

# 2026 BUSINESS >> of AIRPORTS

June 22 - 24, 2026 // Salt Lake City, UT



*Subject to Change (as of March 17, 2026)*

All sessions and events will take place at the Hyatt Regency Salt Lake City.

## MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2026

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| 7:30 AM – 4:30 PM                      | <b>Registration</b>  |
| 7:30 AM – 8:15 AM                      | <b>Networking Breakfast</b>  |
| 8:15 AM – 8:30 AM                      | <b>Welcome and Opening Remarks</b><br><b>Brian Butler</b> , Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Dallas Fort Worth International Airport;<br>2026 Chair, ACI-NA Finance Committee |
| 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM<br>1 CPE Credit      | <b>Strategic Planning and Performance Management Working Group</b><br>Chaired by <b>Ronda Chu</b> , Chief Financial Officer, San Francisco International Airport                                   |
| 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM<br>1 CPE Credit     | <b>Accounting and Financing Working Group: GASB update</b><br>Chaired by <b>Brandy James</b> , Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Charleston Regional Aviation Authority                  |
| 10:30 AM – 11:00 AM                    | <b>Networking Break</b>  |
| 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM<br>1.5 CPE Credits | <b>Financial Regulations and Policy Working Group: Regulatory Round-up Briefings</b><br>Chaired by <b>Chris Wimsatt</b> , CFO, Port of Seattle   |
| 12:15 PM – 1:30 PM                     | <b>Networking Lunch</b>  |
| 1:30 PM – 2:45 PM<br>1.5 CPE Credits   | <b>Airport Business Working Group</b><br>Chaired by <b>Tony Conza</b> , Vice President, Finance, Tampa International Airport   |
| 2:45 PM – 3:15 PM                      | <b>Networking Break</b>  |
| 3:15 PM – 4:30 PM<br>1.5 CPE Credits   | <b>Finance Committee Meeting</b><br><b>Brian Butler</b> , Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Dallas Fort Worth International Airport;   |

2026 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**

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## TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2026

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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*

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM **Networking Break**

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM **Session 2A/C: Getting Concessions Procurement Right: Balancing Financial Outcomes and Procurement Best Practices**  
*1 CPE Credit*  
*Joint session with Commercial Management Committee*

This session will explore how airports can design and conduct concessions procurement processes that strike the right balance between maximizing financial performance and adhering to public procurement best practices. Participants will hear from airport leaders and industry experts about structuring competitive proposals, evaluating concessionaire bids, and integrating innovative rent and revenue models. Through case studies and practical insights, attendees will learn how effective procurement strategies strengthen revenue outcomes while ensuring fairness, transparency, and long-term partnerships within the airport concession ecosystem.

12:00 PM – 2:00 PM **Networking Lunch**

2:00 PM – 3:15 PM **Session 3C: From Spreadsheets to Scale: Modernizing Airport Finance Operations**  
*1.5 CPE Credit*

Airport finance teams are being asked to do more with less — managing billion-dollar capital programs, complex debt structures, and growing stakeholder demands, often with tools that haven't kept pace. This session brings together CFOs who are in various stages of modernizing their finance operations, from early automation pilots to full ERP overhauls. Peers will share candid lessons learned on implementing AI-assisted invoice processing, building dynamic financial dashboards, retiring legacy spreadsheet workflows, and scaling team capacity without proportionally scaling headcount. Whether you're just starting to evaluate new systems or navigating a live implementation, this session offers practical takeaways and honest peer perspective on what works — and what doesn't.

3:15 PM – 3:45 PM **Networking Break**

3:45 PM – 5:00 PM **Session 4C: Beyond the Bond: Exploring Alternative Financing Structures for Airport Capital Projects**  
*1.5 CPE Credit*

As airports face growing capital demands against a backdrop of federal funding uncertainty, rising construction costs, and pressure to maintain competitive CPEs, traditional financing tools alone may not be enough. This session explores the expanding universe of alternative structures available to airport CFOs — from public-private partnerships (P3s) and design-build-finance arrangements to joint banking RFPs, green bonds, and creative land monetization strategies.

The session will also address the practical questions CFOs face when evaluating alternatives: How do you assess risk-sharing arrangements? What do rating agencies want to see? When does a P3 make sense — and when does it not? With nearly every respondent citing capital funding as a top pressure and several airports actively being approached by private developers for end-to-end project financing, the timing is right for a frank peer conversation about what's working, what's emerging, and what to watch out for as the financing landscape continues to evolve.

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2026

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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 – 10:30 AM

### Networking Break

10:30 AM – 12:30 AM

### Airport Finance Roundtable by Hub Size

2.5 CPE Credit

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

**Michael Biel**, CFO, Denver International Airport

**Tim Simon**, CFO, Minneapolis-St. Paul Metropolitan Airports Commission

#### Medium Hub Airport Finance Roundtable

**Dave Amdor**, Deputy Executive Director, CFO, Southwest Florida International Airport

**Brandy James**, CFO, Charleston County Aviation Authority

#### Small/Non-Hub Airport Finance Roundtable

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

**Rob Schultz**, CFO, Spokane International Airport

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

### Networking Lunch

1:30 PM – 2:45 PM

### Session 7A/B/C: Roundtable with Airlines

1.5 CPE Credit

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.

#### Speaker:

**Ben Brookman**, Vice President, Real Estate and Airport Affairs, Alaska Airlines

2:45 PM – 3:15 PM

### Networking Break

3:15 PM – 4:30 PM

### Session 8C: CFO and HR Roundtable

1.5 CPE Credit

*Joint session with Human Resources Committee*

5:30 PM – 6:00 PM

### Awards Gala Reception

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

### Awards Gala Dinner

## 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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