

MINUTES
REPUBLIC AIRPORT COMMISSION (RAC) MEETING
7150 REPUBLIC AIRPORT, ROOM 201
EAST FARMINGDALE, NEW YORK
APRIL 14, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Commission Chairman Robert Bodenmiller at 7:02p.m. Vice-Chairman Vincent Bologna, Jr, and Commission Members Stella Barbera and Richard Grant were present.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements.

II. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 2025 and FEBRUARY 2026

Ms. Barbera made a motion to adopt the meeting minutes which was seconded by Mr. Grant. The motion carried unanimously.

III. CHANGES AND/OR ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Airport Director Anthony Ceglio suggested the Agenda be changed to hold a vote to appoint a RAC Chairman and Vice-Chairman since there was no quorum to do so in February. Chairman Bodenmiller agreed. Mr. Ceglio asked if there was a motion to appoint a Chairman. Mr. Bologna motioned to appoint Mr. Bodenmiller, seconded by Mr. Grant. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Ceglio asked if there was a motion to appoint a Vice-Chairman. Ms. Barbera motioned to appoint Mr. Bologna, seconded by Mr. Grant. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS, & OTHER BUSINESS

A. REPORTS

1. OPERATIONS, AIRCRAFT COMPLAINTS, and FINANCIAL REPORTS for JANUARY and FEBRUARY 2026

Airport Manager Mr. John Lauth discussed the Operations Reports:

- January Total Operations reported by FAA increased 14.0% over last year. Landings reported by Airport Operations increased by 13.7% over last year. Single-engine aircraft operations increased 22.7%, jet operations increased 3.5%, and single-engine Touch & Go's were up 7.4%. Passenger volume decreased 35.8% and Based aircraft fell 2.5%.
- February Total Operations reported by FAA decreased 6.8% from last year. Landings reported by Airport Operations decreased 3.3% from last year. Single-engine aircraft operations increased 9.2%, jet operations decreased 9.0%, and single-engine Touch & Go's were down 18.3%. Passenger volume decreased 2.1% and Based aircraft fell 3.0%.

Mr. Lauth discussed the Aircraft Complaint Reports:

- In January, 294 complaints were filed from 5 households, compared to 33 complaints from 8 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 areas north and southwest of the airport. Touch and Go operations and arrivals on Runway 19 accounted for most of the complaints. Transient aircraft accounted for 130 complaints, Based aircraft for 82, and 82 were reported as 'General/Unknown'.
- In February, 236 complaints were filed from 8 households, compared to 52 complaints from 9 households last year. The majority of complaints were related to multi/single-engine aircraft and daytime operations and came from areas north and southwest of the airport. The majority of complaints related to arrivals on Runways 19 and

32, and complaints reported as 'General/Unknown'. Transient aircraft accounted for 101 complaints, Based aircraft for 90, and 45 were reported as 'General/Unknown'

Mr. Lauth discussed the Financial Reports:

- January Revenue on an Accrual Basis was unfavorable \$207,727.35 due to rent for 5 parcels to be billed in February. Fees for License Fees, Landings, and Fuel Flowage were favorable. January expenses were favorable by \$18,220.38. Utilities Fees were higher than anticipated. January Actual Expenses exceeded Actual Revenue by 28,811.22.
- February Revenue on an Accrual Basis was favorable by \$8,976.92. February Expenses were unfavorable by \$25,351.92. Expenses for Utilities and Airport Maintenance were higher than budgeted. Overall, Actual Revenue exceeded Actual Expenses by \$195,884.75.

Ms. Barbera asked for a status on occupants for the former Molloy building. Mr. Ceglio stated a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the building is still being worked on but it should be issued by June 2026.

2. RECENT / CURRENT EVENTS

Mr. Lauth reported the following:

- a. FAA Team Safety Seminar, March 14th** - FAA hosted seminar for pilots and instructors at the Main Terminal.
- b. Atlantic Aviation Film Shoot – CIA/FBI series, March 25th- 26th** – Held on ramp at Hangar 5.
- c. ARFF Basic Training, FRG Ops Coordinators, Kentucky** – New Operations personnel attended ARFF training in Lexington KY.
- d. Site Visit for Design of New ARFF Facility-March 11th** - New facility is being designed to house ARFF vehicles and equipment.
- e. Global Entry Event, March 28th** – Event held at Main Terminal hosted by US Customs to process applicants and conduct interviews.
- f. American Airpower Museum Easter Egg Hunt, March 28th**
- g. C-47 Flight Experience, April 11th** – flights are available to public by contacting American Airpower Museum.

