

DRAFT MINUTES
REPUBLIC AIRPORT COMMISSION (RAC) MEETING
7150 REPUBLIC AIRPORT, ROOM 201
EAST FARMINGDALE, NEW YORK
DECEMBER 9TH, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Commission Chairman Robert Bodenmiller at 7:03p.m. Vice-Chairman Vincent Bologna, Jr and Commission Members Stella Barbera, Richard Grant, and ex-officio member Anthony Ceglie were present.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Bodenmiller opened the meeting by addressing the JetBlue aircraft observed on Friday, explaining that it was a charter arranged by NY Islanders after their original charter operator went out of business. Airport Manager John Lauth noted that JetBlue may or may not be used for the remainder of the season, as the team may select an alternative operator.

Mr. Lauth announced Judith Zalewski's promotion to Finance & Administration Manager and welcomed Rubina Ahmed as the new Administrative Assistant/Security Access Coordinator.

II. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM AUGUST 2025 AND OCTOBER 2025

A motion was made to adopt the August minutes by Ms. Barbera, seconded by Vice-Chairman Bologna. The minutes were adopted unanimously. A motion to adopt the October minutes was made by Vice-Chairman Bologna and seconded by Ms. Barbera. The minutes were adopted unanimously.

III. CHANGES AND/OR ADOPTION OF AGENDA

No changes.

IV. REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS, & OTHER BUSINESS

A. REPORTS

1. OPERATIONS, AIRCRAFT COMPLAINTS, and FINANCIAL REPORTS for SEPTEMBER and OCTOBER 2025

Airport Manager Mr. John Lauth discussed the Operations Reports:

- September's Total Operations reported by FAA increased 12.5% from the same month last year, and Landings increased 0.7%. Landings for the fiscal year to date increased 2.4%. Touch and Go's decreased 16.9%. Enplaned passengers were down 33.1% from last year due to low passenger volume on SkyWest Charter. Based aircraft fell 1.8%.
- October's Total Operations reported by FAA decreased 23.5% from the same month last year. Landings decreased 24.5%. Landings for the fiscal year to date decreased 2.3%. Touch & Go's decreased 35.7%. Enplaned passengers decreased 10.1%. Based aircraft fell 2.8%.

Chairman Bodenmiller asked the reason for the decrease in Based aircraft. Mr. Lauth responded that there were only 3 fewer aircraft than the previous month however inventory of based aircraft always ranges 400-450.

Mr. Lauth discussed the Aircraft Complaint Reports:

- In September, 228 complaints were filed from 25 households, compared to 36 complaints from 18 households last year. It was noted that the majority of complaints were received from two households. Most complaints were related to multi/single-engine aircraft and daytime operations and came from north and northwest of the airport. Touch and Go operations and arrivals on Runway 19 accounted for the majority of complaints. Transient aircraft

accounted for 106 complaints, Based aircraft for 62, and 60 were reported as 'General/Unknown'.

- In October, 211 complaints were filed from 16 households, compared to 31 complaints from 14 households last year. The majority of complaints were related to multi/single-engine aircraft and daytime operations. Most complaints came from north and northwest of the airport. Touch and Go operations and arrivals on Runway 19 accounted for the majority of complaints. Eighty-five complaints could not be identified by runway and were reported as 'General/Unknown'. Transient aircraft accounted for 76 complaints, Based aircraft for 49, and 86 were reported as 'General/Unknown'

Commissioner Stella Barbera mentioned that a high volume of complaints originated from a single household north of the airport. John Lauth explained that the airport remains proactive in community outreach and the majority of complaints involve single-engine aircraft operations.

Mr. Lauth discussed the Financial Reports:

- September Revenue on an Accrual Basis was favorable by \$39,618.59. Fees for Rental Income, Tie-down areas and Miscellaneous Revenue were all favorable. September expenses were favorable by \$112,183.58. Utilities Expenses were higher than anticipated. Actual Revenue exceeded Actual Expenses by \$34,815.01.
- October Revenue on an Accrual Basis was favorable by \$134,653.40 and exceeded expenses overall. Fees for Rental Income, License, and Fuel Flowage were all favorable. October Expenses were mostly favorable. Utilities Expenses was higher than budgeted. But overall Actual Revenue exceeded Actual Expenses by \$119,320.26.

