



MEETING MINUTES

NORTH CAROLINA GLOBAL TRANSPARK BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DATE: June 14, 2023 **TIME:** 1:00 pm **LOCATION:** Kinston, NC Hybrid Meeting (In-person or On Microsoft Teams)

MEMBERS PRESENT	Mr. Tom Hendrickson, Chair; Mr. John McNairy, Vice Chair; Mr. Jack Best, Ms. Mary Beth Fennell, Mayor Dontario Hardy, Mr. Billy Lamm, Mr. Steve Mayo, Mr. Danny Smith, Mr. Keith Wheeler
MEMBERS PRESENT VIA TEAMS	Mr. George Andrew, Mr. Gil Gilleland, Treasurer Dale Folwell, Mr. David Smith, Mr. Jordan Whichard, Mr. Bob Wicker
MEMBERS ABSENT	Mr. Scott Clontz, Dr. Rusty Hunt, Mr. Kevin Jones, Ms. Leanna Radford, Mr. Norris Tolson

AGENDA TOPICS

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL - CHAIRMAN TOM HENDRICKSON	
DISCUSSION SUMMARY	<p>Chairman Hendrickson welcomed everyone to the Board meeting. Chairman Hendrickson recognized and thanked Mr. George Andrew and Mr. Norris Tolson for their time and commitment to the Global TransPark.</p> <p>Board member George Andrew was first appointed by the Senate Pro Tem in October 2015. He served on the Aviation Committee and most recently on the Business Development Committee. He has been an advocate and great supporter of the GTP throughout his tenure. Board member Norris Tolson was appointed by the Governor in October 2017. In June 2020, he was reappointed to the Board and was named Chairman of the Board. Mr. Tolson has been active and very engaged throughout his tenure, having served on the Marketing Committee and the Chair of the Executive Committee. Both will receive a commemorative certificate for their service.</p> <p>Chairman Hendrickson recognized Mr. Rob Jones, President of the North Carolina Global TransPark Foundation, and Ms. Merrie Jo Alcock, Division 2 member of the Board of Transportation for being in attendance today. He asked Mr. Daniel Johnson, General Counsel to the Board, to introduce the four interns working in the General Counsel's Office this summer. All four interns are currently enrolled at the NC Central University School of Law.</p> <p>Chairman Hendrickson called the meeting to order. He asked Ms. Gloria Blake, Board Secretary to call the roll.</p>
ACTIONS TAKEN	No actions were taken.

2. DECLARATION OF QUORUM, ETHICS STATEMENT

CONSIDERATION OF MARCH 15, 2023, MEETING MINUTES -CHAIRMAN HENDRICKSON

DISCUSSION SUMMARY

Following the roll call, Chairman Hendrickson stated a quorum had been met. Chairman Hendrickson asked Ms. Blake to review the Ethics Statement. After review of the Ethics Statement, Ms. Blake asked the members to complete the Ethics Statement, the Recusal form, if applicable, and return both to her at the end of the meeting. She asked the members attending via TEAMS to email the forms at the conclusion of the meeting.

Ms. Mary Alphin, Lenoir County Clerk of Court, administered the Oath of Office to the newly appointed Chairman of the Board Tom Hendrickson.

Afterwards, Chairman Hendrickson stated the minutes had been distributed for review prior to the meeting and if there were no additions or corrections, he would accept a motion to approve the minutes.

ACTIONS TAKEN

Treasurer Folwell made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2023, Board Meeting. Vice Chair John McNairy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. GLOBAL TRANSPARK UPDATE—PRESTON HUNTER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DISCUSSION SUMMARY

Mr. Preston Hunter provided the GTP update.

1. Airport Improvements—Capital Projects

- Modernization of the Fuel Farm: Construction of the project has begun. Funding is provided through the state budget. Robert and Company have completed the designs for the fuel farm. There will be 3 vertical tanks which will provide 500,000 gallons of jet fuel storage. The new fuel farm will meet UFC Standard of Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), thus allowing for fuel sales to the Department of Defense agencies. The fuel farm is anticipated to be complete by the end of the year.
- Terminal upgrades: Funding for the project is provided through the state budget. Additional office space will be created for staff, thus allowing for additional office space of lease and possibly serve as a possible incubator for small businesses. MHA Works has completed the plans for the first phase to convert the eastern end of the building to office space for staff. MHA Works is currently preparing the bid documents for advertisement.
- New Hangar at North Cargo: Funding for the project is through the state budget. HDR Engineering is working on design plans and the contract for advertisement for the 30,000 sq. ft. hangar. Local Draken staff are providing input to HDR on specific needs they may have. The advertisement for bids is expected to be posted this summer and a completion date of by the end of 2024.
- North Cargo Upgrades for Draken: The GTP was awarded a grant from the NC Division of Aviation for \$900,000 for upfits to the remaining space at

North Cargo. HDR and local Draken staff are finalizing the plans for the upfits to advertise for bid.

- Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting Facility (ARFF): The GTP has hired five part-time firefighters, all Level I and II certified, and they are completing the ARFF Training. The additional staff is required to address the after-hours coverage for Draken. Airport Infrastructure Grant (AIG) funding is being used to begin upgrades to the ARFF building. The funding is through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill. A meeting has been held with an architectural firm to review needed improvements such as enlarging the bay door. The GTP should begin to make plans for purchasing a new ARFF truck for the future especially the expected growth of having the C130s here.
- Rehabilitation of the Parallel Taxiway: Funding was provided from the NC Division of Aviation which required a 10% match from the GTP. The total cost of the project was \$7 million. Barnhill Construction was awarded the contract and the project was completed in March 2023.
- Rubber Removal, Crack Pouring, Re-marking: The project was funded through the NC Division of Aviation and was completed in May 2023.
- Projects submitted for AIP funding: Project submission for AIP funding includes upgrades to airport signage, runway lighting—changing from incandescent lighting to LED lighting, and stormwater drainage.

2. NTIA Broadband Grant

- Atkins Global, an engineering/project management company, has been hired to serve as administrator of the grant.
- The project is in the initial stages of environmental assessment.
- InfinityLink is continuing to secure adequate bonding to cover the project. The subrecipient agreement will be signed once InfinityLink has procured bonding.

3. Tenant Updates

- FlyExclusive — EG Acquisition Corporation and FlyExclusive announced the filing of the preliminary proxy statement with the SEC in connection with proposed business combination. FlyExclusive continues to review expanding operations at Kinston Regional Jetport. FlyExclusive's striping and paint hangar production began with a base rate of 12 planes per year. In the first year of operation, 21 planes were completed. In the second year of operation, they have completed 26 planes.
- Lenoir Community College Aviation Center of Excellence — Plans for the project are in the final review stages. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2024 and be completed by 2026.

4. Ongoing Projects and Initiatives

- FRC-East: FRC East is still coordinating the approval through the chain of command for both projects: a multipurpose industrial production facility

aboard MCAS Cherry Point to support F-35 operations and an MRO production facility for the C-130 Aircraft workload at the GTP. FRC East has received the DSOR(designated source of repair) for these platforms: USAF-HH60W Jolly Green II Helicopter; USAF MH 139A Graywolf Helicopter; Navy and Marine Corp C/KC 130J Super Hercules and C/KC 130T Hercules aircraft. NavFac (Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command) has been issued the authority to execute an agreement for the C130 facility. HDR Engineering is currently working with FRC East on preliminary designs for the C130 hangar.

The North Carolina Senate proposed budget included an allocation of \$350 million to fund the construction of the facility upon execution of an Intergovernmental Support Agreement with the Navy. If the allocation is approved, there will be \$5 million available upfront for the preliminary engineering costs. The agreement would require an annual payback of \$15 million. HDR is under contract to design the facility. HDR has visited Hill AFB to review their operations and are planning to visit Robbins AFB. An RFQ is being developed to advertise for a Construction Manager at Risk Services (CMAR). It is anticipated the C130s will begin arriving in September 2026.

Mr. Hunter provided members with an attachment of the Economic Impact of the FRC East and NCGTP Partnership. The Partnership should result in approximately 871 total jobs. Upon completion of the project, the state's labor income should increase by \$112 million, gross domestic product by \$123 million and economic output by \$165 million. There are additional economic impacts from the Temporary Construction as well. (See attachment Economic Impact of Fleet Readiness Center East and NCGTP Partnership)

Board member Danny Smith inquired about the ownership of the location for the new facility. Mr. Hunter explained it is permitted property on the north side of the airport and is owned by the NCGTP. Board member McNairy inquired what may prevent the project from moving forward. Mr. Hunter stated that funding could possibly be a reason for the project not to move forward. However, he did state the General Assembly is supportive of the project and Senator Tillis' office is very supportive. Board member Danny Smith asked whether the \$350 million will cover the total cost. Mr. Hunter believes that the funding will build the project, although he will search for be other funding means, such as grants, to assist with the project. The example Mr. Hunter used is the Jolly Green Helicopter. A 60,000 sq foot hangar would suffice for the size of that helicopter. As other funding resources are identified, then building an extra bay onto the existing hangar is a simple upgrade that can immediately be useful. Board member Whichard asked Mr. Hunter whether anyone has spoken with Representative Bell to ensure that GTP has the support of the House for this project. Mr. Hunter stated that he has not spoken with Representative Bell but has spoken with Senator Perry. Senator Perry has spoken with FRC East and with members of the House of Representatives. He has

