

**GREATER ROCKFORD AIRPORT AUTHORITY
PLANNING AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Meeting Minutes
for
January 15, 2026

Commissioners & Legal Counsel	Present	GRAA Staff	Present	Guests/Other Staff
Pat Agnew	X	Zack Oakley	X	
Al Caruana	X	Shelly Cassaro	X	
Jake Castanza	X	Mike Peranich	X	
Paul R. Cicero	X	Tracey Halbrader	X	
Dianne Parvin	X	Kathy Bruggeman	X	
Mike Schablaske	X	Chip Geiger	X	
Leslie West				
TJ Leake	X			

The meeting began at 5:00 pm.

Michelle Cassaro, Deputy Director of Finance & Administration, gave a thorough overview of the following monthly financial report through December 31, 2025:

- Our cash position remains comparable with FY2025 amounts.
- Total revenues exceed expenses by \$7.2 million.
- Operating revenues are 4.5% over budget year to date.
- Operating expenses are 8.5% under budget year to date.
- Tracey has been leading the charge with departmental budget planning. The FYE27 tentative budget will be presented next month for your review and approval.
- All resolutions and ordinances were reviewed.

Zachary Oakley, Executive Director, reported the following:

- We haven't had a major snow removal event in a couple years. With the increased operations of UPS, we are working through the challenges of maintaining a massive amount of pavement as well as equipment with the 24 employees on the snow removal team. We are looking at all options as far as leasing equipment and/or operators for next season.
- Update on Maersk/Magma.
- Had a meeting and site tour with SF Express regarding ecommerce flights from China.
- The best piece of news today was the Landline service. As of the end of December we have had 3200 total passengers utilize the service. The service started in October and has been growing exponentially.
- We had a 10% passenger growth which is a good solid number.
- Cargo numbers are in as well. We were just short of \$2 million pounds to beat our all-time record set in 2022. It is still a great number for us with a 10% growth year-over-year.

- Overviewed DSV growth and development at RFD.
- Discussed the Allegiant/Sun Country acquisition on how it may affect RFD.

Michael Peranich, Director of Maintenance and Operations, reported the following:

- We started the season with seven high speed runway brooms as our primary offense to snow events and we are now down to four. These are older brooms and we need to work with OshKosh for parts which creates challenges. We did bring our MB brooms out to help keep the runway and taxiway surfaces clean. Another issue is setting up leased loader contracts that we are working through.