



MINUTES

Special Board of Directors Meeting JAA Administration Bldg. 3rd Floor Ed Austin Board Room Thursday July 16, 2026/2:00pm

Chair of the Board David Hodges, Jr. called the July 16, 2026 Jacksonville Aviation Authority Special Board of Directors meeting to order at 2:00pm. The following board members were present in person at the call to order:

Mr. David Hodges, Jr., Chair
Mr. William Gulliford, Secretary
Dr. Solomon Brotman, Treasurer
Mrs. Michelle Barnett, Member
Mr. Matt Connell, Member
Mr. Andy Hofheimer
(*Mr. Fernando Acosta-Rua, Vice Chair, was absent*)

Also present at the order call were:

Mr. Mark VanLoh, Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Tony Cugno, Chief Operating Officer
Mr. Devin Reed, Chief Compliance Officer
Ms. Barbara Halverstadt, Chief Marketing Officer
Mr. Jay Cunio, Chief Development Officer
Mr. Mike May, Chief Human Resource Officer
Mr. Nick Howland, City Council President/JAA Council Liaison
Mrs. Melissa Marcha-Lee, Executive Assistant to CEO, and Board of Directors
Administrator/Recording Secretary

A listing of all attendees is on file in the office of the Recording Secretary

Welcome, Announcements, Pledge

Board Chair Hodges welcomed everyone, announced that a voting quorum was present, and then called upon Mr. Jason Knox, JAA Vice President Government Affairs, to lead the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Chair Hodges advised that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss a proposed resolution, and only that subject will be discussed at the meeting - he requested a civil discussion of the topic.

Public Comment

Board Chair Hodges was advised by Mrs. Marcha-Lee that three speaker cards were received, all requesting to speak on the topic of the meeting. Chair Hodges advised he would call each speaker to the podium, in the order their card was received, for their allowed three minutes of time. Chair Hodges called Mr. Nick Howland, then Mr. Jason Teal, then Mr. Nick Harding (Mr. Harding was not present). Chair Hodges thanked both speakers for their comments and he then moved to the next agenda item.

Resolution

2026-02S

***A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Jacksonville Aviation Authority
Ratifying and Authorizing the Engagement of Independent Outside Legal
Counsel; Authorizing Legal Action Against The City of Jacksonville; Finding
that Delay will Endanger the Public Welfare and Compromise the
Authority's Significant Legal Rights; and Providing an Effective Date***

Board Chair Hodges called upon Board Secretary William Gulliford to present the Resolution. Significant discussion ensued, with both Mr. Gulliford and Dr. Brotman making comments. Chair Hodges then called for a motion to approve the Resolution, which was made by Mr. Gulliford and seconded by Dr. Brotman. Mr. Michael Fackler, General Counsel for the City of Jacksonville, requested to speak before the vote, Chair Hodges allowed that request. Mr. Fackler advised the board that he is the attorney for JAA and requested time to discuss and review the Resolution - board member Barnett inquired as to the requested time frame, to which he replied 30 days. Chair Hodges thanked Mr. Fackler for his comments and called for the vote - the six board members present voted unanimously to approve the Resolution. Councilman Howland requested to speak and Chair Hodges allowed that request. Mr. Howland shared comments regarding provisions of the Resolution that he stated are false.

After further discussion, Chair Hodges advised he would entertain another motion that we work with the City, lead by a JAA board member, and he appointed Mrs. Barnett, to try and mediate an agreement and that no action be filed within thirty days of the date of this Resolution unless permitted by Mrs. Barnett. Upon motion made by Dr. Brotman and seconded by Mr. Connell, the six board members present voted unanimously to allow mediation on the issue within thirty days. Mrs. Barnett accepted the appointment and advised she will be happy to lead the group charged with mediation, advising that it is not an issue of power but of clarity on an issue that has been circulating for many years. There being no further discussion, Chair Hodges moved to the next item on the agenda.

City Council Update

***Council President Nick
Howland, JAA Council Liaison***

Board Chair Hodges called upon Council President Howland, who expressed disappointment that he wasn't allowed to speak before the question was called. He hopes for successful mediation. He reminded JAA that the public comes to council on issues, such as airport disabled parking, and he hopes we can work together on this issue.

Board Communication

Chair Hodges thanked everyone for a civilized meeting and the respect shown to each other. He advised we all need to remember that the goal is to get clarity on this issue.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Directors, Board Chair Hodges adjourned the meeting at 3:05pm.

Approved Sept. 21, 2026