

**CENTRAL ILLINOIS REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2026**

4:30 PM

I. Call To Order

Commissioner Sender called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Commissioners Schuler, Pritts, Rettick, Groves, Allen and Swearingen were present. A quorum was acknowledged.

III. Public Comments

There was no public comment.

IV. Approval of January Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Groves made a motion to approve the January 15, 2026 board meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rettick and upon a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

V. Old Business

There was no old business.

VI. New Business

- A. **Approval of January Financials** – Ms. Ana Cadmus, a partner from Sikich, serving as the interim CFO ahead of a permanent replacement for Ms. Hurd was introduced. She thanked the Board and Staff for the opportunity and appreciates everyone’s cooperation. Ms. Cadmus reported the Authority is three quarters of the way through the fiscal year with both General Fund revenues and expenses continuing to trend favorable to budget. Car rental commissions continue to remain strong. The CFC fund revenues and expenses are also trending favorable to budget. The PFC revenue for January was up about 5% compared to the same period last year.

Commissioner Allen made a motion to approve the January financial statements. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Swearingen and upon a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

- B. Renew Service Agreement with Alliant Technologies** – In order to properly maintain CIRA’s checked baggage system (CBIS) and ensure it operates reliably within TSA parameters, Airport Staff has maintained a contract with Alliant Technologies from Fort Worth, TX to provide annual on-site and remote preventative maintenance/repair services. Alliant is the company that designed and installed the software specifically for CIRA’s CBIS system.

Recognizing the CBIS system is going on 11 years old, and is a daily operating requirement to keep flights operating on time, Airport Staff requested another 1-year service agreement. The current agreement, which expires later this month, is priced at \$24,534 and includes one site visit per year and up to 40 hours of remote support service. Alliant’s quote for the coming year for the same level of service is \$25,270.

Commissioner Groves made a motion to renew the service agreement with Alliant Technologies as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Allen and upon a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

- C. Authorize Professional Services Agreement with Crawford, Murphy, and Tilly, Inc.** – One of the approved projects for this year is the reconstruction of the short term parking lot and the parking lot exit roadway. To support this work Airport Staff requested CMT to provide a scope of work to provide onsite construction phase services and engaged an outside engineering firm to complete an independent fee analysis. Airports are required to use IFEs to ensure proposed consultant fees are reasonable. FAA policy requires that for a fee to be considered reasonable, the two proposed costs must be within 10% of each other. Following the IFE process the proposed cost from CMT was \$498,100 versus the proposed IFE cost of \$478,900; a 4% difference.

Several of the members requested a different resident engineer from the recent G.A. facility project.

Commissioner Pritts made a motion to authorize a Professional Services Agreement with Crawford, Murphy, and Tilly Inc for a not to exceed amount of \$498,100. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Allen and upon a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

- D. Approve Salary Adjustment for Executive Director** – After completing the Executive Director’s performance review, Commissioner Groves made a motion to authorize a 3% salary adjustment increase retroactive to January 1, 2026. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rettick and upon a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

VII. Staff Reports

Carl thanked the members for their engagement in the work session last Saturday. The session was very helpful for Staff and follow through is underway. He also thanked Staff for their preparation and help with the work session.

As is typically the case for January, passenger activity was soft compared to earlier winter months but equal with last year. The sale of aviation fuel generated a small increase while aircraft operations were down; largely due to periods of extreme cold.

The sale of the AB General Obligation bonds took place on February 18. Everything went very smoothly. There was very strong interest from 4 different companies, with Commerce Bank purchasing 100% of the Series A (Non AMT) bonds. The series B bonds did not generate nearly as much activity, largely because it was only a million dollars, it was taxable and it was only a 5 year term. Mesirov Financial ended up buying all those bonds. Staff is working on the closing, with final filing being hand delivered to the County Clerk's office on the 20th. Proceeds are expected next week.

The new seasonal service on Allegiant to Phoenix/Mesa got started on Friday the 13th. Load factors for the rest of the month are strong. Feedback from Allegiant has been very positive. Allegiant has also advised their summer/autumn schedule for CIRA has been extended and they will be adding an additional 22 Florida flights going forward.

United Airlines' transition back to CIRA has been moving quickly and smoothly. Last week, Staff hosted a series of on-site meetings with various teams from United. They are scheduled to start flying out of CIRA on May 7th.

Carl also reported Delta's new 3rd daily Atlanta flight will begin flying March 8th.

The pre-construction meeting for Runway 11/29 Phase I Rehabilitation is scheduled for March 5th. At which time, Staff will know more about the construction schedule.

The pre-construction meeting for the terminal doors was held on February 18th. Demolition and reconstruction should begin the last week of February. Staff is cautiously optimistic the installation will be completed the first part of March.

The self-fueling facility at the new GA campus was just recently approved by the State Fire Marshal. Staff also completed an additional inspection with positive results from an industry expert involved in aviation fueling at Chicago O'Hare. Interior training with Staff completed at the same time.

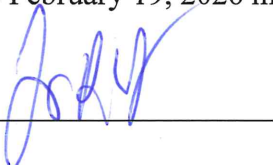
VIII. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Swearingen thanked staff for the upgrade in the bond rating. Commissioner Sender thanked all the members for their participation in the work session on Saturday.

IX. Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Board, upon a motion being made, seconded and approved, the February 19, 2026 meeting of the Central Illinois Regional Airport Authority adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Secretary



Date

3/19/26