B. OTHER NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BUSINESS

Mr. Ceglio reported the following:

- 1. Stratosphere 5-Parcel Development Project:** SomeraRoad Inc. (SR) purchased Stratosphere's lease in February. They will continue the development of the 5 parcels in accordance with the Environmental Assessment (EA) that was approved in February 2023 and the RFP that was issued. SR appears to be very aggressive in getting the projects done. When we receive development plans for the buildings, they will be brought to the RAC and Working Group for review. SR is aware that the RAC wants to be included in communications about the development plans.
- 2. Runway 1/19 Pavement Resurfacing Project:** The construction schedule has been submitted to NYSDOT for review. The project will require Runway 1/19 to be closed. We are hoping to start the project after July 4th and the Air Show and we expect that Runway 1/19 will be closed from mid-July through end of November. This project also includes reconstruction of the Main Terminal ramp which is the original ramp from the 1980s. Additionally, an area of the Vehicle Service Road near TTM Technologies will be relocated outside of the Runway Safety Area.

Chairman Bodenmiller informed attendees and Civic groups that they will be kept informed about the runway closure for the duration of the project and asked for their understanding because the project is needed to ensure the safety of the aircraft. Mr. Lauth added that it has been 25 years since Runway 1/19 was last re-paved.

3. **Taxiway D Resurfacing Project Bid-** An FAA grant was approved for the resurface design of Taxiway Delta which has not been paved in 50 years. The project was put out to bid. We are in the process of reviewing the four bids received and getting a construction grant from FAA. Construction is estimated to begin in Spring 2027.
4. **FAA Grant Opportunity / Vehicle Tracking Equipment-** FAA offered a grant opportunity to the Airport to outfit up to 30 vehicles with a ground tracking system. We are preparing a grant application and estimate receiving the grant by end of September.
5. **2023 NYSAir 99 Grant Update- Airport Snow Broom Procurement-** A new snow broom with a blower attachment is being procured through a State grant and we anticipate taking delivery by the end of 2026.

V. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Seven (7) individuals commented.

Ms. Barbera made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Grant. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:15p.m. The next RAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 9, 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
April 14, 2026

Ms. Nancy Schliwka of the Woodland Civic Association asked to know the reason for the increase in helicopter operations. Mr. Ceglio explained that helicopters were being used to shuttle off-shore wind farm employees to and from the site several times a week. Mr. Lauth said the operations will continue through June but may have their contract renewed.

Dr. George Blednick, a Melville resident, stated he has lived in the West Hills (Rollingwood) section of Melville for 47 years. He has noticed in the last 3 years, there are small aircraft flying over his home 250-300 times a day. The noise has changed the nature of his relationship with his house and he feels a lot of frustration. It has dramatically changed the quality of his life in his house. He provided a printout of a screenshot from the Flightradar24 app that shows a pattern of aircraft flying over and near his home. He said that flight patterns used to fly over the cemeteries but that changed 3 years ago and now the planes are flying directly over his home. Chairman Bodenmiller asked for some time to look into the information and the Airport may invite him to have a discussion about it and address his concerns.

Mr. Michael Canale, a Farmingdale resident, stated that there isn't any number of noise complaints that will yield any change at all. He asked if the Airport is legally obligated to take these noise complaints. It seems like you would be legally obligated to and that's why I'm doing it. There's nothing that can be done apparently because nothing is happening. Why do you bother talking about it? Mr. Lauth answered that the Airport wants to be aware of what's happening around the community. Mr. Canale said it's 'all feel good talk'. Your letters say you're going to aggressively look at this but it's all junk. You're supposed to take noise level measurements from the airport. When's that last time you did that? Mr. Ceglio answered that there was a Noise Exposure Map done a few years ago that is updated periodically. If you want information about it, I can send it to you; it is also posted on the Airport Website ([Noise & Environment – Republic Airport](#)). Mr. Canale said he just wants the noise to stop and he's going to make it his life's mission to make you miserable to some degree. I'm going to make it hard for you to get a grant. Unfortunately, Governor Hochul doesn't answer. Senator Martinez, who apparently is in your pocket, because she changed something in the Transportation Law to help the Airport. Mr. Canale said that Mr. Ceglio's being a part of the RAC Commission sounds like a crazy conflict of interest. He said the Commission is supposed to have nine people but there are only four. Mr. Bodenmiller stated that the Airport has no control of aircraft in the sky and where they choose to fly or where it's safe to fly. That falls under FAA. Mr. Ceglio said the Airport discusses complaints with the Air Traffic Control Tower (ATCT) and the Recommended Noise Abatement procedures. We've gone over this with them many times. The ATCT controls traffic in the best interest of aircraft safety. Moving aircraft from east to west is due to safety concerns of conflicting traffic.

