TWEED NEW HAVEN AIRPORT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 21, 2026

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Robert Reed, Linda Hennessey, Michael Fimiani, Charles Page, William Villano, Matt Hoey, Carlos Eyzaguirre, Ken Dagliere, Kevin Rocco, John Picard and Sandra Trevino.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Ray Pompano, Jesse Phillips, Mark Scussel Sr. and Dean Johnson.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Tom Rafter, Jeremy Nielson, Tom Cavaliere, Felipe Suriel, Malena Zanjani, Airport representatives and members of the public.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Reed called the regular meeting of the Tweed-New Haven Airport Authority Board of Directors to order at 4:06PM. A quorum was confirmed present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Hoey moved to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2026 Regular Board Meeting, seconded by Mr. Villano. There being no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Reed acknowledged the public's right to peaceful demonstration and reiterated the Airport's responsibility to maintain a safe, secure and accessible environment for passengers, employees and operations. He emphasized that entrances, roadways and emergency access must remain unobstructed.

Regarding Mayor Elicker's September 16, 2026 letter and the Authority's September 18 response, Chairman Reed noted that the parties continue to actively review the matters raised, in coordination with applicable legal, regulatory and law enforcement requirements. He stated that additional details could not be provided at this time due to legal considerations.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Rafter provided the following updates:

- **Environmental Stewardship Committee (ESC):** The Committee met on October 20, 2026, and received updates on the air purifier program, noise monitoring, VALE Grant, Residential Sound Insulation Program (RSIP), firefighting foam testing and glycol management.
- **Airport Statistics:** The traffic report through July 2026 was included in the Board packet. July enplanements decreased 3% compared to July 2025, while enplanements increased 4% over the preceding twelve-month period. The Airport recorded 729,487 enplanements during that period.

There were no questions or comments.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

AUGUST 2026 FINANCIALS

Executive Director Rafter presented the Finance Committee report on behalf of Mr. Phillips, who was unable to attend. The financial statements for the period ending August 31, 2026 were reviewed.

Airfield Account:

- The actual subsidy required for August was under budget by $56,378.
- August revenues, excluding the Lessee subsidy of $260,894, totaled $116,854.
- Year-to-date revenues, excluding the $494,602 Lessee subsidy, were $221,129, exceeding budget by $36,242.
- August expenses totaled $377,749, under budget by $31,967. Year-to-date expenses were $715,731, under budget by $103,700.

Administrative Account:

- August revenues totaled $64,250, under budget by $29,055. Year-to-date revenues were $128,525, under budget by $58,085.
- August expenses totaled $48,099. Year-to-date expenses were $103,815, under budget by $82,795.
- The Administrative Fund recorded a positive net result of $16,151 for August and $24,710 year-to-date.

Balance Sheet:

- The Fund Balance at August 31, 2026, was $446,915.
- Total liabilities and fund balances were $2,882,915.

AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

AIRFIELD OPERATIONS

Mr. Nielson provided the following operational updates:

- **Emergency Preparedness:** The Airport successfully conducted its rescheduled full-scale emergency exercise on September 22, 2026, with more than 200 participants and strong mutual aid participation. Feedback is being evaluated to identify improvements, and additional tabletop exercises are being planned with New Haven and East Haven.
- **Emergency Communications:** Staff is working with the FAA, air traffic control and local emergency responders to modernize the Airport's emergency notification system, including backup communications capabilities.

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- **Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF):** The Airport received a new Oshkosh Striker firefighting vehicle. FAA-required testing is being coordinated with DEEP to ensure compliance with environmental requirements. Staff confirmed that the Airport's firefighting vehicles use fluorine-free (F3) foam, replacing traditional PFAS-containing foam. Mr. Nielson also reviewed the Airport's firefighting equipment, training and emergency response capabilities.
- **Seasonal Operations:** Staff is preparing for increased Thanksgiving and holiday travel and has completed its annual snow operations coordination meeting with Airport tenants.
- **Airfield Lighting:** Staff reported no further operational issues following repairs to the airfield lighting system affected by earlier flooding.

