

**Westmoreland County Airport Authority
Regularly Scheduled Meeting
February 10, 2026**

Regular Meeting

The Regularly Scheduled February, 2026, meeting of the Westmoreland County Airport Authority was held at 9 a.m. Tuesday, February 10, 2026, in the Authority Conference Room at Arnold Palmer Regional Airport in Unity Township, Pennsylvania, in accordance with notice given.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Whittaker, who led the Pledge of Allegiance and directed that the following members be recorded as present:

Paul Whittaker - Chairman
Vincent Finoli - Vice Chairman
Edward Kilkeary Sr. - Treasurer
Richard Pologruto - Secretary
Gary Beck Sr.
Mark Gera
Donald Rossi

Also present were: Executive Director Gabe Monzo; attorney Amber Leechalk of Avolio Law, authority solicitor; Raena Lindemuth of McFarland-Johnson, authority engineers; Joe Napsha, Tribune-Review; Abigail Hakas, Latrobe Bulletin; Airport Manager Moe Haas and Grants Director Dwayne Pickels. Also in attendance were pilot Valetta Mowry, Todd Wassel and Mitch Dexter and Corey Harper of Veregy.

An executive session was called to discuss personnel matters at 9:01 a.m. and the meeting reconvened at 9:45 a.m.

Public Comments - None

Election of Officers - Mr. Pologruto recommended the officers from 2025 be re-appointed for the current year, as follows:

Paul Whittaker - Chairman
Vincent Finoli - Vice Chairman
Ed Kilkeary - Secretary
Richard Pologruto - Treasurer

Upon the motion of Mr. Kilkeary, seconded by Mr. Beck, the vote to reappoint officers as recommended was unanimous.

Approval of Minutes

Upon the motion of Mr. Kilkeary, seconded by Mr. Beck, minutes of the Dec. 9, 2025, regular meeting were unanimously approved. The January, 2026, meeting lacked a quorum and therefore, no action was taken and no minutes (only notes, attached) were kept.

Arnold Palmer Regional Airport and Rostraver Treasurer's Reports -

Mr. Finoli reviewed treasurers reports for January and February, 2026.

Upon the motion by Mr. Kilkeary, seconded by Mr. Pologruto, the January and February, 2026, treasurer's reports for Arnold Palmer Regional Airport were unanimously approved.

Upon the motion of Mr. Rossi, seconded by Mr. Gera, the January and February, 2026, treasurer's reports for Rostraver Airport were unanimously approved.

Rostraver Committee Report - Mr. Beck reported that Rostraver Airport's state inspection is being held today. Also, a new weather station has been installed, he said. "It's all up and running very well."

Solicitor Leechalk reported that the Dunkin' transaction "has officially closed" on Jan. 20, 2026.

Property Committee Report - Mr. Gera had no report.

Engineer's Update Report - by Mrs. Lindemuth of McFarland-Johnson

ARNOLD PALMER REGIONAL AIRPORT

Relocate Taxiways D and E

This project calls for removal and reconstruction of two stub taxiways to meet current FAA safety guidance. Mrs. Lindemuth said construction began in April, 2025, and Taxiway E is substantially complete. Taxiway D is substantially complete except for seeding, which will be completed in the spring. New signs for alphanumeric is complete and final surface markings will be completed in the spring. Final inspection was held on Nov. 20, 2025.

Terminal Addition & Improvements/Apron Equipment Storage Building Design

The Terminal Addition project is to design and bid an addition and improvements for the terminal. Construction of the first phase began in October, 2024. All four Phase II agreements have been executed. A pre-construction meeting was held on Nov. 5, 2025. The general contractor, Massaro Corp., has submitted a subcontract for approval with Wright Commercial Floors in the amount of \$51,300.

Upon the motion of Mr. Kilkeary, seconded by Mr. Gera, the subcontract between Wright Commercial Floors and Massaro Corp. was unanimously approved.

Snow removal Vehicle and Equipment

This project was to acquire a 20 ft. broom, carrier vehicle, and equipment for snow removal through the Costars program using a BIL grant from the FAA to replace an existing obsolete vehicle. The vehicle was delivered on May 30, 2024. A final inspection was held with FAA on June 27, 2024 and the punch list items have been addressed. It was determined that a dump hood is needed for the broom. A quote from M-B Companies, Inc. was received for \$24,561.04 and was approved by FAA. The vendor has been authorized to order the hood.

