

2026 BUSINESS >> of AIRPORTS

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



Subject to Change (as of June 4, 2026)

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

MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2026

7:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Registration

7:30 AM – 8:15 AM

Networking Breakfast

8:15 AM – 8:30 AM

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Brian Butler, *Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer*, Dallas Fort Worth International Airport;
2026 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**, *Chief Financial Officer*, San Francisco International Airport

- Preliminary financial benchmarking survey results
 - **Ronda Chu**, *Chief Financial Officer*, San Francisco International Airport
- Power BI Visualization
 - **Ronda Chu**, *Chief Financial Officer*, San Francisco International Airport
- Panel Discussion on strategic planning, CIP and financial metrics
 - **Shaun Anderson**, *Airport Controller*, Salt Lake City International Airport
 - **Michael Biel**, *Chief Financial Officer*, Denver International Airport
 - **J.T. Knadler**, *Executive Director*, J.P. Morgan Securities LLC
 - **Joseph Pezzimenti**, *Director and Lead Analyst*, S&P Global Ratings
 - **Tim Simon**, *Chief Financial Officer*, Minneapolis-St. Paul Metropolitan Airports Commission

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

Accounting and Financing Working Group

1 CPE Credit

Chaired by **Brandy James**, *Vice President and Chief Financial Officer*, Charleston Regional Aviation Authority

- GASB update:
 - **Rumzei Abdallah**, *Partner, CPA*, Plante & Moran, PLLC
- Small group discussion on AI in Airport Finance Management:

- 10:30 AM – 11:00 AM
 - **Heidi O'Neil**, *Senior Vice President – Accounting*, Denver International Airport**Networking Break**

- 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM
1.5 CPE Credits
 - Airport Business Working Group**
 - Chaired by **Tony Conza**, *Vice President, Finance*, Tampa International Airport
 - Global Outlook (15-20 minutes)
 - **Slava Cheglatonyev**, *Senior Director, Economic Policy and Airport Business*, Airports Council International (ACI) World
 - US Performance & Benchmarking Outlook (20 minutes)
 - **Eric Hershberge**, *Finance Director*, Charlotte Douglas International Airport
 - **Lauren Lowe**, *Managing Director*, PFM Financial Advisors LLC
 - Tampa International Airport Case Study (15-20 minutes)
 - **Laurie Noyes**, *Vice President, Concessions and Commercial Parking*, Tampa International Airport
 - Q&A (15 minutes)

- 12:15 PM – 1:30 PM
 - Networking Lunch**

- 1:30 PM – 2:45 PM
1.5 CPE Credits
 - Financial Regulations and Policy Working Group**
 - Chaired by **Chris Wimsatt**, *Chief Financial Officer*, Port of Seattle
 - FAA Update:
 - **Jesse Carriger**, *Deputy Director, Planning and Programming*, Office of Airports, Federal Aviation Administration
 - Regulatory Round-up Briefings:
 - **Seth Cutter**, *Vice President, Industry Affairs*, ACI-NA
 - **Amanda La Joie**, *Senior Director, Government and Political Affairs*, ACI-NA
 - TIFIA Update
 - **Laurie Cullen**, *Airport Program Lead*, U.S. Department of Transportation

- 2:45 PM – 3:15 PM
 - Networking Break**

- 3:15 PM – 4:30 PM
1.5 CPE Credits
 - Finance Committee Meeting**
 - Brian Butler**, *Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer*, Dallas Fort Worth International Airport; *2026 Chair*, ACI-NA Finance Committee
 - Welcome and Opening Remarks (5 minutes) – **Butler**
 - Capital Market Overview (25 minutes)
 - **Lori Small**, *Executive Director, Head of Airport Finance*, Morgan Stanley
 - ESG Reporting and Metrics Task Group Update (20 minutes)
 - **Chris Poinsatte**, *CEO*, CAP Airstat, LLC
 - Canadian Update (5 minutes)
 - **Chris Phelan**, *Senior Vice President, Policy, Industry and Government Affairs*, Canadian Airports Council
 - ACI World Economics Committee Update (10 minutes)
 - **Slava Cheglatonyev**, *Senior Director, Economic Policy and Airport Business*, Airports Council International (ACI) World
 - Open Discussion and Announcement of 2026-2027 Event Schedule (remaining time)

- 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 23, 2026

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

Opening Keynote: Change Vs. The Brain

1 CPE Credit

Speaker:

Eric M. Bailey, Bestselling Author and President of Bailey Strategic Innovation Group

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Networking Break

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Getting Concessions Procurement Right: Best Practices and New Approaches

1 CPE Credit

Joint session with the Commercial Management Committee

This session will explore how airports can design and conduct concessions procurement processes that strike the right balance between best practices and new approaches. 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.

