

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

January 28, 2026

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 12:15 p.m. on January 28, 2026 at 4780 I-55 North, Suite 100, Jackson, Mississippi 39211 in accordance with Section 6.4.2 of the Bylaws of the Association.

1. ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM.

President Williams called the Meeting to order at 12:15 p.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
Tommy Booth, Michael Baker International
Austin Jenkins, Treasurer, Stennis International Airport
Rosa Beckett, Secretary, Jackson Municipal Airport Authority
Tom Henderson, Neel-Schaffer, Inc.
Clint Johnson, Cleveland Municipal Airport (remote via video conference)
Wes Kirkpatrick, Monroe County Airport
Tom Williams, Meridian Airport

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

Kathy Kenne, Tellōs Marketing, LLC, Executive Director
Jeff Wagner, Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC, General Counsel
(remote via video conference)

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 DECEMBER 18, 2025 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES.

The first matter to come before the Board was consideration of the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors held on December 18, 2025. President Williams noted that Mr. Wagner had distributed draft minutes of the December 18, 2025, meeting to the Board via email prior to the Meeting. After discussion, upon motion duly made by Mr. Booth and seconded by Mr. Dowell, the Board unanimously approved the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board held on December 18, 2025. President Williams directed that the Minutes be filed in the Minute Book of the Association.

3. PRESIDENT’S REPORT.

President Williams thanked everyone that had been able to make it to Jackson for the Association’s Capitol Day and then stay in Jackson for the Meeting. President Williams noted that the Association had a strong contingent present to talk to legislators about matters of interest to airports. President Williams thanked Ms. Kenne for the great job she had done on the brochure the Association had available to distribute to legislators.

4. TREASURER’S REPORT.

The next matter to come before the Board was the Q1 2026 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 Association continues to be in sound financial condition. Mr. Jenkins noted, though, that the Association has membership dues outstanding from a number of airports, and that it is getting to be time for the Association to gently nudge members on past due membership dues. Mr. Kirkpatrick then moved, and Mr. Tom Williams seconded, that the Board accept the Financial Updated provided by Mr. Jenkins. There being no further discussion, President Williams called for a vote on the matter with all Directors present voting in the affirmative.

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT.

Ms. Kenne noted that this is the quiet season for the Association and her activities were pretty well limited to trying to collect past due member dues and preparing for Capitol Day.

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 Resort & Casino. Ms. Kenne stated that the Conference Committee was starting to put together a schedule for the conference and a speaker’s list. Ms. Kenne indicated that she expected the conference to follow the same general schedule as last year with the conference concluding about 10:30 on Friday morning.

In response to a request for speaker ideas for the Annual Conference, Mr. Booth suggested inviting Ergon to speak at the conference on its fuel-resistant pavement. Mr. Booth noted that a similar presentation went very well at the Alabama airports conference.

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 (JMAA). Ms. Kenne noted that she had met with the marketing people with JMAA, and they had begun the process of selection of venues for the various events.

C. 2028 Annual Conference and Meeting.

Mr. Johnson stated that Cleveland would like to offer to host the 2028 Annual Conference. Mr. Johnson noted that the local chamber of commerce is already working on garnering support for the Conference.

7. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT.

The next matter to come before the Board was a report from the Legislative Committee. Mr. Kirkpatrick stated that he had begun looking at bills that had dropped in the Legislature but was still catching up.

Mr. Kirkpatrick noted that the meetings in which he participated at Capitol Day had gone very well, indicating that he had been able to meet with Jeffrey Guice, Chair of the Ports, Harbors, and Airports Committee and address questions Representative Guice had about airport funding issues.

President Williams noted that the Association continues to emphasize the need for the legacy MultiModal Improvement Program (MMIP) as well as the Strategic MultiModal Investments Fund (SMIF) to the Mississippi Department of Transportation and the Legislature. President Williams reminded everyone to thank Brad White for including MMIP in MDOT's budget again this year.

