

2025 BUSINESS >> of AIRPORTS



June 23 - 25, 2025 // Arlington, TX // Loews Arlington Hotel

FINANCE TRACK AGENDA

All sessions and events will take place at the Loews Arlington Hotel.

Updated: April 25, 2025

MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2025

- 7:30 AM - 4:30 PM **Registration**
- 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM **Networking Breakfast**
- 8:15 AM - 4:30 PM **Finance Committee Workshop**
- 8:15 AM - 8:30 AM **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
Marge Basrai, *Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer*, Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority;
2025 Chair, ACI-NA Finance Committee
- 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM **Strategic Planning and Performance Management Working Group**
1 CPE Credit
Chaired by **Ronda Chu**, *Managing Director, Finance*, San Francisco Airport Commission, San Francisco International Airport
- 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM **Accounting and Financing Working Group**
1 CPE Credit
Chaired by **Abel Palacios**, *Vice President, Finance*, Dallas Fort Worth International Airport
Tatiana Starostina, *CFO*, Los Angeles World Airports
- 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM **Networking Break**
- 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM **Financial Regulations and Policy Working Group**
1.5 CPE Credits
Chaired by **Tatiana Starostina**, *CFO*, Los Angeles World Airports
- 12:15 PM - 1:30 PM **Networking Lunch**

- 1:30 PM - 2:45 PM **Airport Business Working Group**
 1.5 CPE Credits
 Chaired by **Tony Conza**, *Vice President, Finance*, Tampa International Airport
Michael Garnier, *Assistant Director Finance & Administration*, San Antonio Airport System
Tim Simon, *Chief Financial Officer*, Minneapolis-St. Paul Metropolitan Airports Commission
- 2:45 PM - 3:15 PM **Networking Break**
- 3:15 PM - 4:30 PM **Finance Committee Meeting**
 1.5 CPE Credits
 Chaired by **Marge Basrai**, *Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer*, Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority; *2025 Chair*, ACI-NA Finance Committee
- 4:30 PM - 5:00 PM **Finance Committee Steering Group Meeting**
Steering Group members only
- 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM **Welcome Reception**

TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2025

- 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM **Registration**
- 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM **Networking Breakfast**
- 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
- 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM **General Session 1**
 1 CPE Credit
 A globally recognized innovation strategist, Shawn Kanungo works at the intersection of creativity, business, and technology—including cutting-edge developments in generative AI—to help companies and individuals move boldly into the future. Formerly an Innovation Expert for Deloitte, Shawn is a Partner with Queen & Rook, where he advises leading organizations and executives on disruptive trends, and actively invests in early-stage ventures.
- Keynote speaker: **Shawn Kanungo**, *Disruption Strategist, Bestselling Author, Former Innovation Expert* for Deloitte
- 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM **Networking Break**
- 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM **Session 2A/B: Striking the Balance: How Chief Financial Officers and Chief Commercial/Revenue Officers Drive Airport Projects Together (Joint Session with Commercial Management Committee)**
 1 CPE Credit
 Airport development projects succeed when financial stewardship and commercial strategy are aligned from the start. This session brings together Chief Financial Officers and Chief Commercial/Revenue Officers from two airports to explore how they approach joint decision-making, analyze data differently (or similarly), and co-lead projects that meet both financial and passenger experience goals. Each project will be presented as a case study by the airport's CFO and CCO/CRO, offering attendees practical insights into cross-functional collaboration, data-driven planning, and shared accountability.
- 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM **Networking Lunch**
- 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM **Session 3A: Airports of the Future and Future Financial Planning (Part 1)**
 1.5 CPE Credits
- 3:15 PM - 3:45 PM **Networking Break**
- 3:45 PM - 5:00 PM **Session 4A: The Strategic Capital Improvement Program Financial Planning – Challenges and Solutions to Volatile Capital and Operating Environment**
 1.5 CPE Credits
 As existing airport infrastructure continues to age and traffic volumes continue to recover, airport operators face decisions about how much they must invest to maintain physical assets, renovate facilities, and/or build new facilities. This session will look at ways to make those decisions strategically, share best practices and lessons learned from different size airports, and explore tools to help airports get there.