Ms. Nancy Cypser, President of the Woodland Civic Association, asked if they should be complaining directly to FAA. Mr. Ceglio said the FAA Office of Environment and Energy Noise Division has information on their website at https://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/apl/aee/noise and an FAA Noise Portal can be found at https://ancir.faa.gov/ancir?id=ancir_sc_cat_item&sys_id=6149ade187a1f550b0d987b9cebb357e.

Mr. Canale asked to know what an 'operation' is and how much is charged for a landing fee. Mr. Lauth answered that an aircraft taking off and landing counts as one operation. Mr. Ceglio stated the landing fee is determined by the type of aircraft.

Dr. Blednick asked if the Airport has a ‘meaningful’ liaison with FAA who would listen to feedback from the local residents. Mr. Ceglie stated the Airport has a good relationship with the ATCT Manager. We’ve discussed the noise complaints with him. The ATCT is controlling traffic in the interest of safety, based on the number of aircraft that come in and where they are coming in from. There is a north practice area and a south practice area; arrivals from those areas get integrated into the traffic pattern by ATC at Republic Airport in the safest way possible.

Ms. Jessica Santangelo of the Woodland Civic Association addressed Mr. Canale and suggested he contact US Senator Kirsten Gillibrand’s office because they are on a federal level.

Dr. Joan Blednick, a Melville resident, asked if an Air Traffic Controller can come to a meeting. Mr. Bodenmiller said they have been asked and we will invite them again. At our level, the Commission can help bridge the gap between the State and the Federal government.

Mr. Canale asked to know who filed the lawsuit to change Transportation Law 402 which opened the airport after 11:00pm until 7:00am. Ms. Jessica Santangelo said there are airports with limitations and this airport used to be one of them. The lawsuit was filed in the 1990s.

Ms. Cypser asked if the original Stratosphere RFP allows for transfer of responsibility. Mr. Ceglie stated the language in the lease allows for assignment, and lease information can be obtained through the Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) process by visiting <https://www.dot.ny.gov/main/foil-form-challenge> .

Ms. Cypser asked what level of vetting was done on SomeraRoad to be certain that they can build out this contract. Mr. Ceglie stated SomeraRoad was vetted by NYSDOT and the Office of State Controller. Their backgrounds were checked and they were deemed responsible.

Ms. Cypser asked if SomeraRoad intends to develop the parcels exactly like Stratosphere’s plans. If not, what is the process for them to make changes? Mr. Ceglie said the plans have not changed from the Environmental Assessment (EA) approved the FAA in February 2023. To make changes, they would have to submit a request to NYSDOT. We would review it and also discuss it with the RAC and the Working Group for their comments.

Mr. Mark Goldberg, Echo tenant, thanked Mr. Lauth and the Airport Operations staff for plowing out his plane after a snow storm this winter. He asked to know if there are any changes planned for Echo ramp. Mr. Ceglie said no approved plans to change the Echo from the 2023 FAA approve EA. Modern Aviation has taken over the FBO services on Echo ramp and are allowing Echo tenants to use the restrooms inside the temporary FBO building. Mr. Ceglie also reminded attendees that a second Rates and Charges meeting will be held on April 30th, 2026 in the Main Terminal Lobby at 6:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

