 - Miscellaneous	160.00	650.00	-490.00	160.00	650.00	-490.00	650.00
5200.2 - Platinum Sponsor	17,250.00	11,000.00	6,250.00	17,250.00	11,000.00	6,250.00	11,000.00
5200.3 - Gold Sponsor	9,250.00	15,000.00	-5,750.00	9,250.00	15,000.00	-5,750.00	15,000.00
5200.4 - Silver Sponsor	9,214.61	8,000.00	1,214.61	9,214.61	8,000.00	1,214.61	8,000.00
5200.6 - Exhibitor	6,500.00	8,500.00	-2,000.00	6,500.00	8,500.00	-2,000.00	8,500.00
5200.7 - Attendee Registration	31,092.60	25,000.00	6,092.60	31,092.60	25,000.00	6,092.60	25,000.00
5200.8 - Spouse Registration	1,805.00	1,500.00	305.00	1,805.00	1,500.00	305.00	1,500.00
5200.9 - Guest Fees Income	840.00	500.00	340.00	840.00	500.00	340.00	500.00
5200 - Conference Earned Revenues - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 5200 - Conference Earned Revenues	103,780.30	88,000.00	15,780.30	103,780.30	88,000.00	15,780.30	88,000.00
Total Income	157,032.59	139,150.88	17,881.71	157,032.59	139,150.88	17,881.71	139,150.88



## Q4 2025 Expenses, Net Income

- Cash reserves adequate
- Expenses under budgeted amount

	Oct '24 - Sep 25	Budget	\$ Over Budget	Oct '24 - Sep 25	YTD Budget	Variance	Annual Budget
Expense							
8600 - Association Expenses							
8600.1 - Professional Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
8600.2 - Accounting Fees	3,750.00	3,500.00	250.00	3,750.00	3,500.00	250.00	3,500.00
8600.3 - Legal Fees	32,500.00	30,000.00	2,500.00	32,500.00	30,000.00	2,500.00	30,000.00
8600.4 - Office Expenses							
Total 8600.4 - Office Expenses	3,051.13	10,271.92	-7,220.79	3,051.13	10,271.92	-7,220.79	10,271.92
8600.5 - Website	1,186.09	2,250.00	-1,063.91	1,186.09	2,250.00	-1,063.91	2,250.00
8600.6 - Sponsorships	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.00	50.00	-50.00	50.00
8600.7 - Board Insurance	0.00	1,300.00	-1,300.00	0.00	1,300.00	-1,300.00	1,300.00
8600.8 - Tellos Management Fee	17,975.40	22,500.00	-4,524.60	17,975.40	22,500.00	-4,524.60	22,500.00
8600.9 - Miscellaneous	1,000.00	100.00	900.00	1,000.00	100.00	900.00	100.00
8600 - Association Expenses - Other	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.00	100.00	-100.00	100.00
Total 8600 - Association Expenses	59,462.62	70,071.92	-10,609.30	59,462.62	70,071.92	-10,609.30	70,071.92
8700 - Conference Expenses							
Total Expense	137,578.09	143,471.92	-5,893.83	137,578.09	143,471.92	-5,893.83	143,471.92
Net Income	19,454.50	-4,321.04	23,775.54	19,454.50	-4,321.04	23,775.54	-4,321.04



# MEMBERSHIP UPDATE (2025-2026)

- Membership Dues  
Invoices sent October  
2025
- Updated as of  
November 2025

FY 2025-26 MAA DUES		
PAYMENTS	OWED	PAID
AIRPORTS		
Cleveland	750	750
Columbia	500	500
Columbus	500	
Corinth	500	500
Golden Triangle	4000	4000
Greenville	4000	4000
Greenwood	750	750
Gulfport Biloxi	6000	6000
Hattiesburg - Bobby Chain	500	
Hattiesburg Laurel	4000	4000
Hawkins Field	750	
Hinds/John Bell Williams	750	750
Holly Springs Marshall County	500	
Jackson Municipal Airport	6000	
Kosciusko	250	250
Laurel	750	750
Lexington	250	
Louisville	500	
Madison Air	750	
Magee	250	
McComb	250	
Meridian	4000	
Monroe County	500	500
Natchez	750	
Olive Branch	750	750
Panola	500	500
Picayune	500	
Poplarville Pearl River County	250	250
Starkville	750	750
Stennis	750	
Trent Lott	750	750
Tunica	750	
Tupelo	4000	
University Oxford	750	750
Vicksburg	250	
Wiggins	250	250
Winona	500	
Yazoo	250	250