Moderator: **Eric Friedman**, Associate, Global Aviation Commercial Advisory, ICF

Speakers:

Lester Adams, Vice President, Development, Hudson

Shane Andreasen, Director of Real Estate & Commercial Development, Salt Lake City Department of Airports

Gina Genco, Business Development Manager, Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Intl. Airport

12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Networking Lunch

2:00 PM – 3:15 PM

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.

Moderator:

Bryan Benefiel, Deputy General Manager & Chief Financial Officer, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport

Speakers:

John Dillon, Director, Accounting and Risk Management, San Diego International Airport

Robert Donahue, Airport Chief Financial Officer, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey

Amy Harris, Chief Financial Officer, Asheville Regional Airport

3:15 PM – 3:45 PM

Networking Break

3:45 PM – 5:00 PM

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 innovative alternative structures recently employed by airports and the practical limitations and opportunities posed by public-private partnerships (P3s) 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 most CFOs citing capital funding as 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.

Moderator:

Sheri Ernico, *Principal, Jacobs*

Speakers:

Luke Bugeja, *CEO, Ferrovial Aeropuertos S.A*

Bryan Dietz, *Senior Vice President, Air Service and Commercial Development, Pittsburgh International Airport*

Alethia Nancoo, *Partner, Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP*

Eric Sprys, *Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer, Pittsburgh International Airport*

Chris Wilson, *Owner, C.J. Wilson Law, P.A.*

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2026

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 PM **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

Shaun Anderson, *Airport Controller, Salt Lake City International Airport*

Michael Biel, *Chief Financial Officer, Denver International Airport*

Medium Hub Airport Finance Roundtable

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

Brandy James, *Vice President & Chief Financial Officer, Charleston County Aviation Authority*

Small/Non-Hub Airport Finance Roundtable

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

Rob Schultz, *Chief Financial Officer, Spokane International Airport*

10:30 AM – 11:45 AM **AI Without the Hype: Practical Tech Solutions for Supplier Programs**
1.5 CPE Credit

Artificial intelligence is generating enormous interest across industries, but many are asking a practical question: what technology solutions are actually working today? This session takes a realistic look at how airports and public agencies are using AI and other technology tools right now to improve procurement processes, strengthen compliance monitoring, and better understand supplier and small business capacity. Panelists will share examples of tools already being used in public procurement and supplier programs, highlighting where technology can streamline processes, improve data insights, and support program oversight.

Moderator:

Odette Oppe, *Administration and Financial Compliance Officer, Eugene Airport*

Speakers:

Matt Bauer, *Vice President, Procurement, Tampa International Airport*

Anudeep Kambhampati, *Vice President - Airports, North America, Wipro Technologies*

Yen Pang, *Director of Procurement Services, San Francisco Airport Commission*

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM **Networking Lunch**

1:30 PM – 2:45 PM **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.

Moderators:

Dr. Michael Garnier, *Finance & Administration, Ricondo*

Sarah Wilbanks, *Partner, Kaplan Kirsch LLP*

Speakers:

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

Eric Fletcher, *Vice President, Government and Airport Affairs, Breeze*

Sarah Richardson, *Manager, Airport Affairs, Corporate Real Estate, Allegiant*

Monica del Rio, *Director, Airport Affairs, Southwest Airlines*

1:30 PM – 2:45 PM

Roundtable with Procurement Professionals

Come join the first procurement chat at ACI-NA business of airports. Network with aviation procurement peers and have the opportunity to discuss your procurement challenges and create a strategic solution with the group.

Moderator:

Yen Pang, *Director, Procurement Services*, San Francisco Airport Commission

2:45 PM – 3:15 PM

Networking Break

3:15 PM – 4:30 PM

CFO and HR Roundtable

1.5 CPE Credit

Joint session with the Human Resources Committee

Designed to foster candid dialogue, this roundtable brings together CFO and senior HR leaders to explore the intersection of financial performance and people strategy, and invites attendees to engage directly with peers, exchange insights, and uncover practical approaches to shared challenges. Participants will leave with a deeper understanding of how cross-functional alignment can unlock value, strengthen resilience, and drive sustainable success.

Moderator:

Monty Bell, *Head of Human Resources*, San Diego County Regional Airport Authority

Speakers:

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

Renata Matousova, *Vice President of Finance and Administration*, St. Joseph County Airport Authority

Kathy Megarry, *Vice President, Human Resources & Labor Relations*, Minneapolis-St. Paul Metropolitan Airports Commission

Tim Simon, *Chief Financial Officer*, Minneapolis-St. Paul Metropolitan Airports Commission

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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