President Williams then advised the Board that JMAA had approached him about three pieces of legislation that it would like for the Association to support: (i) authority for airports to deal with abandoned motor vehicles without involving the sponsoring city or county, (ii) an allowance for airports to enter into Public-Private Partnerships (3P) as a means of financing airport development, and (iii) new or amended statutory authority for air service incentive programs. With respect to the first item, President Williams reminded the Board that it had discussed the first request at the Board's December 18, 2025 Special Meeting, and that he had spoken to several legislators about the matter who seemed to understand the desire for airports to be able to handle on their own. With respect to the second, Ms. Beckett noted that JMAA's proposal would be for airports to have similar authority for airport development through a 3P arrangement that MDOT has for development of toll roads using 3Ps, including allowing the development to be conducted outside of the normal public procurement process which would help attract third-party developers. Ms. Beckett stated she had spoken with several legislators, including Representative Jeffrey Guice, Chair of the House Ports, Harbors and Airports Committee who seemed amenable to passing it out of his committee. President Williams suggested holding discussion on the third item until the next meeting noting that the Mississippi Development Authority currently administers two air service incentive programs, one mainly to benefit the coast counties using BP monies, and one of general application.

Ms. Kenne noted that the SMIF Advisory Board has a meeting the following day and would report back to the Board at the next meeting.

8. **OLD BUSINESS.**

A. **Credit Card Competition Act.**

President Williams advised the Board that, as discussed at the December 18, 2025 meeting of the Board of Directors, he had sent the letter attached to these minutes as Attachment 3, to Senator Roger Wicker and Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith supporting passage of the Credit Card Competition Act pending in congress.

9. **NEW BUSINESS.**

There was no New Business to come before the meeting.

10. **OTHER MATTERS.**

A. **MDOT Report.**

Ms. Kenne noted that Josh Stubbs was not available to participate in the meeting but had asked her to give a short report on his behalf. Ms. Kenne noted that, in addition to advising the Board regarding the upcoming SMIF Advisory Board, Mr. Stubbs had asked Ms. Kenne to advise the Board that Mr. Stubbs hoped to be able to kick-off the next round of the MMIP in March.

B. **FAA Report.**

Mr. Schuller noted that the application period for funding under the Airport Terminal Program being administered by the Federal Aviation Administration closed on January 15, 2026. Mr. Schuller stated that the FAA expected to announce awards in late spring.

Mr. Schuller stated that Airport Improvement Program awards could not be processed without a fiscal year budget in place, but that Airport Improvement Grant funds remain available.

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 1:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Clay Williams, President
Mississippi Airports Association

ATTACHMENT 1

**MISSISSIPPI AIRPORTS ASSOCIATION
SPECIAL MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
1:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2026**

**4780 I-55 N, Suite 100,
Jackson, MS 39211**

1. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum
2. Approval of Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors held on December 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
7. Old Business
 - A. Acknowledgment of Credit Card Competition Act Letter
8. New Business
9. Other Matters
 - A. MDOT Update
 - B. FAA Update
 - C. Airport Updates
10. Adjournment

Mississippi Airports Association
Minutes of the January 28, 2026
Special Board of Directors Meeting

ATTACHMENT 2
Q1 FINANCIAL UPDATE
[ATTACH]

MAA Financial Update

Q1 2026 Financial Report

January 28, 2026

Austin Jenkins

Treasurer





Balance Sheet

- Reflects previous cash increase from 2025 Conference Revenue
- Funding remained nearly level in Dec 25 in comparison to Dec 24
- No other issues noted

		TOTAL		
		Dec 31, 25	Dec 31, 24	\$ Change
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
	Checking/Savings	104,730.13	104,796.94	-66.81
	Total Current Assets	104,730.13	104,796.94	-66.81
	TOTAL ASSETS	104,730.13	104,796.94	-66.81
LIABILITIES & EQUITY				
		104,730.13	104,796.94	-66.81