CORPORATE			
ACE Consulting & Design	250		250
Airport Management Solutions	250		250
Allen & Hoshall	250		250
Allen Engineering & Science	250		
Asphalt Systems	250		
AviFlight	250		250
Baker Donelson	250		250
Barge Design Group	250		250
Burns Cooley Dennis	250		250
Campbell Oil	250		
Clearwater Consultants	250		250
Cook Coggin	250		250
Delta State University	250		250
Dukes, Keating, Hatten, McRaney, Blum	250		250
Dungan Engineering	250		250
ECS	250		250
EGH Architects	250		250
Engineering Plus	250		
Engineering Solutions	250		
Epic Fuels	250		
Erect-a-Tube	250		
Garver	250		250
GovDeals	250		250
Hood Industries	250		250
Infrastructure Consulting & Engineering	250		250
JBM Architecture	250		250
Johnson McAdams Firm	250		
Jones Capital	250		250
Jordan Kaiser & Sessions	250		
Kutchins & Groh	250		
Michael Baker	250		250
Neel-Schaffer	250		250
NorthStar Aerospace Solutions	250		250
Rebel Services	250		250
Rozier Construction	250		250
Shows Dearman & Waits	250		250
SOL Engineering Services	250		250
Southern Sky Aviation	250		
Southern Tire Aviation	250		250
Sunbelt Sealing	250		250
Taffy Pippin	250		250
Terracon	250		250
Titan Aviation Fuels	250		250
TTL	250		250
UAM	250		
Valtir	250		
Waggoner Engineering	250		

**ATTACHMENT 3**  
**ASSOCIATION BUDGET**  
**[ATTACHED]**

# MAA FY 26 Budget Proposal

## Income

5100 · Association Earned Revenues		Annual	Monthly	Quarterly
5100.1 · Airport Membership Dues	\$	44,000	\$ 3,667	\$ 11,000
5100.2 · Corporate Membership Dues	\$	7,000	\$ 583	\$ 1,750
5100.3 · Student Membership Dues	\$	50	\$ 4	\$ 13
5100.4 · Retiree Membership Dues	\$	-	-	-
5100.5 · Online Fees Income				\$ -
5100.6 · Miscellaneous				\$ -
<b>Total 5100 · Association Earned Revenues</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>51,050</b>	<b>\$ 4,254</b>	<b>\$ 12,763</b>
5200 · Conference Earned Revenues				\$ -
5200.1 · Presidential Sponsor	\$	14,500	\$ 1,208	\$ 3,625
5200.10 · Golf Fees Income	\$	2,500	\$ 208	\$ 625
5200.11 · Shoot Fees Income	\$	1,000	\$ 83	\$ 250
5200.12 · Shirt Sales	\$	350	\$ 29	\$ 88
5200.13 · Online Fees Income	\$	100	\$ 8	\$ 25
5200.14 · Miscellaneous	\$	650	\$ 54	\$ 163
5200.2 · Platinum Sponsor	\$	17,000	\$ 1,417	\$ 4,250
5200.3 · Gold Sponsor	\$	12,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 3,000
5200.4 · Silver Sponsor	\$	9,250	\$ 771	\$ 2,313
5200.6 · Exhibitor	\$	8,500	\$ 708	\$ 2,125
5200.7 · Attendee Registration	\$	31,000	\$ 2,583	\$ 7,750
5200.8 · Spouse Registration	\$	1,500	\$ 125	\$ 375
5200.9 · Guest Fees Income	\$	500	\$ 42	\$ 125
<b>Total 5200 · Conference Earned Revenues</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>98,850</b>	<b>\$ 8,238</b>	<b>\$ 24,713</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>149,900</b>	<b>\$ 12,492</b>	<b>\$ 37,475</b>
Expense				
8600 · Association Expenses				\$ -
8600.2 · Accounting Fees	\$	3,500	\$ 292	\$ 875