Moderator:

Bryan Benefiel, Deputy General Manager & CFO, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport

Speakers:

Abel Palacios, *Vice President, Finance*, Dallas Fort Worth International Airport

Rob Schultz, *Chief Financial Officer*, Spokane International Airport, Felts Field & Airport Business Park

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2025

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Registration

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Networking Breakfast

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

General Session 2

1 CPE Credit

10:00 AM - 10:25 AM

Networking Break

10:25 AM - 12:30 PM

Airport Finance Roundtables by Hub Size

2.5 CPE Credits

This session is an opportunity to discuss with counterparts at similar sized airports. The first part will be open to all registered attendees and the 2nd part will be open to airport members only. The session will be in a casual discussion format with no topic off limit. Please come with any questions or topics you want to discuss.

Large Hub Airport Finance Roundtable

Brian Butler, *Airport Chief Financial Officer, Finance*, Salt Lake City Department of Airports

Julia Hodge, *Vice President, Supply Chain Management*, Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority

Medium Hub Airport Finance Roundtable

Dave Amdor, *Director of Finance*, Southwest Florida International Airport

Brandy James, *CFO*, Charleston International Airport

Small / Non-Hub Airport Finance Roundtable

Kim Allison, *Vice President, Chief Financial Officer*, Tucson Airport Authority

Marsha Johnson, *Deputy Director, Airport Finance and Administration*, Tallahassee International Airport

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

Networking Lunch

1:30 PM - 2:45 PM

Session 7A/B: Roundtable with Airlines

1.5 CPE Credits

Join us for an insightful Airlines Roundtable where airline representatives share crucial updates with airport stakeholders. Discover trends, insights, and collaborative strategies to navigate challenges and enhance airport-airline relations. Don't miss this opportunity to gain valuable perspectives and forge meaningful connections with airline representatives.

Moderators:

Donnell Harvey, *Vice President, Aviation Real Estate*, Dallas Fort Worth International Airport

Jeff Schulthess, *Executive Vice President*, Landrum & Brown, Inc.

Speakers:

Angeles Castro, *Managing Director of Airline Affairs and Corporate Real Estate*, American Airlines

Garry Jones, *Sr. Director Airport Affairs*, Spirit Airlines

Rob Palmer, *Chief Financial Officer*, Porter Airlines

William G. Rowsell, *Regional Manager, Airport Affairs/Corporate Real Estate*, Allegiant Travel Company

2:45 PM - 3:15 PM

Networking Break

3:15 PM - 4:30 PM

Session 8A/C: How to Manage Disruptions – Supporting Workforce and Financial Implications (Joint Session with HR Committee)

1.5 CPE Credits

In an increasingly unpredictable world, businesses face a range of disruptions - natural disasters, cyberattacks, and shifts in government leadership—that challenge both operational continuity and employee well-being. This session, in collaboration with the Finance Committee, will examine the financial implications of these crises and how organizations can plan and respond effectively.

Moderated by **Marsha Johnson**, *Deputy Director, Airport Finance and Administration*, Tallahassee International Airport

Speakers:

Low Bleiweis, *President & CEO*, Greater Asheville Regional Airport Authority

Katie Gerard, *Senior Director, Human Resources*, Port of Seattle

Annie Russo, *Chief Political and Congressional Strategy Officer*, ACI-NA

Tatiana Starostina, *CFO*, Los Angeles World Airports

5:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Awards Gala Reception

Business or cocktail attire suggested

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Awards Gala Dinner

Business or cocktail attire suggested

Continuing Professional Education (CPE) Information

Conference workshops are all Group-Live.

Not all of the sessions at this conference are eligible for CPE credits. Please check the individual session you wish to attend to ascertain the number of credits available.

Conference Learning Objectives:

Participants will be able to:

- Determine business practices favorable to an airport's business relationships with airlines.
- Identify potential accounting rule changes and implications to financial reporting.
- Identify financial impacts of existing and proposed federal policies.
- Determine potential impacts due to capital market changes.
- Apply global best practices in airport management.
- Apply strategic planning methods and identify performance management improvements.

Course Level: The course level is intermediate. Conference workshops are designed for individuals with a basic understanding of airport industry concepts and issues.

Prerequisite: Basic knowledge about airport business and financial management.

Advance Preparation: None

Conference participants are eligible to receive up to 18 hours of Finance CPE credits.



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