

Nashua Airport Authority

Boire Field

Boire Field/Nashua Municipal Airport is located in the northwest corner of Nashua and is comprised of 396 acres that is leased to the Nashua Airport Authority by the City of Nashua. The current lease expires in 2047.

The Nashua Airport Authority was created by state statute in 1961. The membership consists of five directors appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the board of aldermen. They serve a five-year term. The current directors are:

Chairman	Griffin Dalianis, PhD
Vice Chairman	John Gill
Secretary	Mike Rosenblum
Treasurer	Fred Britton
Director	Allan Fuller, PhD

The board of directors is tasked with setting policy and procedures to operate the airport for the City of Nashua in conjunction with the rules and regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and New Hampshire Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics.

There are currently 42 parcels of land on the airport that are leased to companies and businesses conducting business on both the aviation side and the industrial side of the airport.

The airport has over 400-based aircraft. Of this number 220 are tied down on parking ramps and pay a monthly fee to the airport. The remainders are stored in hangars, which comprise part of the 42 leased properties.

The industrial side of the airport is home to several large corporations, such as Quality insulation, Rapid Sheet Metal, Melanson & Heath, and Perimeter Day, Inc. There are also approximately 25 smaller businesses operating on the industrial side of the airport.

The airport has grown in size over the years. The runway is 5501 feet long by 100 feet wide, and has the capability of landing large corporate jet aircraft. The Presidential DC-9 aircraft has landed several times in the past. The airport is completing an environmental assessment for the relocation of runway 14/32.

The airport attracts corporate jets as the city and surrounding areas grow and corporations move to the area. Currently over 25 corporate aircraft are based at the airport. The largest aircraft is capable of flying from Nashua to foreign points.

Nashua is classified as a General Aviation Reliever Airport for Boston. In essence this means corporate aircraft that could land at Logan, can land at Nashua if the businesses they visit are closer to Nashua thereby relieving the number of aircraft landing at Logan.

The airport collects fees and rent to operate the airport. The sources of revenue include:

1. Leases (aircraft related/commercial)
2. Parking apron fees
3. Fuel Flow fees
4. State of New Hampshire registration fees
5. Fuel farm rental
6. Miscellaneous fees

Land and buildings on the airport are taxable. The assessed tax of property on the airport and land exceeds \$480,000. The airport receives none of this back to operate the airport. The airport has been self sufficient for the past five years, operating on user fees from airport customers.

The airport control tower operates from 7 am to 9 pm daily. Last year the total take-offs and landings exceeded 97,500. Nashua is the second busiest general aviation airport in New England.

The airport owns two fuel farms that are leased to the two Fixed Based Operators (FBOs) at the airport. FBOs disperse fuel, rent airplanes, conduct flight instruction and offer other aircraft related services.

The airport conducted an economic impact study in 1999. The results indicated a direct spending of \$5,590,000, transportation savings of \$4,758,940 and induced benefits of \$11,180,000 for a total benefit of \$21,528,940. At that time the airport and its tenants provided a substantial employment base with 183 full-time jobs and 17 part-time jobs. The industrial park employs 260 people on a full-time basis and 24 part-time. Additionally, the airport provides many essential community services, such as five flight schools, air ambulance, Daniel Webster College's Aviation Division and Angel Flight Sponsors. The facilities are also used by the Civil Air Patrol and EAA. The number of employees has grown over the past five years.

Most importantly, the Nashua Airport serves as an integral link to the national and international transportation systems.