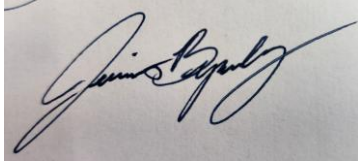


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Jessica Byerly, City of Durant

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD
February 4, 2026 AT 4:00 PM, Durant Regional Airport
Conference Room
10 Waldron Dr,
Durant, OK 74701**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dan Craige called the meeting to order at 4:01PM.

INVOCATION/FLAG SALUTE

Board Member Moore provided the invocation. Vice Chairman Sherrer led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

The admin made note that Scott Dewald was sworn in on February 2nd by the City Clerk and will be filling the DIA seat.

Present:

Board Member Dewald
Board Member Dan Moore
Vice Chairman Sherrer
Chairman Dan Craige

Absent:

Board Member Dufur
Board Member Gaffney
Board Member Stuteville

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Consent Items

To help streamline meetings and allow the focus to be on other items requiring strategic thought, the "Consent Items" portion of the agenda groups the routine, procedural, and self-explanatory non-controversial items together. These items are voted on in a single motion (one vote). However, any Council member requesting further information on a specific item thus removes it from the "Consent Items" section for individual attention and separate vote.

- a. Consider Approval of Regular Called Meeting Minutes of January 7th, 2026

Motion To: Approve the Regular Called Meeting Minutes of January 7th, 2026

Motion By: Moore

Seconded By: Sherrer

Ayes: Dan Moore, Sherrer, Craige

Nays: None

Abstain: Dewald

2. Consider Items Removed from Consent

3. Information Items

4. Administration

5. New Business

- a. Discussion on Possible Changes to Durant Airport Master Plan

The board wanted to discuss the impact of any entity or business that may move into the area in the future that utilizes the airport with aircraft bigger than a Gulfstream. The conversation was geared more toward the impact of regular landings and take-offs of aircraft the size and weight of 737s. Current weights can handle the occasional 737s. Loaded weight currently on the runway is 80,000 and a 737 can weigh 100,000. With the weights as they currently are aircraft of a higher weight limit than published, they need the approval of the Airport Director to land. The board in recommending that if these sized aircraft are planning to fly into our airport regularly, then changes to the 5010 need to be made.

With this information, the runway can currently handle these larger aircraft, but the surrounding infrastructure is not fit for the usage of these aircraft. Through this discussion it was determined that the airport is not designed for aircraft exceeding

design parameters (i.e. 737 - large passenger planes).

The board set out the following examples of what would need updating for this kind of traffic:

Strengthening of the runway

Wider taxiways

ATC Tower

Fencing for Security

More parking / tarmac

And the appropriate changes to the airport Master Plan.

In addition, the airport would need to establish landing fees for these aircraft.

After this discussion, the Chairman asked the director how the clearing of the runway went after the ice storm we experienced. The Director reported that during this weather a layer of ice was on the runway with about 3–4 inches of packed sleet on top of it. He stated that aircraft can operate in these kinds of conditions. The city sent out a road grader to help take off the top few inches so what was underneath could thaw and melt as temperatures increased.

However, this caused a bigger problem as everything would refreeze overnight. On Friday, January 30th, runway conditions deteriorated enough that the Director closed the airport that night and the following weekend. The Director did mention that the Choctaw Tribal Chief asked about what could be done or purchased to help with these conditions. The Director is now looking into options for the City manager's consideration for future weather events of this nature. One is to get a blade attachment for the airport's tractor that has a poly cutting edge so that it will not hurt the runway, or second, for a plow rig for the city that could have interchanging blades for both city streets and the runway.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion To: Adjourn the Regular Called Meeting of February 4th, 2026

Motion By: Moore

Seconded By: Dewald

Ayes: Dan Moore, Sherrer, Craige, Dewald

Nays: None

Abstain: None