stated to Mr. Hunter that he has their support. Board member Whichard suggested that someone should reach out to Representative Bell just to ensure that there is support in both the Senate and the House. Mr. Hunter will contact Representative Bell. Board member Fennell stated that she believes the schedule may prevent the project from occurring. She indicated the facility needs to be ready by the September 2026 when the planes arrive; if the facility is not ready, they will take the planes elsewhere and the GTP may not get them back. Mr. Hunter agreed with Board member Fennel. Meeting the requirements by the September 2026 deadline is very important. Mr. Hunter explained that Mr. James Norment, Global TransPark Foundation Board member and attorney with Ward and Smith, represents the Allies for Cherry Point's Tomorrow (ACT). Because of his background at Ward and Smith and his work with ACT, the Foundation has agreed to hire him as legal counsel to assist the GTP's legal counsel, Mr. Johnson, and Ms. Robinson. Mr. Norment, Mr. Johnson, and Ms. Robinson have discussed the project and ensuring the project stays on schedule. Chairman Hendrickson commented the site permitting for the GTP will not be an issue with the project.

- Airfield and Industrial Park Expansions—The Global TransPark needs to develop both aviation and non-aviation properties. The 404 and 401 Permits cover 5,775 acres of property, with approximately 3,275 acres that are not currently owned by the GTP. The GTP would like to develop preliminary plans for areas that are both owned and non-owned GTP properties. Mr. Hunter has currently assigned staff to research requirements for obtaining options on property within the permitted area to market. Mr. Hunter stated the GTP has received 3 RFIs (Request for Information) within the last week. By having options on property prior to receiving an RFI, the GTP has better opportunities to remain in the processes and ultimately bring new industry to the GTP.
- Customs Federal Inspection Station—The GTP would qualify the Reimbursable Service Program (RSP). The GTP would provide the facility and partner with Customs and Border Patrol to provide services upon request from the stakeholders. The GTP has contracted with Wilson Group Architects from Charlotte to design a facility to estimate the cost of the facility and maintenance. A Federal Inspection Station would allow International Flights to enter and exit the US through the Kinston Regional Airport.

5. General Updates

Outreach

- East Carolina Council of Governments held their quarterly meeting at the GTP and toured the facilities.
- Military Committee hosted the ENC MRO Aerospace Forum.
- EDR hosted the Regional Industry and Manufacturing Expo (RIME) in partnership with Lenoir Community College.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ISO was awarded a Division of Aviation grant to host Aviation Career Education Academies July 10 through 13 and July 17 through 20 in partnership with the Lenoir County Public School System. <p>New Employees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Amanda Conner has been hired as the GTP Property Manager. Mr. Craig Foucht has been hired as the NCGTP EDR Director of Business and Management. Mr. David Roberson, Mr. Michael Sullivan, Mr. J.W. Sutton, Mr. Cary Barnes, and Ms. Angie Locklear, Temporary ARFF firefighters, have been hired to ensure the GTP compliance with FAA 139 airports and to meet compliance for Draken's flight requirements. <p>Board member Wheeler commented that he had spoken with Aviation Logistics Center (ALC) at Elizabeth City about a facility collaboration like the proposed for the F-35 facility at Cherry Point. The ALC is interested in building a large, fixed wing aircraft facility on their site. This idea was discussed previously when John was here. Board member Wheeler stated this may be an opportunity to engage discussions with ALC.</p> <p>Chairman Hendrickson thanked Mr. Hunter for the update.</p>
ACTIONS TAKEN	No actions were taken.

4. REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE - MARK POPE, PRESIDENT

DISCUSSION SUMMARY	<p>Chairman Hendrickson asked Mr. Pope to provide an EDR update. Mr. Pope stated EDR is fully staffed. Mr. Trey Cash, who works in Greene County is also going to cover Lenoir County. Ms. Julie Graham is responsible for existing industries in Wayne County. Mr. Craig Foucht, NCGTP EDR Director of Business and Management, is working with all four entities. Mr. Tim Moore, Marketing Director, also works with all four entities. From November 2020 through April 2023, there have been 22 regional announcements, totaling 2,449 jobs and capital investment of \$389.4 million. The Advisory Board is now in place. They are very energetic and engaged. Mr. Pope believes there should be a couple of announcements within the next 30 to 60 days. NCGTPEDR have been very active with marketing. EDR has partnered with EDPNC, Business NC, Lenoir County Chamber of Commerce, and has partnered with Site Selection NC. Mr. Pope stated that the Site Selection magazine is reviewed has been valuable. Mr. Pope shared some of the most recent events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> tour of the Crown's upfits of the "Lenox" building Fly Exclusive's Hangar Opening Greene County Career Fair with BEES, NCDOT and other manufacturing companies tour of Suntree Foods, LLC Wings Over Wayne WCC Center for Industrial Technology and Engineering Groundbreaking ParkEast Lot 23 Shell Buildings Groundbreaking
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LCC Floyd Health Sciences Center Ribbon Cutting <p>Chairman Hendrickson thanked Mr. Pope for the update.</p>
ACTIONS TAKEN	No actions were taken.

