

STAFFORD REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
December 9, 2025 Meeting
Minutes

CALL TO ORDER:

The monthly meeting of the Stafford Regional Airport Authority (SRAA) was called to order at 8:33 a.m. by Mr. Chris Hornung in the Edward G. Wallis Conference Room, 95 Aviation Way, Fredericksburg, Virginia 22406.

The Invocation: Mr. Kirkland conducted the Invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Mr. Hornung, Mr. Kirkland, Mr. Scharpenberg, Mr. Shalaby and Mr. Brown, Mr. Dreeke

Members Absent: Mr. Ellis

Staff Present: Mr. James Stover, Airport Director (AD)

Engineers Present: Mr. Steve Peterson and Jeff Tarkington, Talbert, Bright & Ellington (TBE).

Public Present: Mr. Phil Hornung representing the Langley Flight Foundation, Ms. Natalie from the Stafford County Department of Planning and Zoning, Mr. Andrew Gordon, owner of ACE Flight Solutions.

Additions/Deletions/Modifications to the Agenda:

Changes Discussed:

None.

Public Presentations:

Items Discussed:

None

Meeting Minutes: Mr. Kirkland moved to accept the November minutes. Mr. Scharpenberg seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Mr. Hornung reported.

Items Discussed:

- a. Mr. Hornung continued the previous discussion regarding the status of ACE Flight Solutions. He reminded the SRAA members that the discussion had evolved to the point where the SRAA had discussed the idea that ACE could remain in operation for an additional two years or until a different, suitable maintenance space became available for bid and occupation. Mr. Kirkland moved to extend the SRAA's contract with ACE Flight Solutions for two years or until another location on the airport became available. Mr. Shalaby offered a second. The SRAA unanimously passed the motion.
- b. Mr. Hornung directed the AD to add an agenda item for subsequent meetings, at least quarterly, so that Mr. Gordon could brief the SRAA on ACE Flight Solution's status.

TREASURER REPORT: Mr. Kirkland reported.

Items Discussed: Mr. Kirkland briefed that fuel sales were strong and that the expenditure of the financial ledger showed costs are under control.

LANGLEY AERODROME REPORT – LANGLEY FLIGHT FOUNDATION (LFF):

Items Discussed: Mr. Phil Hornung informed the SRAA that discussions between Stafford County Public Schools (SCPS) and Germanna Community College continued. Mr. Chris Hornung said that there were discussions involving placement of a Specialty Learning Center at Stafford Regional Airport. The recommendation of the Development Committee is to locate the school on the building site east of Building 51 and next to the fence at Aviation way. Mr. Hornung also said that the planned construction completion date of 2028 means that the process needed to begin now. Mr. Hornung tasked the AD to request a Project Cost Summary for a site survey and Category Exclusion National Environmental Protection Act assessment.

PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT:

Items Discussed: Ms. Doolittle advised the SRAA that there are two major planning initiatives on the near horizon. One is the Stafford Industrial Park that will change 76,000 acres of land from agricultural to industrial, and the projected use of a plot south of Centreport Parkway as a power plant.

QUANTICO REPORT:

Items Discussed:
No report.

ENGINEERS' REPORTS:

Talbert & Bright, Inc. (TBI): Mr. Peterson reported.

Items Discussed:

- a. Runway Extension Rehabilitation – Design
Comments from the [Federal Aviation Administration \(FAA\)](#) and [Virginia Department of Aviation \(DOAV\)](#) have been addressed and the plans are ready to be submitted to Stafford County to start the site plan review. Adjacent property owner notifications are being coordinated now and once that is complete, the site plan can be uploaded to start the review process. We anticipate this will be completed in the next 30 days. The FAA has planned for this project to receive federal funds no later than September 2027.
- b. Hangar 6, & 8 Site Preparation (Construction)
 - 1. This project will be advertised on December 14th with bids being opened on January 16th.
 - 2. The planned development will include the site preparation for Hangars 6 and 8. The area around Hangar 7 will be graded but no stone or pavement will be placed.
 - 3. The project will include drainage improvements, site grading and utility installation including the connector taxiway to the parallel taxiway.
 - 4. The Virginia Aviation Board ([VAB](#)) will meet on February 19th to allocate funds for this project.
 - 5. Construction is anticipated to start in early Spring of 2026.—
- c. Self-Service Fueling Facility (Design)
 - 1. The 90% Plans are scheduled to be submitted for Authority, FAA and DOAV review on December 15th.
 - 2. This project is still scheduled for federal [Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act \(IIJA\)](#) funds and matching DOAV funds at the August VAB meeting.

