Joplin Regional Airport
602 S Main Street
Joplin, Missouri 64801
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CALL TO ORDER

The Airport Board met in the Administrative Conference Room at the Joplin Regional Airport Commercial Terminal on January 8, 2026. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Jones at 7:00 A.M.

ROLL CALL

A. Board Members
   a. Chairman - Brian Jones
   b. Brett LaForest
   c. Tom Christensen
   d. Kristopher Zibert
   e. Tom Robertson
   f. Mike King– Attended virtually via Teams
   g. Joshua Oathout– Attended virtually via Teams

B. Staff
   a. Airport Manager – Allison Zahner
   b. Operations Supervisor – James McBryde
   c. Administrative Assistant – Cristy Short
   d. Public Works Assistant Director – Jeremy Hagerman

C. Other
   a. Freedom of Flight Museum – Darryl Coit
   b. Olsson – Steve Stockam – Attended virtually via Teams

MINUTES

Mr. Christensen moved to approve minutes from the December board meeting. This was seconded by Mr. Robertson, and it was unanimously approved.

MEETING

Ms. Zahner presented a traffic summary comparing calendar year 2025 activity with 2024. The summary included itinerant IFR, itinerant VFR, local, and jet operations, as well as enplaned passengers and overall load factor of 66%, with minimal changes observed compared to the prior year.

Ms. Zahner provided a summary of capital improvement projects completed in 2025 and upcoming projects for 2026. She noted the Runway 13/31 and Taxiway E rehabilitation was completed October 2025, and the new ARFF/SRE building was completed April 2025; both projects include minor punchlist items to be completed. The airport is replacing the two passenger boarding bridges and undertaking the North Perimeter Road project in 2026. Additional potential projects are under consideration pending grant funding.

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Mr. Jones expressed interest in the opportunity to tour some of the completed projects. Special scheduling would need to be choreographed due to the areas being immediately in use for airfield activities.

Ms. Zahner outlined goals and priorities for the upcoming year, including items related to the capital budget. These include reviewing and auditing airport leases and obtaining quotes for various facility enhancements. Additionally, the airport plans to implement a new software system to improve identity management, automate badging operations, and support training compliance thus better aligning with FAA, TSA, and regulatory standards.

It was noted that the airport's annual FAA Part 139 Inspection is upcoming and that preparations are currently underway.

The board acknowledged the 'Future of JLN' discussion item and discussed potential stakeholder involvement in a future roundtable. No substantive discussion occurred, and the item will be addressed at a future board meeting.

Mr. Jones acknowledged this meeting as Mr. King's final meeting on the Airport Board and thanked him for his valuable input over the years and wished him well on his next adventure. Mr. King has chosen to end his term early.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Robertson motioned to adjourn. This was seconded by Mr. LaForest, and the motion carried unanimously at 7:43 A.M.

Brian Jones, Chairman

Cristy Short, Administrative Assistant