TWEED NEW HAVEN AIRPORT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 16, 2026

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Robert Reed, John Picard, Jesse Phillips, Linda Hennessey, Carlos Eyzaguirre, Ray Pompano, Ken Dagliere, Mark Scussel, Kevin Rocco, William Villano, Sandra Trevino, and Matt Hoey.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Michael Fimiani, Dean Johnson and Charles Page.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Tom Rafter, Jeremy Nielson, Malena Zanjani, Tom Cavaliere, Felipe Suriel, Anne Watkins, Gloria Bellacicco, Jeremiah Wilhite, Michael Giordano, Thomas Breen, Toni Lorenti, William Hotch, Miriam Liske-Doorandish, Steve Wight, Timothy Sullivan, Brian C. Courtney, Eliot Jameson, Andrew King, Bryan, Julia Byron, Petrina Yoxall, Sierra-Marie Gerfao, Cara, Caitlyn LE, Brett Simon, and Paloma.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Reed called the regular meeting of the Tweed-New Haven Airport Authority Board of Directors to order at 4:02 p.m. A quorum was confirmed present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Reed moved to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2026 Regular Board Meeting. Mr. Hoey supported the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Trevino. There being no further discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Reed reported on two recent operational disruptions at Tweed-New Haven Airport involving a runway lighting failure and flash flooding that temporarily affected Airport operations. He noted that Airport personnel and service partners responded promptly, allowing the runway and terminal to return to normal operations following the respective events.

On behalf of the Authority Board of Directors, Mr. Reed expressed regret for the disruptions and recognized Avports operations personnel, the City of New Haven, United Property Restoration, and Consolidated Electric for their efforts in responding to the incidents and restoring Airport operations.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Rafter provided the following updates:

Responses to questions previously submitted by Mr. Scussel regarding the FCA were provided. One additional item remains outstanding and will be provided.

The Airport finalized a grant award of $1,353,150 for the acquisition of one zero-emissions street sweeper, two zero-emissions zero-turn mowers, and associated charging infrastructure.

Airport representatives met with the FAA on August 27 to discuss HVN's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). No significant changes were made to the planned projects. Funding allocations and project schedules were adjusted based on anticipated FAA funding availability.

The June 2026 traffic report was included in the Board packet. June enplanements decreased by less than 1% compared with June 2025 and increased by 6% for the twelve-month period. HVN recorded 731,388 enplaned passengers during the preceding twelve months.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

JULY 2026 FINANCIALS

Mr. Phillips reported that the Finance Committee reviewed the financial statements for the period ending July 31, 2026. Executive Director Rafter presented the following financial highlights:

Airfield Account: The actual subsidy required for July was $83,564 under budget. July revenues, excluding the Lessee subsidy of $233,707, totaled $104,275. Year-to-date actual revenues, excluding the $3,308,501 subsidy, totaled $1,252,666, which was $11,831 better than budget. Airfield expenses for July totaled $337,982, which was $71,733 under budget. Year-to-date expenses were also $71,733 under budget.

Administrative Account: Total revenues for July were $64,275, which was $29,030 under budget. Year-to-date actual revenues totaled $799,216, which was $170,784 under budget. Administrative expenses for July were $55,716. Year-to-date actual expenses totaled $909,273, which was $37,589 under budget. The Administrative Fund reported a positive net result of $8,560 for July and a year-to-date negative net result of $110,057.

Balance Sheet: The fund balance at the end of the period was $430,903. Total liabilities and fund balances were $2,498,371.

Mr. Hoey asked about Airfield personnel costs being below budget. Executive Director Rafter explained that several positions approved as part of the budget had not yet been filled. Staff will provide additional information as appropriate.

AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

AIRFIELD OPERATIONS

Mr. Nielson provided a combined Airport Manager's and Lessee's Report, including updates on recent flooding, the airfield lighting outage, equipment, and upcoming seasonal preparations.

Mr. Nielson reported that approximately five inches of rain fell within a two-hour period on September 13, resulting in flooding at the terminal. Flood barriers installed in advance of the storm helped limit water intrusion and protect critical equipment. Airport systems were restored and operations resumed the following day. Mr. Nielson recognized Airport staff, air carriers, and service partners for their response and coordination.

Mr. Nielson also reported that water intrusion following the storm contributed to an airfield lighting system failure. Repairs were completed the following day, restoring the system to full operation. The Airport's full-scale emergency exercise was rescheduled for September 22.

A new Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) vehicle was delivered on August 31, and the annual snow operations meeting with Airport tenants is planned for early October.

