

Sedona-Oak Creek Airport Authority

Airport Terminal Conference Room Minutes of the Special Meeting – July 28, 2025 Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.01(B)

Directors Present: President Pam Fazzini, Vice-President David Cooper, Treasurer Jerry Barber, Secretary Betty Uhrig, Director Timothy Miller, Director Scott Schroeder, and Director Mike Schroeder.

Directors Absent: None.

Staff Present: General Manager Ed Rose, Assistant Business Manager Patresa Miller and Special Projects Coordinator Mark Allen.

Agenda Item I. Call to Order. The Special Meeting was called to order by President Fazzini at 2:30 p.m. immediately followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item II. Roll Call. Roll was called and it was determined a quorum was present.

Agenda Item III. Special Business.

- A. Consideration of Proposal by Volaire Aviation Consulting. General Manager, Ed Rose, held a public meeting on June 20, 2025, with Volaire representative Jack Penning explaining his company's services. Local business leaders, the Sedona-Oak Creek Chamber of Commerce, the Tourism Bureau from Flagstaff, the Arizona Office of Tourism, two airlines, an aviation mechanic, pilots, the Sedona City Manager, and others as well as two members of the SOCAA Board were in attendance. Limited airline service for Sedona was proposed with comparisons made to peer cities. The current trend shows major airlines cutting back service to those airports which are frequented less often, with smaller airlines stepping up to supply that service. Federal funding and grants are possible funding sources to develop and promote such service. General Manager Rose received letters of support from various persons and entities. The anticipated service probably would run just a few days a week. Involvement of The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) would not be required.

Numerous questions came from the Board about financial benefits that might be realized for the airport. The response was there would be very little, if any, financial benefit. The benefit would lie in offering expanded service to the community. There would, however, be an extra workload required of the Fixed Base Operator, for both the ground crew and the business staff. Considering the cost to get a study/analysis completed would be around \$50,000, the proposal, from the perspective of most Board members, held little benefit for the Airport. The discussion was opened for public comment, but none was offered. Director Scott Schroeder moved to reject the proposal as presented. Secretary Betty Uhrig seconded the motion, and the motion to reject the proposal carried unanimously.

- B. Legal Representation. Action on this matter was deferred until after Executive Session.

Agenda Item IV: Executive Session: At 3:10, an Executive Session was convened to discuss Legal Representation relative to on-going litigation.

Agenda Item V: Possible action from Executive Session. Treasurer Jerry Barber moved to authorize a Letter of Engagement with Ellen Davis who is starting a new law practice. Director Tim Miller seconded the motion. The Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item VI: The meeting was adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

Certified as Accurate and Correct:

Dated this _____ day of _____ 2025
Sedona-Oak Creek Airport Authority

BY: _____
President Pamela A. Fazzini
SOCAA Board of Directors

BY: _____
Vice-President David Cooper
SOCAA Board of Directors