5. FINANCIAL UPDATE – JOHN MCNAIRY, CHAIRMAN FINANCE COMMITTEE AND DAVID TYERYAR, GTP FINANCIAL CONSULTANT

DISCUSSION SUMMARY	<p>Chairman Hendrickson called upon Vice Chair John McNairy to provide the financial update. Vice Chair McNairy asked everyone to follow along with their hand-out. There is a cash balance on hand of \$20, 556,712 and of that amount, \$2.8 million are unrestricted funds. Vice Chair McNairy explained that the revised budget had \$31.7 million total revenues and \$38.7 million total expenditures. He reviewed the revenues and the expenses by type – operating and capital through April 30, 2023. He then reviewed Fiscal Year 2023, Budget Revision #5. The Finance Committee recommends increasing revenues from \$31,747, 418 to \$31,994,868 and expenditures from \$38,719,592 to \$39,757,042. The last item reviewed with the Board is Fiscal Year 2024 Proposed Budget. Vice Chair McNairy asked if there were any questions for the Committee. He thanked Mr. Hunter, Mr. Tyeryar and Staff for their work on presenting a balanced FY 2024 Budget to the Committee and the Board. Chairman Hendrickson thanked the Finance Committee for their work. He directed Board members to the agenda, which states the three actions items for approval. Chairman Hendrickson asked if there were any recusals from this vote or an any questions prior to taking an action. He inquired if any members were opposed to conducting a bundle vote on the action items located in the agenda package. There being no objections, Chairman Hendrickson stated he would entertain a motion to approve the following as a bundle vote:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Action Item 1: Finance Committee's FY 23 Finance Report, period ending April 30, 2023; ➤ Action Item 2: Finance Committee's recommendation for FY Budget Revision #5, increasing revenues from \$31,747,418 to \$31,994,868 and increasing expenditures from \$38,719,592 to \$39,757,042; and ➤ Action Item 3: Finance Committee's recommendation to approve FY 2024 Budget, budgeting revenues of \$5,544,075 and expenditures of \$12,917,004; and to authorize the remaining and carryover amounts from FY 23 capital projects, revenues, and expenditures be included in the FY24 budget adoption.
ACTIONS TAKEN	Vice Chair McNairy made the motion to approve the three action items from the Finance Committee. Mayor Hardy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. COMMITTEE UPDATES—COMMITTEE CHAIRS	
DISCUSSION	<p>Chairman Hendrickson asked for updates from the Committee Chairs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Finance: Vice Chairman McNairy had no other updates for the Finance Committee. ○ Business Development: Board member Best stated the Business Committee had a productive meeting. The Committee discussed what all the Committees need to do to grow the GTP and the Region. Mr. Pope has been receiving RFIs through EDPNC as well as direct communication from interested parties. EDR is reviewing a program that should help to respond to RFIs. ○ Zoning and Land Use Committee—Chairman Hendrickson stated the Committee has not met recently; however, information is being gathered for real estate and trying to plan for future growth. ○ Military Affairs Committee—Board member Wheeler thanked the Committee members for their work in planning, selecting the right speakers, and sending invitations for those who were at the Forum. He thanked the GTP staff for all their work in assisting with the food, invites, and other items that assisted in the making the Forum successful. Board member Wheeler stated the MAC needs to reconvene with the NCMBC to determine how the “take-aways” from the Forum can be utilized for the NCMBC’s Summit at the end of the year. There is a new Economic Development Administration Grant available. Board member Wheeler has spoken with Mr. Pope and Mr. Foucht, as well as East Carolina about reviewing the grant as it may be something helpful to the GTP. Board member Whichard stated that Department of Commerce is assisting applicants for the new grant. There has been quite a bit of interest for this.
ACTIONS TAKEN	No actions were taken.

7. CLOSING COMMENTS/ADJOURNMENT—CHAIRMAN HENDRICKSON	
DISCUSSION	<p>Chairman Hendrickson asked if there were any other items for discussion. Mr. Pope stated EDR is hosting their first “State of the Region” on August 24, 2023, at the Maxwell Center, in Goldsboro. Mr. Chris Chung, EDPNC CEO, will be the guest speaker. The Board will be receiving more information regarding this event. It is scheduled from 10 am to 3 pm with lunch being provided.</p> <p>There being no other discussion items, Chairman Hendrickson stated he would entertain a motion to adjourn.</p>
ACTIONS TAKEN	Vice Chair made the motion to adjourn. Mayor Hardy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 13, 2023.