CENTRE COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY
AUTHORITY "SPECIAL" BOARD MEETING
May 21, 2026 – 7:00 PM
Terminal Conference Room and via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

In attendance "X"

Authority Board Members		**Appointed/Staff**	
Mr. Gray, Centre County	X	Mr. Gaines, Solicitor	X
Mr. Groshel, State College Borough, Chair	X	Mr. Rodgers, Director, SCE/PSU	
Mr. Hanscom, Benner Township, Treasurer	X	Mr. Seid, IT-Marketing, CCAA	
Mr. Johnson, Bellefonte Borough, Vice-Chair	X	Mr. McMurtrie, Terminal Manager, CCAA	
Mr. Khoury, Centre County	X	Mr. Stewart, Interim Executive Director, CCAA	X
Mr. Mose, State College Borough, Secretary	X		
Ms. Powell, Centre County			
Mr. Steudler, Patton Township			
Mr. Uhler, Bellefonte Borough	X		
Guests			
Mark Mulkowski via zoom	X	Ron Leynes	X
Jackson Sharplerss	X		

1.	**Call to Order, Roll Call,**
	➢ The meeting was called to order by Mr. Groshel at 7PM. ➢ Roll call was taken.
2.	**Public Comment/Written Correspondence** None
3.	**Old Business – Passenger Board Bridge Grant Award of $4.5M/Partial Funding**
	The meeting was held for the purpose of discussing capital funding. The State College Regional Airport had submitted a $7.2 million FAA grant application for passenger boarding bridge improvements. The FAA awarded only $4.5 million, creating a $2.3 million shortfall that required the board to decide whether to accept the reduced grant, self-fund the difference, or scale back the project. After extensive discussion about financial risks and future operational challenges, the board consensus was to accept the $4.5 million grant and proceed with one boarding bridge plus rough-in infrastructure for a second bridge, with an internal cap of $500,000 additional local funding. The board also expressed interest in pursuing additional state and federal funding sources over the next year to potentially complete the full two-bridge project.

The Board acknowledged potential operational challenges associated with only one bridge serving multiple airlines, and discussed the need to address additional financial obligations including a vacant building.

Mr. Khoury proposed negotiating with the Contractor (Fiore) to include an option for a second bridge at a future date. The discussion included financial considerations, noting that adding the second bridge would cost $2.3 million, with concerns raised about current financial reserves and potential funding options. It was noted that it could be up to a year for payment would be required.

Mr. Gray made a motion to scale back the boarding bridge project from two bridges to one, with a rough-in infrastructure for a potential second bridge and to allow up to $500,000 additional funding from reserves to cover the reduced scope and rough-in costs while at the same time pursuing external funding for the full project. Mr. Uhler seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

Mr. Khoury stated that he will contact Penn State to inform them of the board's decision to de-scope the project to one boarding bridge and request a meeting with Penn State, Fiore, and the Airport Authority to discuss costs and options for roughing in a second boarding bridge. In addition, Mr. Khoury will request a revised cost estimate for one boarding bridge and the necessary infrastructure (rough-in) for a potential second boarding bridge from Fiore, with the understanding that the Authority has an internal cap of $500,000 in additional funding.

It was agreed that Mr. Stewart will work with Mr. Holderman to prepare a one-page summary with key points and supporting documentation for outreach to state and federal legislators to seek additional funding. Mr. Johnson mentioned that he will be meeting with Rep. Benninghoff shortly, and that he will use that opportunity to start the discussions.

4. **New Business**
   None

5. **Adjournment** (action)
   Mr. Mose motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Hugh A. Mose, Secretary