2. RECENT / CURRENT EVENTS

Mr. Lauth reported the following:

- Annual Wildlife Hazard Management: Staff Training, Oct. 1st; Plan Review with Tenants, Oct. 23rd:** Annual wildlife training is required by FAA.
- Annual Snow Plan Review for Airport Staff, Oct. 29th:** Held annual staff training to prepare for upcoming winter season.
- Annual Transportation Security and Emergency Preparedness (TSEP) Training, Nov. 6th:** NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) provided training to airport staff.
- Rates & Charges Discussion with Key Tenants, Nov. 13th:** Presentation made to airport tenants and stakeholders to discuss the process for airport rate increases that have not changed since 2008. NYSDOT asked attendees to provide feedback as part of the process.
- Blue Angels Winter Visit, Nov. 25th.** – The Air Show, usually held Memorial Day weekend, was changed to the week of July 4th to mark the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Air Show will take place at Jones Beach the day after Fourth of July holiday.
- American Airpower Museum C-47 Flight Experience Rides, Nov. 29th**
- Pearl Harbor Memorial Service and Dropping of the Roses Ceremony, Dec. 7th:** Remembrance of 84th anniversary of Pearl Harbor attacks held at American Airpower Museum.
- American Airpower Museum Annual Holiday Pancake Breakfast, Dec 13th.** – Fundraiser to be held 9am- 12pm.

B. OTHER NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BUSINESS

Mr. Ceglie reported the following:

- Stratosphere 5-Parcel Development Project:** Due to cold weather, DOT has suspended roadway realignment work at Parcel A and Parcel B. Construction will resume tentatively in Spring 2026.
- Runway 1/19 Pavement Resurfacing Project:** Mr. Ceglie stated that the communities will be notified when we know the project start date and to anticipate a change in the air traffic pattern due to the runway

closure during construction. A tentative schedule for the project is from March 2026 to December 2026.

3. **Building 32 RFP:** Appraisal Review completed by NYSDOT. We are expecting to issue the RFP before next RAC meeting.

V. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Two (2) individuals commented.

The meeting adjourned at 7:38p.m.

The next RAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 10th, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by:

***Anthony C. Ceglio on behalf of Executive Secretary
Republic Airport Commission***

PUBLIC COMMENTS
REPUBLIC AIRPORT COMMISSION
December 9th, 2025

Ms. Nancy Schliwka of the Woodland Civic Association commented that even if the complaints from the two households are removed, there is still a significant increase from same month last year. She noted that the airport has grown significantly over the past 30 years, despite being surrounded by residential neighborhoods. Ms. Schliwka also mentioned that aircraft seem less consistent in avoiding residential areas even on clear days. Airport Manager John Lauth responded that the airport adheres to Noise Abatement Procedures, and the movement of aircraft is strictly under the FAA. He said we do ask FAA Air Traffic Controllers (ATC), if they can, to follow our Noise Abatement Procedures and put aircraft in a different pattern when it is safe. Mr. Anthony Ceglio explained that the airport has jurisdiction over the airport but not the airspace. He said the airport has recommended ATC conduct Touch & Go training operations over the cemetery located east of the airport. However, ATC indicated that due to the volume of single engine aircraft already in the traffic pattern, as well as aircraft returning from practice areas along the North and South Shore east of the airport, routing the Touch & Go traffic pattern to east of the airport would create conflicts. To maintain a safe traffic pattern, ATC requires Touch and Go's to occur to the west. Mr. Ceglio said the airport would continue to remind and request ATC to move traffic patterns to the east during less busy hours of the day.

Mr. Mark Goldberg, an Echo Tenant, referred to Mr. Lauth's statement that the airport was being proactive with community outreach on the noise complaint issue. Mr. Goldberg asked if the large number of complaints submitted by the one household were removed from the Aircraft Complaint reports, what would the numbers look like? Mr. Ceglio responded that the complaint numbers become closer to normal. Mr. Goldberg commented that the airport and the pilots are not doing a bad job.

Commissioner Stella Barbera asked if the FAA Tower has enough controllers. Mr. John Lauth responded that the tower is adequately staffed and noted that Republic Airport has traditionally served as a training ground for new controllers to build their experience. He reiterated Mr. Ceglio's point that, when managing a high volume of aircraft, safety considerations are required directing the traffic to the other side of the airport. Mrs. Barbera asked if the weather plays a role in the pattern. Mr. Lauth answered that the winds always play a role on which Runway is safely used for arrivals and departures.