REPUBLIC AIRPORT - OPERATIONS REPORT

JANUARY 2026 & TEN MONTHS YEAR-TO-DATE

		CURRENT MONTH				FISCAL YEAR-TO-DATE			
		2025/26	2024/25	CHANGE	% Change	2025/26	2024/25	CHANGE	%Change
A.	TOTAL OPERATIONS (FAA)	15,957	14,000	1,957	14.0%	208,706	198,582	10,124	5.1%
B.	LANDINGS BY TYPE AIRCRAFT (Ops)	6,740	5,928	812	13.7%	87,408	88,611	(1,203)	-1.4%
	Single Engine Piston	3,198	2,606	592	22.7%	41,155	40,654	501	1.2%
	Multi Engine Piston	79	110	(31)	-28.2%	1,303	1,424	(121)	-8.5%
	SUB-TOTAL	3,277	2,716	561	20.7%	42,458	42,078	380	0.9%
	Turboprop	34	42	(8)	-19.0%	848	815	33	4.0%
	Jet	745	720	25	3.5%	8,318	7,250	1,068	14.7%
	Helicopter	89	46	43	93.5%	1,455	1,109	346	31.2%
	TOTALS	4,145	3,524	621	17.6%	53,079	51,252	1,827	3.6%
C.	TOUCH & GO'S (Ops)								
	Single Engine Piston	2,581	2,403	178	7.4%	34,162	37,195	(3,033)	-8.2%
	Multi Engine Piston	11	1	10	1000.0%	123	101	22	21.8%
	Turboprop	0	0	0	0.0%	2	2	0	0.0%
	Jet	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%
	Helicopter	3	0	3	300.0%	42	61	(19)	-31.1%
	TOTALS	2,595	2,404	191	7.9%	34,329	37,359	(3,030)	-8.1%
D.	PASSENGERS								
	SkyWest Charter	467	727	(260)	-35.8%	2,978	7,524	(4,546)	-60.4%
	TOTALS	467	727	(260)	-35.8%	2,978	7,524	(4,546)	-60.4%
E.	BASED AIRCRAFT								
	Single Engine Piston	246	258	(12)	-4.7%				
	Multi Engine Piston	46	46	0	0.0%				
	Turboprop	10	10	0	0.0%				
	Jet	99	100	(1)	-1.0%				
	Helicopter	20	18	2	11.1%				
	TOTALS	421	432	(11)	-2.5%				

REPUBLIC AIRPORT - OPERATIONS REPORT

FEBRUARY 2026 & ELEVEN MONTHS YEAR-TO-DATE

		CURRENT MONTH				FISCAL YEAR-TO-DATE			
		2025/26	2024/25	CHANGE	% Change	2025/26	2024/25	CHANGE	%Change
A.	TOTAL OPERATIONS (FAA)	14,898	15,977	(1,079)	-6.8%	223,604	214,559	9,045	4.2%
B.	LANDINGS BY TYPE AIRCRAFT (Ops)	6,336	6,550	(214)	-3.3%	93,744	95,161	(1,417)	-1.5%
	Single Engine Piston	3,181	2,912	269	9.2%	44,336	43,566	770	1.8%
	Multi Engine Piston	93	115	(22)	-19.1%	1,396	1,539	(143)	-9.3%
	SUB-TOTAL	3,274	3,027	247	8.2%	45,732	45,105	627	1.4%
	Turboprop	45	28	17	60.7%	893	843	50	5.9%
	Jet	660	725	(65)	-9.0%	8,978	7,975	1,003	12.6%
	Helicopter	101	36	65	180.6%	1,556	1,145	411	35.9%
	TOTALS	4,080	3,816	264	6.9%	57,159	55,068	2,091	3.8%
C.	TOUCH & GO'S (Ops)								
	Single Engine Piston	2,227	2,726	(499)	-18.3%	36,389	39,921	(3,532)	-8.8%
	Multi Engine Piston	15	8	7	87.5%	138	109	29	26.6%
	Turboprop	0	0	0	0.0%	2	2	0	0.0%
	Jet	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%
	Helicopter	14	0	14	1400.0%	56	61	(5)	-8.2%
	TOTALS	2,256	2,734	(478)	-17.5%	36,585	40,093	(3,508)	-8.7%
D.	PASSENGERS								
	SkyWest Charter	643	657	(14)	-2.1%	3,621	8,181	(4,560)	-55.7%
	TOTALS	643	657	(14)	-2.1%	3,621	8,181	(4,560)	-55.7%
E.	BASED AIRCRAFT								
	Single Engine Piston	246	258	(12)	-4.7%				
	Multi Engine Piston	46	46	0	0.0%				
	Turboprop	10	10	0	0.0%				
	Jet	98	101	(3)	-3.0%				
	Helicopter	20	18	2	11.1%				
	TOTALS	420	433	(13)	-3.0%				