During Board discussion, members requested timely communications regarding significant operational events and discussed the long-term reliability of the airfield lighting system. Management noted that the planned runway rehabilitation will include replacement and modernization of the existing lighting system.

LESSEE'S REPORT – THE NEW HVN LLC

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The Lessee's Report was presented by Mr. Nielson in conjunction with the Airport Manager's Report. No additional items were reported.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REPORT

Mr. Cavaliere provided updates regarding community engagement and air service developments.

Mr. Cavaliere thanked those who attended the Airport's 95th anniversary celebration on August 29 and recognized Robinson Aviation, the New Haven Museum, and other community partners for their participation.

He reported that Houston service will transition from William P. Hobby Airport to George Bush Intercontinental Airport beginning September 21. New nonstop service to Aguadilla, Puerto Rico, is scheduled to begin November 19.

Mr. Cavaliere also reported on the Airport's recent engagement with Connecticut's life sciences industry and the importance of regional air connectivity to the business community.

The updated noise report will be presented at the October Board meeting.

REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS

No resolutions were presented for consideration.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Board discussed several matters under Other Business. Mr. Villano asked about Avelo Airlines' planned introduction of new aircraft. Management noted that the aircraft are expected to be quieter and more fuel efficient, with additional range that could provide opportunities for expanded service in the future.

A status update was also requested regarding the search for a new Executive Director. Mr. Reed reported that Executive Director Rafter continues to serve the Authority on a reduced schedule and that the search for a successor has been placed on hold.

Mr. Reed addressed recent federal immigration enforcement activity at the Airport and related community concerns. He stated that the Authority is working with its partners and legal counsel to review the matter while

continuing to comply with applicable requirements. The Board was also advised that the City of New Haven was submitting a letter outlining its concerns and requests for consideration by the Authority.

Board members discussed the importance of clarifying the Authority's responsibilities, policies, and limitations and communicating that information to the public. Mr. Reed indicated that the matter would continue to be reviewed with the Authority's partners and legal counsel and that a special Board meeting may be called if further consideration or action is necessary.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following summaries reflect the speakers' comments, opinions, and concerns and should not be construed as independently verified statements of fact. Public Comment is not a question-and-answer session.

Gloria Bellacicco – New Haven, CT: Commenter congratulated the Airport on its 95th anniversary and expressed appreciation for the recent anniversary event. Commenter also expressed support for the Airport's decision to suspend operations during the runway lighting outage due to safety considerations. Commenter requested attention to a pothole near the Airport exit and commented favorably on reduced aircraft noise experienced during certain departures, expressing interest in measures that could reduce neighborhood noise.

Anne Watkins – New Haven, CT: Commenter expressed concern regarding reported federal immigration enforcement activity at the Airport and the Authority's response. Commenter alleged that several individuals had recently been detained by ICE at the Airport and raised concerns regarding ICE access, credentials, parking, and vehicles. Commenter also requested greater transparency regarding the Authority's discussions with local partners and expressed interest in participation by the New Haven Immigrants Coalition in future discussions concerning the issue.

Petrina Yoxall – New Haven, CT: Commenter expressed concerns regarding flooding, traffic congestion, and Airport access. Commenter questioned the use of civilian personnel to direct traffic and raised concerns regarding vehicles blocking access near the Airport. Commenter also expressed concern regarding proposed access to future Airport facilities during coastal flooding. Regarding recent ICE-related demonstrations, commenter supported the right to express opinions while raising concerns about demonstrators entering roadways and interfering with traffic.

Julia Byron – New Haven, CT: Commenter expressed concern regarding reported federal immigration enforcement activity at the Airport and questioned whether judicial warrants were presented in connection with recent detentions. Commenter alleged that individuals without criminal charges had been detained by ICE. Commenter urged the Authority to consider additional measures regarding passenger and community safety and requested that legal observers be permitted to monitor immigration enforcement activity at the Airport.

Miriam Liske-Doorandish – New Haven, CT: Commenter expressed appreciation for the Airport's role in the community and raised concerns regarding reported federal immigration enforcement activity at the Airport. Commenter characterized recent detentions as unlawful and harmful to community members and requested greater transparency regarding the Authority's role, obligations, and policies concerning ICE activity at the Airport.

Toni Lorenti – Meriden, CT: Commenter discussed the recent runway lighting outage and noted that similar equipment failures can occur at commercial airports. Commenter expressed support for the Airport's response and recognized flight crews and technical personnel for safely managing the disruption. Commenter also provided general comments regarding the characteristics of the new aircraft discussed earlier in the meeting.

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ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hoey moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Villano. The motion was approved unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 5:00 p.m.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for October 21, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES PREPARED AND SUBMITTED BY

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