Chairman Robert Bodenmiller advised the attendees that Northwell Health has two ambulances, two jets, and two helicopters in their hangar that are used for patient transport. He noted this for general awareness, explaining that any aircraft activity heard during the night may be related to these emergency operations, which would follow the fastest and safest routes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.

REPUBLIC AIRPORT - OPERATIONS REPORT
SEPTEMBER 2025 & SIX MONTHS YEAR-TO-DATE

		CURRENT MONTH			FISCAL YEAR-TO-DATE		
		2025/26	2024/25	% Change	2025/26	2024/25	%Change
A.	TOTAL OPERATIONS (FAA)	22,219	19,757	2,462	140,155	124,868	15,287
B.	LANDINGS BY TYPE AIRCRAFT (Ops)	9,233	9,165	68	57,264	55,922	1,342
	Single Engine Piston	4,352	4,201	151	26,748	25,848	900
	Multi Engine Piston	192	166	26	862	928	(66)
	SUB-TOTAL	4,544	4,367	177	27,610	26,776	834
	Turboprop	123	84	39	602	587	15
	Jet	1,091	753	338	4,957	4,281	676
	Helicopter	336	182	154	993	794	199
	TOTALS	6,094	5,386	708	34,162	32,438	1,724
C.	TOUCH & GO'S (Ops)	3,107	3,763	(656)	22,999	23,349	(350)
	Single Engine Piston	27	14	13	80	73	7
	Multi Engine Piston	0	0	0	2	2	0
	Turboprop	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Jet	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Helicopter	5	2	3	21	60	(39)
	TOTALS	3,139	3,779	(640)	23,102	23,484	(382)
D.	PASSENGERS	534	798	(264)	721	4,607	(3,886)
	SkyWest Charter	534	798	(264)	721	4,607	(3,886)
	TOTALS	534	798	(264)	721	4,607	(3,886)
E.	BASED AIRCRAFT	256	259	(3)			
	Single Engine Piston	46	46	0			
	Multi Engine Piston	10	10	0			
	Turboprop	97	101	(4)			
	Jet	17	18	(1)			
	Helicopter	426	434	(8)			
	TOTALS						

REPUBLIC AIRPORT - OPERATIONS REPORT OCTOBER 2025 & SEVEN MONTHS YEAR-TO-DATE

	CURRENT MONTH			% Change	FISCAL YEAR-TO-DATE							
	2025/26	2024/25	CHANGE		2025/26	2024/25	CHANGE	%Change				
A.												
	TOTAL OPERATIONS (FAA)				19,906	26,009	(6,103)	-23.5%	160,061	150,877	9,184	6.1%
B.												
	LANDINGS BY TYPE AIRCRAFT (Ops)				9,055	11,992	(2,937)	-24.5%	66,319	67,914	(1,595)	-2.3%
	Single Engine Piston				4,421	5,625	(1,204)	-21.4%	31,169	31,473	(304)	-1.0%
	Multi Engine Piston				151	121	30	24.8%	1,013	1,049	(36)	-3.4%
	SUB-TOTAL				4,572	5,746	(1,174)	-20.4%	32,182	32,522	(340)	-1.0%
	Turboprop				83	74	9	12.2%	685	661	24	3.6%
	Jet				825	727	98	13.5%	5,782	5,008	774	15.5%
	Helicopter				156	130	26	20.0%	1,149	924	225	24.4%
	TOTALS				5,636	6,677	(1,041)	-15.6%	39,798	39,115	683	1.7%
C.												
	TOUCH & GO'S (Ops)				3,407	5,297	(1,890)	-35.7%	26,406	28,646	(2,240)	-7.8%
	Single Engine Piston				9	18	(9)	-50.0%	89	91	(2)	-2.2%
	Multi Engine Piston				0	0	0	0.0%	2	2	0	0.0%
	Turboprop				0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%
	Jet				0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%
	Helicopter				3	0	3	0.0%	24	60	(36)	-60.0%
	TOTALS				3,419	5,315	(1,896)	-35.7%	26,521	28,799	(2,278)	-7.9%
D.												
	PASSENGERS											
	Ultimate Jet Charters Inc.				649	722	(73)	-10.1%	1,370	5,329	(3,959)	-74.3%
	TOTALS				649	722	(73)	-10.1%	1,370	5,329	(3,959)	-74.3%
E.												
	BASED AIRCRAFT											
	Single Engine Piston				247	260	(13)	-5.0%				
	Multi Engine Piston				46	46	0	0.0%				
	Turboprop				10	10	0	0.0%				
	Jet				100	101	(1)	-1.0%				
	Helicopter				20	18	2	11.1%				
	TOTALS				423	435	(12)	-2.8%				