8600.3 · Legal Fees	\$	30,000	\$	2,500	\$	7,500
Total 8600.4 · Office Expenses	\$	5,400	\$	450	\$	1,350
8600.5 · Website	\$	2,250	\$	188	\$	563
8600.6 · Sponsorships	\$	50	\$	4	\$	13
8600.7 · Board Insurance	\$	1,300	\$	108	\$	325
8600.8 · Tellos Management Fee	\$	22,500	\$	1,875	\$	5,625
8600.9 · Miscellaneous	\$	100	\$	8	\$	25
8600 · Association Expenses - Other	\$	100	\$	8	\$	25
Total 8600 Association Expenses	\$	64,700	\$	5,392	\$	16,175
			\$		\$	-
8700.1 · Professional Fees	\$	500	\$	42	\$	125
8700.10 · Sponsor Plaques	\$	1,750	\$	146	\$	438
8700.11 · Golf	\$	2,500	\$	208	\$	625
8700.12 · Shoot	\$	1,000	\$	83	\$	250
8700.13 · Shirts	\$	1,000	\$	83	\$	250
8700.14 · Hotel	\$	1,500	\$	125	\$	375
8700.15 · Mileage	\$	1,000	\$	83	\$	250
8700.16 · Meals	\$	500	\$	42	\$	125
8700.17 · Insurance	\$	325	\$	27	\$	81
8700.18 · Speakers	\$	200	\$	17	\$	50
8700.19 · Postage/Shipping	\$	75	\$	6	\$	19
8700.2 · Host Venue & Catering	\$	50,000	\$	4,167	\$	12,500
8700.20 · Tellos Retainer Fee	\$	12,000	\$	1,000	\$	3,000
8700.21 · Miscellaneous	\$	350	\$	29	\$	88
8700.5 · Offsite Event	\$	6,000	\$	500	\$	1,500
8700.6 · Printing/Design	\$	2,750	\$	229	\$	688
8700.7 · Name Badges	\$	150	\$	13	\$	38
8700.8 · Transportation	\$	2,500	\$	208	\$	625
8700.9 · Spouses' Outing	\$	500	\$	42	\$	125
Total Conference Expenses	\$	84,600	\$	7,050	\$	21,150

	\$	149,300	\$	12,442	\$	37,325
Net Income	\$	600	\$	50	\$	150



**ATTACHMENT 4**

**PROPOSED ABANDONED VEHICLE LEGISLATION**

**[ATTACHED]**

# ALLOW AIRPORT AUTHORITIES TO SELL ABANDONED VEHICLES

## The Issue

Every year, vehicles are left behind at Mississippi airports — some sitting for months or even years, racking up thousands of dollars in unpaid parking fees and occupying valuable spaces. Airports currently have no legal authority to remove or dispose of these abandoned vehicles. Under Mississippi Code Annotated § 21-39-21, that power belongs only to municipalities. Airport authorities are not included, leaving them stuck with vehicles they cannot legally clear or recoup costs for.

## Real-World Impact

- Abandoned cars at airports have accumulated thousands of dollars in unpaid parking charges.
- Even when owners are identified, they tell us they will not return for their vehicles.
- In some cases, the vehicle owner is deceased, and the estate has no interest in retrieving the car.
- Some vehicles have been reported stolen; insurance companies have already paid claims and have no desire to recover them.
- Without legal authority, airports must store these cars indefinitely or depend on slow, city-based processes never designed for airport operations.

## Proposed Legislative Fix

Amend Miss. Code Ann. § 61-3-65 — or create a parallel section — to grant airport authorities the same power as municipalities to:

- Take title to vehicles abandoned on airport property after proper notice to owners.
- Sell those vehicles and apply proceeds toward unpaid parking, towing, and storage fees.

