



MEETING AGENDA – AVIATION ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING INFORMATION

Objectives: Review previous action items, review agenda items, convey program concerns, and establish new significant action items with a continued emphasis on ‘moving forward’ and corrective actions.

Date: 01/20/2026

Location: WTA Main Campus Room 212 (after School Committee/General Advisory Board meeting in Tiger’s Pride) – Helicopter Room

Time: 7:00 – 8:00 PM

Facilitators: Ken Dromgold/Galen Wilson



ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

1. Approve minutes from April, 2025 meeting
2. State of the Program (Mr. Wilson)
 - a. Recent FAA Inspection (New 14 CFR Part 147 FSDO Leadership)
 - b. Next inspection TBD
3. Addition of Powerplant rating
 - a. How’s it going - needs
4. New Hangar Update (see New Action Items)
 - a. Feasibility study – C/W
 - b. Preliminary design – C/W
 - c. Purpose – updates – C/W
5. Student Mentoring/Internship (Mr. Wilson) On-going (UPDATES)
 - a. Gulfstream (many students)
 - b. Bombardier
 - c. Others?
6. Field Trips
 - a. Old Rhinebeck
 - b. NEAM
7. Grant status
 - a. Work Development - INW
 - b. Gulfstream – Approved (Granted)

New Action Items

1. Utilization of grant and City funds to support the construction of a new hangar.
2. Program expansion: Expand the program to 28 students per class (24 first-year students), up from the current 14
3. Continue to utilize WTA campus space.
4. Increase staffing by one additional instructor.
5. Once Hangar is built - incorporate Advanced Electronics, Unmanned Aerospace, Alternative fuel and composites as alternative/additional career paths.

Moving Forward - New Business