LESSEE'S REPORT – THE NEW HVN LLC

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Mr. Nielson presented the Lessee's Report in conjunction with the Airport Manager's Report. Staff continues to identify improvements to the existing terminal, including flooring replacement, restroom updates and general modernization to enhance the passenger experience.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REPORT

Mr. Cavaliere provided the following updates:

- **Air Service:** Breeze Airways announced new nonstop service from Tweed to Myrtle Beach, scheduled to begin May 27, 2027.
- **Terminal Enhancements:** The Airport introduced updated jet bridge artwork and additional terminal installations through partnerships with local artists and businesses, including initiatives supporting the Feeding Families Foundation.
- **Air Purifier Program:** Phase Two will expand eligibility to approximately 450 additional homes, bringing total eligibility to more than 1,200 households. Notification letters are expected by the end of October, with applications accepted through February 2027. Website and application improvements are being implemented to simplify participation.
- **Noise Monitoring Report:** Mr. Cavaliere presented findings from the Airport's recent portable noise monitoring deployment near Roses Farm Road. The 143-day monitoring period recorded an average of approximately nine minutes per day of noise events above 65 decibels, compared with approximately 4.3 minutes at the previous Upson Terrace location. Average event duration remained approximately 13–14 seconds, with peak readings of 94 and 92 decibels, respectively. Staff noted that differences in location, proximity to flight paths and monitoring seasons affect the results. During the monitoring period, 379 public noise inquiries were received, with 315 submitted by one individual. Mr. Cavaliere emphasized that the noise monitoring report will be available on **flytweed.com**, along with previous reports and publicly accessible aircraft tracking information, to provide transparency regarding aircraft noise.

REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS

No resolutions were presented for consideration.

OTHER BUSINESS

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Mr. Dagliere requested an update on the design and development progress of the proposed new terminal. Chairman Reed confirmed that planning and coordination with project partners and regulatory agencies remain ongoing.

Executive Director Rafter indicated that a public update on terminal development would be included at the November Board meeting. Mr. Reed also noted plans for an Executive Committee meeting with project representatives ahead of the November meeting to review ongoing developments.

- ***Action Item: Staff to provide an update on the new terminal design and development at the November 18, 2026 Board meeting.***

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. These summaries are intended to provide a brief overview and do not capture the comments in their entirety. To hear the public comments in full, please refer to the meeting recording available at flytweed.com.

Petrina Yoxall – New Haven, CT: Expressed ongoing concerns regarding neighborhood traffic, vehicles parking near her residence, aircraft noise, odors and late-night flights.

Leslie B. – New Haven, CT: Speaking on behalf of the New Haven Federation of Teachers and New Haven Immigrants Coalition, urged the Authority to ensure compliance with applicable state and federal laws governing immigration enforcement. Requested greater transparency regarding ICE access, identification, training, background checks and arrest records at the Airport.

Paul North – Hamden, CT: Expressed concerns regarding immigration enforcement activities at airports, particularly their impact on students and families. Encouraged the Authority to use available legal measures to protect travelers and community members.

Anne Watkins – New Haven, CT: Encouraged the Authority to exercise its responsibilities under state and federal law regarding immigration enforcement and requested staff awareness and training concerning judicial warrants and constitutional protections.

Rose Murphy – Branford, CT: Discussed a prior positive experience bringing students to the Airport for a career education visit and expressed concerns about how immigration enforcement activities may affect students' and families' sense of safety at the Airport.

Jessica Light – New Haven, CT: Raised concerns regarding immigration enforcement, constitutional protections and compliance with Connecticut law. Requested greater transparency concerning ICE activities and cooperation at the Airport.

Trin Trong – New Haven, CT: Speaking on behalf of the New Haven Immigrant Coalition through Yale Law School's Worker and Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic, discussed a Freedom of Information request seeking records related to ICE access, security screening, identification, training and enforcement activities at the Airport.

Lorena Venegas – East Haven, CT: Expressed concerns regarding air quality, noise, PFAS, pesticide use and environmental impacts on the surrounding community. Requested additional environmental information, public engagement and greater representation of East Haven residents' concerns.

ADJOURNMENT

Following public comment, Board members offered brief closing remarks. Mr. Reed called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Page moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Fimiani. The motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 5:06 p.m.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

ACTION ITEM SUMMARY

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MINUTES PREPARED AND SUBMITTED BY

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