ARFF Vehicle and Equipment

This project is to acquire a new B-IV Airport Rescue & Fire Fighting vehicle and equipment. The existing vehicle was acquired in 2010 and is deemed obsolete by NFPA and FAA Part 139. Bids were opened on April 17, 2025, for a new vehicle and replacement equipment. A grant has been offered by FAA and accepted. The agreement been executed with the supplier (Oshkosh) and a reconstruction meeting was held on Oct. 9, 2025. No responsive bids were received for the ARFF equipment. The engineer has identified a potential vendor to purchase all equipment through Costars contract. Truck is in production.

GA Corporate Hangar Entrance

This project would include access and parking improvements to the corporate hangar area. Preliminary plans and renderings have been prepared and funding is being sought. Due to compliance issues with TSA regulations, it is proposed to move forward with modifications proposed by the Engineer with authority funds to improve security and safety, and seeking reimbursement of those costs when the larger project is funded.

ROSTRAVER AIRPORT:

AWOS Replacement

This project is to replace the existing AWOS, which was installed in 2000 and is now obsolete. Bids were opened Apr. 17, 2025, and a grant offered by FAA was accepted. Agreement has been executed with the contractor (Bronder) and pre-construction meeting was held Oct. 9, 2025. Work began Jan. 19, 2026. New AWOS is installed and working. FAA inspection was completed Jan. 23, 2026.

Rehabilitate GA Taxiways

The project is to rehabilitate taxiway pavement new the T-hangars. A pre-design meeting was held last week with FAA and BOA. Bids for the project will be solicited this spring, Mrs. Lindemuth said.

On behalf of LJ Aviation, Mr. Kilkeary thanked Mr. Haas for the condition of airport surfaces during recent major snow events. The airport was closed for only four hours during to freezing rain, but otherwise, “think about that, we had all this snow, we had airports closed all over the country, we had airplanes deviating and going to different places, but this place was amazing,” Mr. Kilkeary said. “I’m at something like 15 different airports with hangars,” he added “and I have have never seen anything like this. You guys are amazing. Great job. I can’t say enough.”

PROMOTIONS - Todd Wassel presented a request from the Laurel Highlands British Car Club, which would like to display their cars at the aviation museum in June. Wassel estimated about 50 cars might be on display at the facility and requested assistance from airport security. Mr. Monzo noted that there would be a cost associated with using airport security and TSA would have to approve any plan presented.

Upon the motion of Mr. Pologruto, seconded by Mr. Finoli, the request was approved pending satisfaction of TSA regulations and security costs.

REQUISITIONS - Mr. Pickels distributed a list of requisitions for January and February, 2025 (attached)

Upon the motion of Mr. Gera, seconded by Mr. Finoli, requisitions for January and February, 2025, were unanimously approved as presented.

Solicitor’s Report - Amber Leechalk

Mrs. Leechalk had no additional report.

Executive Director’s Report

Mr. Monzo reported that officials from Veregy are present to discuss a plan to install solar panels at the airport. Mitch Dexter and Corey Harper from Veregy reviewed numerous options for the authority to consider. The authority will take the matter under consideration.

Mr. Monzo reported that Rototrade Corp. is planning to purchase the hangar it is now renting from J.T. Spangler and David Castaldo.

Upon the motion of Mr. Kilkeary, seconded by Mr. Finoli, the purchase request was approved unanimously.

Mr. Monzo thanked Mr. Pickels for the annual Year in Review report (attached) distributed to the board. “Good job on that,” he said. “Thank you.”

Mr. Monzo reported that Volaire Air Service Forum, an aviation consulting firm, has been working on the authority’s behalf to negotiate with four different airlines, including Spirit, since December 1, 2025, documenting the incentives and amenities that our airport provides. Spirit has informed them that they plan to work through their bankruptcy and come out better in the end. Negotiations are ongoing, “but there has been progress.”

Mr. Monzo also reported that, last week, the Westmoreland Food Bank used our parking lot to distribute food to those who need it. The agency plans to return at the end of this month.

The Spirit counter at Arnold Palmer Regional has once again been named number one for customer service, Mr. Monzo said. “Congratulation to our staff for being number one again.”

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Chairman's Report

Mr. Whittaker thanked the maintenance staff "for all of their work and dedication. We have a great group that gets a lot done."

Mr. Pologruto recommended that Airport Manager Moe Haas be named as the new Executive Director.

Upon the motion of Mr. Kilkeary, seconded by Mr. Finoli, the recommendation was unanimously approved.

"You deserve it, Moe," Mr. Kilkeary said.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The next regular meeting of the authority will be held **Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 9 a.m.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Dwayne Pickels, Grants Director