REPUBLIC AIRPORT - AIRCRAFT COMPLAINT REPORT
SEPTEMBER 2025 & SIX MONTHS YEAR-TO-DATE

	CURRENT MONTH		FISCAL YEAR-TO-DATE	
	2025/26	2024/25	2025/26	2024/25
*TOTAL AIRCRAFT COMPLAINTS	228	36	1,596	132
I. TIME OF DAY				
Day	155	18	1211	88
Night	13	9	152	19
General/Unknown	60	9	233	25
TOTAL BY TIME	228	36	1596	132
II. TYPE OF AIRCRAFT/ USE				
Jet	16	2	140	14
Turboprop	0	0	15	0
Multi/ Single	139	7	1159	20
Helicopter	13	3	41	6
General/Unknown	60	24	241	92
TOTAL BY TYPE	228	36	1596	132
III. COMPLAINTS BY AREA				
North	109	0	1146	12
Northwest	80	13	227	43
Northeast	0	0	1	1
South	3	3	8	10
Southwest	0	0	4	5
Southeast	18	1	88	6
East	1	4	6	7
West	17	15	115	38
General/Unknown	0	0	1	10
TOTAL BY AREA	228	36	1596	132
IV. HOUSEHOLD TOTAL	25	18		
V. COMPLAINT BY RUNWAY				
Arrival 32	11	0	39	2
Departure 14	6	1	28	2
Arrival 14	37	4	106	6
Departure 32	1	1	31	6
Arrival 19	42	0	513	5
Departure 01	1	0	12	2
Arrival 01	19	1	88	3
Departure 19	2	1	16	3
Other *	49	4	514	11
General/Unknowns	60	24	249	92
TOTAL BY RUNWAY	228	36	1596	132
VI. AIRCRAFT LOCATION				
Based	62	5	579	16
Transient	106	7	777	25
General/Unknown	60	24	240	91
TOTAL BY LOCATION	228	36	1596	132

*Touch and Gos	
RWY 1	9
RWY 14	19
RWY 19	17
RWY 32	4

*153 - COMPLAINTS CAME FROM TWO HOUSEHOLD

REPUBLIC AIRPORT - AIRCRAFT COMPLAINT REPORT
OCTOBER 2025 & SEVEN MONTHS YEAR-TO-DATE

CURRENT MONTH
2025/26 2024/25 FISCAL YEAR-TO-DATE
2025/26 2024/25

TOTAL AIRCRAFT COMPLAINTS

211

31

1,807

163

I. TIME OF DAY

Day

155

15

1366

103

Night

36

9

188

28

General/Unknown

20

7

253

32

TOTAL BY TIME

211

31

1807

163

II. TYPE OF AIRCRAFT/ USE

Jet

16

4

156

18

Turboprop

3

0

18

0

Multi/ Single

104

0

1263

20

Helicopter

3

1

44

7

General/Unknown

85

26

326

118

TOTAL BY TYPE

211

31

1807

163

III. COMPLAINTS BY AREA

North

139

1

1285

13

Northwest

23

11

250

54

Northeast

0

0

1

1

South

0

0

8

10

Southwest

20

0

24

5

Southeast

7

5

95

11

East

0

0

6

7

West

22

14

137

52

General/Unknown

0

0

1

10

TOTAL BY AREA

211

31

1807

163

IV. HOUSEHOLD TOTAL

16

14

V. COMPLAINT BY RUNWAY

Arrival 32

14

0

53

2

Departure 14

2

1

30

3

Arrival 14

3

1

109

7

Departure 32

4

1

35

7

Arrival 19

48

0

561

5

Departure 01

5

1

17

3

Arrival 01

8

1

96

4

Departure 19

2

0

18

3

Other *

40

0

554

11

General/Unknowns

85

26

334

118

TOTAL BY RUNWAY

211

31

1807

163

VI. AIRCRAFT LOCATION

Based

49

2

628

18

Transient

76

3

853

28

General/Unknown

86

26

326

117

TOTAL BY LOCATION

211

31

1807

163

*Touch and Gos	
RWY 1	6
RWY 14	2
RWY 19	20
RWY 32	12

*154 - COMPLAINTS CAME FROM TWO HOUSEHOLD