REPUBLIC AIRPORT - AIRCRAFT COMPLAINT REPORT
JANUARY 2026 & TEN MONTHS YEAR-TO-DATE

	CURRENT MONTH		FISCAL YEAR-TO-DATE	
	2025/26	2024/25	2025/26	2024/25
TOTAL AIRCRAFT COMPLAINTS	294	33	2,434	273
I. TIME OF DAY				
Day	203	6	1826	146
Night	10	6	236	46
General/Unknown	81	21	372	81
TOTAL BY TIME	294	33	2434	273
II. TYPE OF AIRCRAFT/ USE				
Jet	4	1	191	28
Turboprop	0	0	19	2
Multi/ Single	205	5	1667	35
Helicopter	3	0	56	10
Geneeral/Unknown	82	27	501	198
TOTAL BY TYPE	294	33	2434	273
III. COMPLAINTS BY AREA				
North	240	0	1716	15
Northwest	4	6	259	69
Northeast	1	0	2	2
South	0	0	8	10
Southwest	38	0	134	7
Southeast	0	0	114	15
East	0	1	6	9
West	11	26	194	136
Unknown	0	0	1	10
TOTAL BY AREA	294	33	2434	273
IV. HOUSEHOLD TOTAL	5	8		
V. COMPLAINT BY RUNWAY				
Arrival 32	15	1	102	10
Departure 14	0	1	33	4
Arrival 14	1	0	117	10
Departure 32	0	3	60	16
Arrival 19	103	1	734	8
Departure 01	0	0	18	5
Arrival 01	3	0	105	7
Departure 19	1	0	20	3
Other *	88	0	735	12
Unknowns	83	27	510	198
TOTAL BY RUNWAY	294	33	2434	273
VI. AIRCRAFT LOCATION				
Based	82	6	804	31
Transient	130	6	1129	51
Unknown	82	21	501	191
TOTAL BY LOCATION	294	33	2434	273

*Touch and Gos	
RWY 1	4
RWY 14	4
RWY 19	73
RWY 32	7

*278 - COMPLAINTS CAME FROM TWO HOUSEHOLD

**REPUBLIC AIRPORT - AIRCRAFT COMPLAINT REPORT
FEBRUARY 2026 & ELEVEN MONTHS YEAR-TO-DATE**

	CURRENT MONTH		FISCAL YEAR-TO-DATE	
	2025/26	2024/25	2025/26	2024/25
TOTAL AIRCRAFT COMPLAINTS	236	52	2,670	325
I. TIME OF DAY				
Day	139	19	1965	165
Night	7	7	243	53
General/Unknown	90	26	462	107
TOTAL BY TIME	236	52	2670	325
II. TYPE OF AIRCRAFT/ USE				
Jet	9	3	200	31
Turboprop	1	0	20	2
Multi/ Single	131	5	1798	40
Helicopter	5	1	61	11
General/Unknown	90	43	591	241
TOTAL BY TYPE	236	52	2670	325
III. COMPLAINTS BY AREA				
North	173	0	1889	15
Northwest	1	11	260	80
Northeast	0	0	2	2
South	4	0	12	10
Southwest	34	0	168	7
Southeast	3	0	117	15
East	0	0	6	9
West	21	41	215	177
General/Unknown	0	0	1	10
TOTAL BY AREA	236	52	2670	325
IV. HOUSEHOLD TOTAL	8	9		
V. COMPLAINT BY RUNWAY				
Arrival 32	32	2	134	12
Departure 14	1	0	34	4
Arrival 14	3	2	120	12
Departure 32	7	4	67	20
Arrival 19	53	1	787	9
Departure 01	2	0	20	5
Arrival 01	4	0	109	7
Departure 19	1	0	21	3
Other *	43	0	778	12
General/Unknown	90	43	600	241
TOTAL BY RUNWAY	236	52	2670	325
VI. AIRCRAFT LOCATION				
Based	90	1	894	32
Transient	101	8	1230	59
General/Unknown	45	43	546	234
TOTAL BY LOCATION	236	52	2670	325

*Touch and Gos	
RWY 1	3
RWY 14	2
RWY 19	25
RWY 32	13