



2026 Aviation Council of Alabama Airports Conference
The Grand Hotel in Fairhope, AL
September 20-22, 2026
Draft Agenda

Sunday, September 20, 2026

1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Exhibitor Setup

Location: Grand Ballroom North

1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Registration

Location:

1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Clay Shoot

Location: Oak Hollow Farm

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

ACA Board Meeting

Location: Oak Hollow Farm

5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Welcome Reception and Dinner

Location: Oak Hollow Farm, Bus Pick up from Hotel

Monday, September 21, 2026

7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Registration

Location: Grand Ballroom Foyer

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Breakfast with Exhibitors

Location:

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Welcome and Introduction

Location: Grand Ballroom South

9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

Session 1: Alabama Department of Transportation

Location: Grand Ballroom South

Moderator: Dave Friedel, Fairhope Airport Director

Speakers: Frank Farmer, Bureau Chief ALDOT

9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Session 2: Aviation Fuels-Emerging Trends

Location: Grand Ballroom South

Moderator: Adam Fox, Pryor Field Airport Director

Speakers: TBD

10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Break with Exhibitors

Location: Grand Ballroom North



11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Session 3: Economic Development

Location: Grand Ballroom South

Moderator:

Speakers: Lee Lawson, President & CEO at Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance
Senator Josh Carnley

11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

LUNCH

Location: Magnolia Ballroom

Speaker: TBD

1:45 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Session 5: Setting Your Airport Up For Tourism

Location: Grand Ballroom South

Moderator: Adam Fox

Speakers: Beth Gendler, Gulf Shores & Orange Beach Tourism

Paige Crawford, Fairhope Director of Community Affairs

2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Break with Exhibitors

Location: Grand Ballroom North

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Session 6: Transportation Security Administration

Location: Grand Ballroom South

Moderator: Russ Kilgore, ACA Emeritus

Speakers: Tara Corse, Federal Security Director

5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Dinner and Entertainment

Location: The Grand Hotel

Guest Speaker: TBD

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2026

7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Registration

Location: Grand Ballroom Foyer

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Breakfast with Exhibitors

Location: Grand Ballroom North

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Session 7: General Membership Meeting

Location: Grand Ballroom South

Moderator: Ben Harrison

9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

Session 8: Federal Aviation Administration

Location: Grand Ballroom South

Moderator: Dave Friedel, Fairhope Airport Director

Speaker: William Schuller, Acting Manager
FAA/Jackson District Office



9:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

1:45 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

2:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Break with Exhibitors

Location: Grand Ballroom North

Afternoon Spouse Activity

Location: Sunset Trolley Fairhope Tour

Moderator: Lynn Weldon

Session 9: Breakout Sessions

Location: Grand Ballroom South

1. Alternate Procurement for Capital Equipment
Moderator: Ben Harrison, Cullman Airport Director
2. Capital Improvement Plans
Moderator: Jordan Stringfellow, Assistant Vice President, Aviation Service Line Manager at Volkert, Inc.
3. Public Private Partnerships
Moderator: Adam Fox, Pryor Field Airport Director
4. Do you know your Grant Assurances
Moderator: Jason Hare, ALDOT Aeronautics Manager

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Location: The Magnolia Ballroom

Speaker: TBD

Session 11: Air Service Development

Location: Grand Ballroom South

Moderator: Jesse Fosnaugh

Speaker: Jeremiah Gerald, Informa

Brittney Dabney, Marketing Communication Manager
Montgomery Airport

Break with Exhibitors

Location: Grand Ballroom North

Session 12: Engineering Panel

Location: Grand Ballroom South

Moderator: Jordan Stringfellow

Speakers: Eric Roden, AtkinsRéalis

Taylor Janney, ALDOT Aeronautics Engineering
Manager

Raffle Drawings and Door Prizes

Location: Grand Ballroom South

Dinner and Entertainment

Location: The Grand Hotel

Speaker: TBD