## Why It Matters

- Frees valuable parking capacity for paying travelers.
- Allows airports to recover lost revenue from unpaid parking.
- Cuts administrative burden and avoids reliance on city governments.
- Aligns airports' legal authority with their operational responsibility.

## Requested Action

Pass legislation this session to amend Miss Code Ann. § 61-3-65, allowing airport authorities to title and sell abandoned vehicles on their property.

AN ACT TO CREATE NEW SECTION 61-3-65, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE AIRPORT AUTHORITIES TO TAKE POSSESSION OF, OBTAIN TITLE TO, AND DISPOSE OF ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLES LEFT UPON AIRPORT PROPERTY; TO SET FORTH NOTICE REQUIREMENTS; TO AUTHORIZE SALE, DISPOSAL, OR RETENTION FOR AIRPORT USE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

SECTION 1.

The following shall be codified as Section 61-3-65, Mississippi Code of 1972:

61-3-65. Abandoned Motor Vehicles on Airport Property

(1) Any airport authority created pursuant to Section 61-3-1 et seq. is authorized and empowered to take possession of any motor vehicle that has been abandoned and left upon property owned, operated, or controlled by the airport authority when the owner of the motor vehicle cannot be located or after proper notice as provided in this section.

(2) Before taking title to an abandoned motor vehicle under this section, the airport authority shall:

(a) Make reasonable efforts to determine the name and address of the last registered owner of the vehicle and any lienholders of record;

(b) Send written notice, by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the last known address of the registered owner and any lienholders advising that the vehicle has been deemed abandoned, is subject to sale, and will be disposed of unless claimed and all towing, storage, and related charges are paid within thirty (30) days of the date of the notice; and

(c) Cause a notice of abandonment to be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where the vehicle is located at least ten (10) days before the date of the sale or other disposition.

(3) If the vehicle is not claimed and all charges are not paid within the required time, title to the vehicle shall vest in the airport authority, and the authority may:

(a) Sell the vehicle at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash;

(b) Otherwise dispose of the vehicle in a commercially reasonable manner; or

(c) Retain the vehicle for official airport use, including but not limited to airfield maintenance, security, operations, or other authorized governmental purposes.

(4) The proceeds of any sale under this section shall be applied:

(a) First, to the costs of towing, storage, notice, and sale; and

(b) Any remaining balance shall be held for the owner of record for ninety (90) days. If unclaimed after that time, the balance shall be deposited into the general operating fund of the airport authority.

(5) The authority granted under this section is supplemental to, and does not limit, any other rights or remedies available to airport authorities under state law for the removal or disposition of abandoned vehicles.

## SECTION 2.

This act shall take effect and be in force upon passage.

**ATTACHMENT 5**  
**CREDIT CARD COMPETITION ACT LETTER**  
**[ATTACHED]**

# DRAFT

Honorable Roger Wicker  
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Honorable Cindy Hyde-Smith  
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Dear Senator Wicker and Senator Hyde-Smith,

Thank you for all you do to support airports across Mississippi. As the pending Credit Card Competition Act is considered by the US Senate, the Mississippi Airports Association asks that you please assess an airline's ability to provide rewards through co-branded credit cards. With Mississippi commercial service airports serving as the gateway to our state, thousands of passengers each day are welcomed to Mississippi. We appreciate the passengers' ability to return to our state using miles they may have accrued on airline cobranded credit cards.

Unfortunately, it appears that the pending Credit Card Competition Act could have an unintended consequence of limiting airline and hotel loyalty programs which could negatively impact visitation to our state. Nearly one out of every four U.S. households has an airline credit card, and these cards have served as powerful tools for consumers to earn rewards toward future travel, further supporting airports, small businesses, and the local tax base. Many Mississippians enjoy the benefits that come along with having a travel credit card, such as free checked bags and loyalty point accruals that can be redeemed for future flights. The pending Credit Card Competition Act being considered by the US Senate could potentially degrade these programs.

Again, we appreciate your attention to this issue and thank you for your leadership and support to protect airline rewards programs.

Sincerely,

Mississippi Airports Association