

**KENAI AIRPORT COMMISSION – REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 11, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.
KENAI CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
210 FIDALGO AVE., KENAI, AK 99611
CHAIR GLENDA FEEKEN, PRESIDING**

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Airport Commission was held on June 11, 2026, in the Kenai City Council Chambers, Kenai, AK. Chair Feeken called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Feeken led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

There were present:

Glenda Feeken, Chair
James Bielefeld
James Zirul

Paul Minelga, Vice Chair
Cody Whicker

A quorum was present.

Absent:

Dan Knesek

Scott Bremmer

Also in attendance were:

Mary Bondurant, Interim Airport Manager
Julie Semmens, Airport Administrative Assistant
Deborah Sounart, City Council Liaison

3. Agenda Approval

MOTION:

Commissioner Zirul **MOVED** to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Minelga **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE: There being no objection; **SO ORDERED.**

B. SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENTS - None.

1. HDL Engineering - Discussion on Summer 2026 Airport Projects.

Jackie LaBelle, project engineer for HDL, provided a construction update on the Airport Runway and Apron Rehabilitation projects, noting anticipated milestones over the next month.

C. UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENTS - None.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. May 14, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION:

Commissioner Bielefeld **MOVED** to approve the May 14, 2026 Airport Commission minutes. Commissioner Whicker **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE: There being no objection; **SO ORDERED.**

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Discussion/Recommendation** - Special Use Permit to Empire Airlines.

MOTION:

Commissioner Minelga **MOVED** to recommend City Council approval of the Special Use Permit to Empire Airlines. Commissioner Whicker **SECONDED** the motion.

Airport Manager Bondurant gave a staff report from information provided in the packet.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT was requested on the motion.

VOTE: There being no objection; **SO ORDERED**.

2. **Discussion/Recommendation** - Special Use Permit to State of Alaska DNR/Department of Forestry.

MOTION:

Commissioner Whicker **MOVED** to recommend City Council approval of Special Use Permit to State of Alaska DNR/Department of Forestry. Commissioner Minelga **SECONDED** the motion.

Airport Manager Bondurant gave a staff report from information provided in the packet.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT was requested on the motion.

VOTE: There being no objection; **SO ORDERED**.

3. **Discussion/Recommendation** - Second Amendment to Agreement for Automatic Teller Machine (ATM) Services.

MOTION:

Commissioner Minelga **MOVED** to recommend City Council approval of the Second Amendment to the Agreement for Automatic Teller Machine Services. Commissioner Bielefeld **SECONDED** the motion.

Airport Manager Bondurant gave a staff report from information provided in the packet.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT was requested on the motion.

VOTE: There being no objection; **SO ORDERED**.

G. REPORTS

1. Airport Manager - Airport Manager Bondurant reported on the following:

- Receipt of new plow truck with sander attachment, completing the snow removal equipment grant project.
- Progress on the Airport Master Plan, including development and evaluation of four alternatives, with a recommendation anticipated later this fall.
- Termination of Aleutian Airways' airport lease effective June 8, 2026.
- Opening of the floatplane basin.
- Restoration of fuel pump operations.
- A May 19 visit from United States Marine Corps representatives to discuss a potential Arctic Edge exercise involving Kenai Peninsula communities next spring.
- Closure of Debbie's Bistro in the airport terminal on May 23, 2026.
- Ongoing solicitation for airport terminal concessions, with proposals due June 25, 2026.
- Fox Air began service between Kenai and Anchorage on June 8, 2026.
- Completion of Fiscal Year 2026 budget closeout activities and preparations for the new fiscal year.

2. Commission Chair - Chair Feeken asked about recruitment updates for an Airport Manager.

Staff clarified a new round of interviews was scheduled.

3. City Council Liaison - Council Member Sounart reported on recent actions of the City Council.

H. **ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS** - None.

I. **NEXT MEETING ATTENDANCE NOTIFICATION** - July 9, 2026.

J. **COMMISSION QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

There was Commission discussion regarding potential impacts of pending federal legislation related to the use of Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast data and alternative fee collection options.

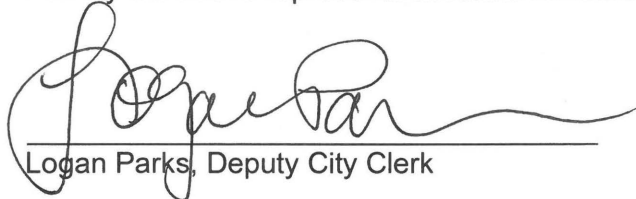
K. **ADJOURNMENT**

L. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

1. Planepass by Vector Airport Systems.

There being no further business before the Airport Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

I certify the above represents accurate minutes of the Airport Commission meeting of June 11, 2026.



Logan Parks, Deputy City Clerk