AIRPORT DIRECTOR'S (AD) REPORT: Mr. Stover reported.

Items Discussed:

1. Mr. Stover began with a briefing about the Board Packet
 - a. Mr. Stover noted that contract fuel sales were below average due to a deployment of air assets to California. Corporate fuel sales are higher than forecast for November and nearly equal to the forecast level. AVGAS is also near the forecast for fuel sales.
 - b. The AD continued by showing that the number of aircraft operations increased slightly over the previous three years, as did the number of jet operations.
 - c. The AD briefed the identification of arriving jet aircraft that includes charter, corporate and private jet traffic.
 - d. Mr. Stover provided the list of major events scheduled at the airport for 2026. There were no concerns from the SRAA about the events planned.
 - e. The AD then briefed the SRAA on the status of grant eligible projects, including a summary of active maintenance projects, and FAA funded projects.
 - f. Mr. Stover provided a summary of a [Foreign Object Damage \(FOD\) Sweeper](#), which is the trade name for a FOD collection device. A bucket of small stones, aircraft hardware and other debris was collected after a short sweep of the T-Hangar area. The airport currently has a competitor made by a company called Aero Sweep. The SRAA has no objections to proceeding with the grant application process. If a grant is offered, the cost to the SRAA would be less than \$6K, as the [Virginia Department of Aviation \(DOAV\)](#) could award 50% of the total cost as a grant.
 - g. Mr. Stover asked for approval to sign two letters as follows:
 - i. From Mr. Scott Denny of DOAV, a letter asking for the airport's support for [AAM projects](#). Mr. Scharpenberg made a motion to have the AD sign the letter subject to verbiage that SRAA agrees to reasonable costs associated with this project. Mr. Kirkland provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.
 - ii. From Ms. Stephanie Carter of the Stafford County Public Schools, a letter asking for the airport's support ~~for support in~~ developing the aviation-related educational pathways and the location of a specialty school at Stafford Regional Airport. Mr. Scharpenberg made a motion for the AD to sign the letter. Mr. Dreeke seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
 - h. Mr. Stover briefed the status of the airport name change along with the companion item for extending the SRAA's period of operation. Several SRAA members expressed a desire to contact Board of Supervisor members to accelerate the process.
 - i. Mr. Stover provided advance copies of the Project Cost Summaries for development options at Sites 6, 7 & 8. The SRAA reiterated their desire to have as much of the site developed as possible as early as possible.

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OLD BUSINESS:

Items Discussed:

- a. Implementation of the Strategic Plan. Mr. Ellis provided copies of the implementation plan spreadsheet in advance of the meeting. The next scheduled review of the plan is set for February 2026.
- b. Fire Station Committee. Nothing significant to report.
- c. ACE Flight Solutions. Mr. Gordon briefed a number of unrelated items and then said that his business was going well. He said he has hired one additional person and that he is prepared to move out of his hangar.
- d. Development review.
 - i. Mr. Kirkland is working on the lease agreement for Mr. Bonner. Mr. Stover spoke with Mr. Bonner on December 8 and is meeting with him again on December 10 to discuss the box hangar design.
 - ii. Mr. Hornung said he had spoken with Mr. Silver about the potential for constructing a hangar at the airport. Mr. Stover provided Mr. Silver's assistant, Greg Desantis, with some information about hangar placement and terms.
 - iii. The SRAA discussed the solar farm initiative. Several SRAA members were doubtful about the amount of solar panel space available, the availability of funding and the idea of saving the land for better use in the future. Mr. Scharpenberg entered a motion to not pursue development of the solar farm on airport property. Further discussion included comments from Ms. Doolittle about the County's unenthusiastic support for solar. The SRAA voted 5-1 to not pursue the project.

NEW BUSINESS:

Items Discussed: Mr. Kirkland advised the SRAA that SRA does not have an Airport Support Network (ASN) representative. Mr. Stover reported that Mr. Dave Ellison had previously volunteered to accept the role and that Mr. Armaiz had agreed to step down. Mr. Stover agreed to contact the Airplane Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) and inform them that SRA does not have current representation from ASN.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Scharpenberg moved to adjourn, Mr. Kirkland seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 am.

NEXT MEETING: The SRAA's next regularly scheduled meeting will be held Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. in the Edward G. Wallis Conference Room, Stafford Regional Airport