

Chicago Executive Airport Board of Directors
City of Prospect Heights City Council
Village of Wheeling Board of Trustees

Old Orchard Country Club
700 W Rand Rd
Mount Prospect, IL 60056
Wednesday, September 17, 2025

Open Workshop – At 7:07 PM, CEA Chairman Jamie Dunne opened the Joint Workshop. Roll call was taken. A quorum was present for Chicago Executive Airport, the City of Prospect Heights, and the Village of Wheeling.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Chicago Executive Airport –CEA Board Director Saewert, Airport Executive Director Miller, Chairman Jamie Dunne, CEA Board Director Hellyer, CEA Board Director Dolick, CEA Board Director Berman, CEA Board Director Kearns, CEA Board Director Lang absent with prior notice.

City of Prospect Heights – Mayor Ludvigsen, Alderman Cameron, Alderman Dash, Alderman Dolick, Treasurer Tibbits, Clerk Prisiajniouk, Alderman Anderson absent with prior notice, Alderman Morgan-Adams absent with prior notice.

Village of Wheeling – President Horcher, Trustee Papantos, Trustee Krueger, Village Clerk Brady, Trustee Vogel, Trustee Lang absent with prior notice, Trustee Vito absent with prior notice, Trustee Ruffatto with prior notice.

Welcome/Opening Remarks by Chairman Dunne, Mayor Ludvigsen, President Horcher

Chairman Dunne – Thanked everyone for coming together and being able to discuss all the exciting things that are happening at the airport

Mayor Ludvigsen – Is excited to hear about the projects going on at the airport and appreciates the opportunity for everyone to be together in a relaxed setting.

President Horcher – Thanks everyone, for being able to come together and see all the great work the airport is doing.

Citizen Comments and Concerns – None

State of the Airport Presentation by Executive Director Miller –

Executive Director Jeffery Miller presented the annual State of the Airport, which included sections on the year-in-review, community engagement, and ongoing projects.

Year-in-Review

Director Miller noted that overall airport operations appear to have reached a point of stabilization. He

highlighted the addition of two new flight schools and reported that both fuel sales and customs metrics remained steady compared to the prior year. He also provided an update on developments in vertical flight helicopter technology, noting that such aircraft are still being tested internationally and are not yet operational locally. Trustee Papantos inquired about noise impacts and elevation travel height related to this technology.

Director Miller also commented briefly on the potential implications of a future Chicago Bears stadium in Arlington Heights, noting that the airport continues to monitor possible impacts.

Community Engagement

Director Miller highlighted progress on the new Community Airport Center, which is intended to serve as a resource for residents and visitors. He shared that the Center has partnered with two colleges that will hold office space within the facility, further strengthening educational and community connections. He also reviewed this past year's *Run the Runway* and *Rock the Runway* events, noting that they were once again a success with strong community participation. Planning efforts are also underway to celebrate the airport's 100th anniversary next year.

The internship program was another area of success, with six interns participating this past year. Director Miller emphasized the program's role in developing the next generation of aviation professionals.

Projects and Operations

Director Miller provided updates on several key initiatives:

- **Sky Harbour Project:** Plans are moving forward for the construction of a new wing of hangars.
- **Residential Sound Insulation Program:** Installation work at designated properties has been proceeding smoothly. Trustee Papantos asked specifically about noise complaints from Wilmette, which Director Miller addressed.
- **Runway Safety:** Director Miller reviewed a recent incident where a plane overran a runway but was safely stopped by the engineered materials arrestor system (EMAS). He explained that the EMAS worked as designed and prevented the aircraft from reaching the roadway north of the airport. Repairs to the EMAS system are planned for this fall at an estimated cost of \$1 million. However, if delayed until spring, winter damage could add an additional \$400,000 to repair costs.

Closing Remarks

Director Miller concluded by thanking all stakeholders, partners, and community members for their ongoing support of the airport.

City Aldermen and Village Trustees: Questions and Comments

Trustee Papantos- Had comments on the ARFF Training and wanted to let the airport know how well they handled the recent EMAS incident.

Closing comments from Chairman Dunne, Mayor Ludvigsen, President Horcher –

Chairman Dunne thanked everyone for their support, and is looking forward to positive future endeavors.

Adjournment –

At 7:56PM, Mayor Ludvigsen asked for a motion for adjournment from the Prospect Heights Council. There was unanimous approval.

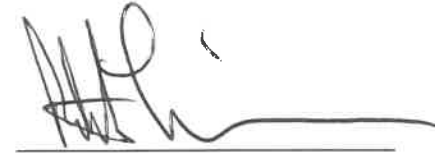
VOICE VOTE:

All AYES, No NAYS

Motion approved 3 – 0, two absent.

Approved by the City Council of Prospect Heights on this the 25th day of Septemer, 2025.


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Mayor Patrick Ludvigsen

