

ST. JOHNS COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, June 10, 2026

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the St. Johns County Airport Authority Board was called to order at 8:08 AM.

2. Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Nick Primrose, Chair

Mario Dipola, Vice Chair

Michelle Cash Chapman, Secretary/Treasurer

Jerry Dedge, Board Member

Daniel Bean, Board Member

Staff Present:

Courtney Pittman, Interim Executive Director

Connie Worley, Controller

Linda Santiago, Senior Executive Assistant and Board Liaison

Ethan Coll, Operations Supervisor, Landside

Jeffrey Kempf, Deputy General Counsel

3. Approval of Minutes

The Board approved the minutes of May 22, 2026 Special Board Meeting. Motion by Daniel Bean, seconded by Michelle Cash Chapman.

4. Approval of Agenda

Prior to approving the agenda, Vice Chair Mario Dipola made a motion to remove the Governance Discussion item from the agenda and not consider or discuss governance matters during the meeting. The motion did not receive sufficient support and failed. The Board then approved the agenda as presented. Motion to approve the agenda made by Daniel Bean, seconded by Michelle Cash Chapman. Motion carried.

5. Public Comment

Chair Primrose invited members of the public to address the Board prior to consideration of the Executive Director appointment.

6. Executive Director Interviews

The Board conducted interviews with finalists Rachel Engeler, Robert Hartigan, and Courtney Pittman. Board members asked standardized questions regarding leadership, executive management, financial stewardship, strategic planning, organizational culture, community engagement, aviation experience, and vision for the future of the Authority. Following the interviews, the Board discussed each candidate's qualifications, experience, leadership style, and overall fit for the organization.

7. Appointment of Executive Director

Following Board discussion, the Chair called for a vote. Motion by Daniel Bean and seconded by Mario Dipola. Upon motion and second, the Board appointed Courtney Pittman as Executive Director of the St. Johns County Airport Authority. The Chair congratulated Mr. Pittman and thanked all finalists for participating in the national search process.

8. Director of Operations Recruitment

Following the Executive Director appointment, the Board directed Executive Director Pittman to begin the recruitment process for a Director of Operations position.

9. Governance Structure Discussion

Executive Director Pittman presented background information previously provided to the Board regarding governance models used by airport authorities throughout Florida. The Board discussed governance best practices, board composition, appointment processes, and legislative options intended to strengthen long term governance while maintaining effective oversight of the Authority.

10. Legislative Resolution

The Board discussed a proposed resolution requesting the Florida Legislature to consider amendments to the Authority's enabling legislation related to governance structure. Discussion focused on aligning the Authority with governance practices used by other Florida airport authorities and authorizing submission of proposed legislation for legislative consideration. The Board considered Resolution 2026-10 requesting legislative action regarding governance structure.

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM.

Next Meeting

The next regular Board Meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2026 at 9:00 AM.