

University of Illinois – Willard Airport

Article 1. University of Illinois - Willard Airport Operating Policy

In order to meet present and future needs with respect to the provision of adequate, safe and efficient air transportation facilities and services to the public, and to promote the economic development and well-being of the region, the planning, development, maintenance and operation of such facilities and services at the University of Illinois – Willard Airport, hereinafter “Willard Airport”, shall be carried out by the University and the Executive Director in accordance with the provisions of this article.

1. The following terms, as used in this article shall mean:
 - a. "Air transportation facilities" shall mean aircraft and developments such as airports, air terminals, runways, hangars, control towers, ramps, taxiways, aprons, buildings, structures, equipment, parking areas, improvements, facilities and any real property necessary, convenient or desirable for or relating to the landing, taking off, accommodation and servicing of aircraft, or for the loading, unloading, interchange or transfer of passengers, baggage or cargo, or otherwise for the accommodation, use or convenience of passengers, carriers, crews and employees. It shall also mean facilities providing access to airports or air terminals, including access roads, driveways and appurtenances, devices and structures incidental thereto.
 - b. "Air transportation purposes" shall mean the effectuation, establishment, acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, improvement, maintenance, extension, or operation of air transportation facilities or services owned, leased, operated or provided by the University, or by others pursuant to agreement with the University, at Willard Airport.
 - c. "University" shall mean the University of Illinois.
 - d. "Executive Director" shall mean the Executive Director of Willard Airport duly appointed to serve in such capacity by the University either through direct employment or by contract.
 - e. “Willard Airport” shall mean the airport, and facilities and surrounding areas under the jurisdiction of the University or any subsidiary public benefit corporation, located in the County of Champaign, Illinois.
 - f. "Real property" shall mean lands, structures, franchises and interests in land, including air space, air rights, waters, lands under water and riparian rights, and any and all things and rights included within said term, and includes not only fee simple absolute but also any and all lesser interests, including but not limited to easements, rights of way, uses, leases, licenses and all other incorporeal

hereditaments and every estate, interest or right, legal or equitable, including terms for years and liens thereon by way of judgments, mortgages or otherwise.

- g. "Aircraft" shall mean aircraft of all types, including but not limited to airplanes, airships, dirigibles, helicopters, gliders, seaplanes, or any other contrivance now or hereafter used for the navigation of or flight in air or space.
- h. "Willard Airport Advisory Board" shall mean the advisory Board established by the University in order to provide advice and effectuate the purposes of this article:
 - i. The Executive Director, for and on behalf of the University upon granting its approval, may acquire any and all air transportation facilities necessary for air transportation purposes, by purchase, gift, grant, transfer, assignment, contract, lease or other arrangement.
 - ii. The University may, on such terms and conditions as the Executive Director determines necessary, convenient or desirable, establish, construct, effectuate, operate, maintain, renovate, improve, extend or repair air transportation facilities at Willard Airport, or may provide therefor by contract, lease or otherwise, with any person, firm, corporation, municipality, or governmental unit, agency or instrumentality. In connection with the operation of any such air terminal, the University may establish, construct, effectuate, operate, renovate, maintain, improve, extend or repair, or may provide therefor by contract, lease or otherwise, any related services or activities the Executive Director deems necessary, convenient or desirable.
 - iii. The University may establish, levy and collect or cause to be established, levied and collected, or join with others in the establishment, levying and collection, of such fares, tolls, rentals, rates, charges and other fees as the Executive Director deems necessary, convenient or desirable for the use or operation of any air transportation facilities, services, equipment or activities operated at, serving or incidental to Willard Airport.
 - iv. The Executive Director may establish such rules, regulations and procedures, including minimum standards governing the use, operation and occupancy of air transportation facilities and related facilities, equipment, services and activities at, serving or incidental to Willard Airport as he may deem necessary, convenient or desirable. Non-compliance with such airport rules and regulations shall be a violation of University rules and regulations punishable by a fine established therein.
 - v. The University may apply for, accept, receive and utilize grants of property, money and services and other assistance offered or made available to it by any person, government or agency or instrumentality

thereof for any use within the scope of its functions, powers, duties or responsibilities under this article.

- vi. The University may do all things it deems necessary, convenient or desirable to manage, control and direct the maintenance and operation of air transportation facilities and related facilities, equipment, activities and services, at Willard Airport.
 - vii. The University may conduct or participate in demonstration projects relating to air transportation facilities and services at, serving or incidental to Willard Airport.
2. Once the Willard Airport Advisory Board has been established, the Executive Director and/or the University shall effectuate the authorizations, powers and/or duties set forth in this article with respect to Willard Airport only following the consultation, guidance, advice, and assistance of the Willard Airport Advisory Board.
 3. For the orderly conduct of meetings, the Board shall be provided by-laws established by the Chancellor of the University. The by-laws may be amended or repealed by the Chancellor of the University with a 30-day advance notice given to the Board. The Board may request the Chancellor amend the Bylaws following a super majority vote of the Board regarding such amendment.

Article 2. Willard Airport Advisory Board

1. Upon adoption of Article 1 by the University, there shall thereupon be created an advisory board to the Executive Director with respect to administration and management of the Willard Airport and its surrounding areas with respect to projects to be undertaken and operations and management of the facilities at such airport. The Board shall be composed of nine members. By virtue of their offices the Village President of the Village of Savoy, the Mayor of the City of Urbana, the Mayor of the City of Champaign, and the County of Champaign Executive or their designees shall be ex officio members of the Board. Four of the five remaining members must be residents of Champaign County. To avoid conflicts of interest, Willard Airport tenants and their employees shall be precluded from serving as a member of the Board. The members of the Board shall be appointed by the Chancellor, except for the initial appointment terms, shall serve for a term of four years. Initial appointments shall be staggered terms with one of the nominees of the Chancellor being made to an initial one-year term, one of the nominees of the Chancellor being made to a two-year term, one of the nominees of the Chancellor being made to a three-year term and two nominees of the Chancellor to a four-year term. If any member shall thereafter no longer meet the residency requirement of his or her appointment, such position shall be declared vacant. In the event of a vacancy, the vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the initial appointments except that the term shall be for the unexpired portion of the term of such members. The members of the Board shall appoint a chairman and vice-chairman from among their numbers. Ex-officio members are precluded from serving as an officer. Members of the Advisory Board shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for actual, reasonable, and necessary expenses incurred by a Member in the performance of their duties as a Member of the Board and subject to approval by the University, or by authority granted from the University, the Vice Chancellor for Administration and Operations, or Executive Director.
2. The Willard Airport Advisory Board shall advise in the development of a program relative to the administration and management of the Willard Airport and to advise the Executive Director with regard to such other programs relative to the Willard Airport as he may undertake. Such program shall include, but not be limited to identification of future capital needs, examining the means and methods of financing such future capital needs, the promotion and examination of the financing means and methods for the economic development of the area on and around the airport, the joining together of such economic development and the airport operations, the identification and implementation of ways of working with the local community to accomplish the program. Once the Board has been established, the Executive Director and/or the University shall effectuate the authorizations, powers and/or duties set forth in the Willard Airport Operating Policy only following the consultation, guidance, advice and assistance of the Board. The Willard Airport Advisory Board shall meet at least six times a year at the call of the Secretary or the Chairman of the Board and shall keep a record of all its proceedings and recommendations. Staff services for the Board shall be performed by personnel of the airport. In carrying out the functions and responsibilities of the Executive Director and the Board, the Chancellor shall designate a Secretary who will act as the administrative agent of the Board and assist the Board in fulfilling its duties and functions.