Profit & Loss Sheet

- Overall Healthy
- Net Income Favorable
- Membership renewals still outstanding to date

	Oct - Dec 25	Budget	\$ Over Budget	Oct - Dec 25	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense						
Income	30,450.00	37,475.00	-7,025.00	30,450.00	37,475.00	149,900.00
Expense	16,767.72	12,441.67	4,326.05	16,767.72	15,567.46	149,300.00
Net Ordinary Income	13,682.28	25,033.33	-11,351.05	13,682.28	21,907.54	600.00
Net Income	13,682.28	25,033.33	-11,351.05	13,682.28	21,907.54	600.00



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE (FY 2026)

- Membership Dues Invoices sent October 2025
- Recruitment/Renewal Letter drafted
- Updated as of December 2025

FY 26 MAA DUES PAYMENTS		OWED	PAID		OWED	PAID		OWED	PAID
AIRPORTS				CORPORATE					
Cleveland	750	750		ACE Consulting & Design	250	250		CORPORATE (cont.)	
Columbia	500	500		Airport Management Solutions	250	250		Southern Tire Aviation	250
Columbus	500			Allen & Hoshall	250			Sunbelt Sealing	250
Corinth	500	500		Allen Engineering & Science	250			Taffy Pippin	250
Golden Triangle	4000	4000		Asphalt Systems	250			Tice Engineering Inc.	250
Greenville	4000	4000		Avflight	250			Terracon	250
Greenwood	750	750		Baker Donelson	250			Titan Aviation Fuels	250
Gulfport Biloxi	6000	6000		Barge Design Group	250			TTL	250
Hattiesburg - Bobby Chain	500			Burns Cooley Dennis	250			UAM	250
Hattiesburg Laurel	4000	4000		Campbell Oil	250			Valtir	250
								Waggoner Engineering	250
								Williams, Clark & Morrison, Inc Yazoo	
Hawkins Field	750			Clearwater Consultants	250	250		County Airport	200
Hinds/John Bell Williams	750	750		Cook Coggin	250	250		WP Consulting LLC	250
Holly Springs Marshall County	500			Delta State University	250				
Jackson Municipal Airport	6000			Dukes, Keating, Hatten, McRaney, Blu	250	250			
Kosciusko	250	250		Dungan Engineering	250	250			
Laurel	750	750		ECS	250	250			
Lexington	250			EGH Architects	250				
Louisville	500	500		Engineering Plus	250				
Madison Air	750			Engineering Solutions	250				
Magee	250			Epic Fuels	250				
McComb	250			Erect-a-Tube	250				
Meridian	4000			Garver	250	250			
Monroe County	500	500		GovDeals	250	250			
Natchez	750			Hood Industries	250				
Olive Branch	750	750		Infrastructure Consulting & Engineer	250	250			
Panola	500	500		JBHM Architecture	250	250			
Prairyne	500			Johnson McAdams Firm	250				
Poplarville Pearl River County	250	250		Jones Capital	250				
Starkeville	750	750		Jordan Kaiser & Sessions	250				
Sternis	750	750		Kutchins & Groh	250				
Trent Lott	750			Michael Baker	250				
Tunica	750			Neel-Schaffer	250	250			
Tupelo	4000			NorthStar Aerospace Solutions	250	250			
University Oxford	750	750		Rebel Services	250	250			
Vicksburg	250			Rozlar Construction	250				
Wiggins	250			Shows Dearman & Waits	250	250			
Winona	500			SOL Engineering Services	250				
Yazoo	250			Southern Sky Aviation	250				

ATTACHMENT 3

LETTER TO SENATORS WICKER AND HYDE-SMITH

[ATTACHED]



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December 22, 2025

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Mike Forster
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Levell Hawkins
Greenville Mid Delta Airport

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Honorable Roger Wicker
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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 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 Mississippi. 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 may 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Clay Williams", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Clay Williams
President
Mississippi Airports Association