



**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the  
Syracuse Regional Airport Authority**

**Friday, May 29, 2026**

Pursuant to the notice duly given and posted, the regular board meeting of the Syracuse Regional Airport Authority was called to order on Friday, May 29, 2026, at 11:03 a.m. in the Syracuse Regional Airport Authority Board Room located in the Syracuse Hancock International Airport by SRAA Board Chair Ms. JoAnne Falco.

**Members Present:**

Ms. Jo Anne Falco – Chair  
Mr. Michael Frame  
Dr. Shiu-Kai Chin  
Mr. Eric Ennis (Audio only/non-voting)  
Mr. Thomas Fernandez (Teams video)  
Mr. Michael Lazar  
Mr. Michael Mirizio  
Mr. Nathaniel Stevens  
Dr. Donna DeSiato  
Mr. Robert Simpson

**Members Absent:**

Mr. Kenneth Kinsey

**Also Present:**

Mr. Jason Terreri (Teams)  
Mr. Jason Mehl  
Mr. Aaron Harris  
Ms. Robin Watkins  
Ms. Joanne Clancy  
Chief Justin Baum  
Ms. Katie Tiisler  
Mr. Jonny Giardina  
Mr. Benjamin Yaus  
Mr. Rob Poyer, Hancock Estabrook

Chair Falco started the SRAA Board meeting at 11:03 a.m.

**Roll Call**

As noted above, all SRAA Board members were present in person other than Mr. Kenneth Kinsey.

## **Consent Agenda:**

Chair Falco referenced minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on April 10, 2026, and asked for any changes or comments. Hearing none, Chair Falco invited a motion to approve. A motion was made by Dr. Chin, seconded by Mr. Mirizio, and the consent agenda was unanimously approved.

**The resolution was adopted: 9 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstain** (Mr. Ennis-audio only)

## **Airport Management Report:**

CFO Robin Watkins gave an update on the status of active and future projects and funding opportunities that are needed to complete all the projects for the airport. Aaron Harris, COO, gave the group an update regarding the successful passing of the SYR Airport's FAA Audit, with no significant findings. He commended his team for their excellent efforts, especially considering the difficult winter and the very rainy spring weather, making it difficult to complete tasks. CFO Watkins noted that the first TSA Cyber Security Audit took place and SRAA was given a very positive report regarding our systems in place. Moody's upgraded our bonding rating from BAA1 to A3 due to the airport resolving outstanding issues of uncertainty with the parking garage. After full inspections, a line of sight was established regarding the price of the repairs to the garage and the plan instead of needing to replace the garage completely. An increase continues regarding our expanding catchment area for people utilizing SYR as their airport of choice over regional airports closer to their homes. A discussion of various airline performances was held, and meetings are planned with the airlines at an upcoming conference regarding future flight operations. SYR received no new grants in the latest budget. We did not receive any grant funding for the roof replacement or the checkpoint expansion. The airport is looking for other funding opportunities for these much-needed projects along with replacing the old baggage handling system, this is the highest priority for the airport, as it is a critically needed project, which also received no funding.

## **New Business/Discussion:**

CFO Watkins gave an update regarding the status of the Altitude Access Solutions, Inc. (AAS) Subsidiary, which will begin parking operations at SYR starting July 1, 2026.

A review was held regarding the 2026/2027 Syracuse Regional Airport Authority Operating Budget and Capital Budget. All questions were answered.

## **Resolution to approve the SRAA CONRAC Bond**

General Counsel Ben Yaus gave a background on this resolution, with Bond Counsel, Rob Poyer, Hancock Estabrook explaining the authorization of the project to the group. Having no further questions and hearing no objections, Chair Falco made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Lazar, and the resolution was unanimously approved.

**The resolution was adopted: 9 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstain** (Mr. Ennis-audio only)

## **Resolution for agreement with the Syracuse Police Department Emergency Response Team (ERT) and SRAA**

General Counsel Ben Yaus and Chief Baum explained the process for the rapid emergency response team, stated that the information is in the board packets and that there is no cost associated with this

MOU agreement. Hearing no objections, Chair Falco made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Lazar, and the resolution was unanimously approved.

**The resolution was adopted: 9 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstain** (Mr. Ennis-audio only)

### **Committee Reports**

Ms. Clancy noted that the materials are in the Board's Team's link and the most recent Committee meeting minutes were attached to the packet (Human Resources, Finance, and Audit Committees); there were no other committee reports.

No Executive Session was held.

### **Adjournment**

Having no other topics for discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Falco and seconded by Mr. Mirizio, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

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