



Economic Development & Airport Technical Advisory Committee (EDA-TAC)

Hernando County Airport Administration Building
15800 Flight Path Drive, Brooksville, FL 34604

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Thursday, February 26, 2026

9:00 AM A. CALL TO ORDER

B. EDA-TAC MISSION REVIEW

The Economic Development Airport Advisory Committee shall act in an advisory capacity to the County's economic development and airport staff regarding the economic development program for Hernando County. The committee shall provide input, feedback and assistance on economic development and airport issues such as strategic planning, goal setting, prioritization, policies, programming, investments and incentives.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVER: Mark Cioffi SECONDER: Buddy Selph RESULT: Adopted / Unanimous
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D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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E. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE – VALERIE PIANTA

- **Business Development Project Review**
- **Airport Growth Planning**
 - Valerie presented the conceptual plan for the Airport to the committee members. The plan was well received, and an informative discussion took place. Some key points were:
 - BOCC is making Economic Development in Hernando County a priority by creating available funding sources.
 - BOCC will vote on borrowing money to invest in the county with part of the money going to the Airport.
 - There is a budget conference next weekend scheduled to discuss the legislative appropriations. The appropriations are still on the table.
 - EDA Grant is still on the table.
 - The EDA-TAC committee is going to craft a letter to present to the BOCC which will state the committee's support of the Airport

Conceptual Plan. (Jennifer Noelle Dubois has committed to drafting the letter to the BOCC).

- The letter will be presented to the BOCC as one of the agenda items in an upcoming meeting.
- The committee voted unanimously in support of the conceptual plan and to write a letter to the BOCC showing their support.

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F. BKV AIRPORT MANAGER – STEVE MILLER

- **Airport Projects Review**
 - The project update was delayed until the next meeting.

G. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

- No Comments

H. COMMITTEE/STAFF RESPONSES

- No Comments

I. EDA-TAC MEMBERS

- All members were present.

J. ATTENDEES & STAFF

- Michael Baker Representative
- Phil Jufko
- Karlene Nordgren
- Omar DePablo
- Jon Jouben
- Jeff Rogers
- Valerie Pianta
- Steve Miller
- Kim Poppke
- John Walsh
- Andrew Johns
- Christine Schmidt

K. ADJOURNMENT

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