



**CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL**

Meeting Date:

Item Creation Date: 10/22/2025

HAS - Renewal of Aviation Organization Membership Fees for Calendar Year 2026 - Airports Council International-North America (ACI-NA)

Agenda Item#:

**Background:**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Pass a motion approving membership fees in Airports Council International-North America (ACI-NA) for calendar year 2026 in an amount not to exceed \$240,391.00.

**SPECIFIC EXPLANATION:**

Airports Council International (ACI) is the trade association of airport owners and operators worldwide. Headquartered in Montreal, Canada, ACI has 814 members operating 2,110 airports in 169 countries. ACI is comprised of five geographical regions: Africa, Asia-Pacific, Europe, Latin America-Caribbean, and North America. The North America region, which includes Canada and the United States, is represented by ACI-NA, based in Washington, D.C.

Membership in ACI-NA provides the department with 1) a means of keeping current on the latest techniques of the many functional aspects of airport management; 2) advocacy on legislative issues before the Congress and world forums; 3) a way to exchange information with other airports facing similar situations; 4) a single airport voice in dealing with the federal government; and 5) representation in the bilateral negotiating process for international air routes; and 6) training and certification opportunities by a world leader in airport management and operations education.

ACI-NA calendar year 2026 base dues, a function of passenger and cargo activity, are \$153,891.00. International air service dues, based on enplaned international passengers, are \$9,000.00. A legislative assessment of \$45,000.00, a policy assessment of \$25,000.00, and a legal assessment of \$7,500.00, are also included, bringing the total dues for 2026 to \$240,391.00.

Support of ACI-NA provides member airports with constant communication concerning our position in various legislative and regulatory processes and international civil aviation organizations, such as security issues impacting our airports, and enables our airports to make their voices heard at critical points along the way. Benefits from membership and participation in this organization far outweigh the cost of dues and serve the best interest of the Houston Airport System in meeting the current airport needs of the community, customers, and users.

**Fiscal Note:**

Funding for this item was included in the FY2026 Adopted Budget. Therefore, no Fiscal Note is required as stated in the Financial Policies.

**Director's Signature:**

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Houston Airport System

Estimated Spending Authority			
DEPARTMENT	FY2026	OUT YEARS	TOTAL
Houston Airport System	\$240,391.00	\$0.00	\$240,391.00

**Amount and Source of Funding:**

\$240,391.00  
HAS Revenue Fund  
Fund 8001

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