

The Aerospace and Aviation Committee brings together industry leaders, partners, and stakeholders to support the continued growth of Houston’s aerospace and aviation ecosystem—two sectors that are critical to the region’s economic strength, workforce development, and global connectivity.

Houston is a leader across both industries, with a robust aviation network that includes two major international airports and a thriving business and general aviation community, alongside a globally recognized aerospace presence anchored by NASA’s Johnson Space Center and the Houston Space. Together, these sectors position Houston at the forefront of innovation, from advancing air mobility and infrastructure to shaping the future of commercial space operations.

Formed to meet the needs of members in these industries, the committee serves as a platform for collaboration, education, and strategic engagement. Members play an active role in identifying and recruiting target companies, supporting business retention efforts, engaging with delegations, and contributing to initiatives that strengthen the region’s competitive position. With the support of Partnership staff, the committee fosters open communication, shared insight, and a collective commitment to advancing Houston’s role as a global leader in aerospace and aviation.



**Chair**

**David Ladewig**

Director of Business Development,  
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## TOP ISSUES

- Texas Space Commission / SEARF Grants
- Support of NASA
- National Security
- Impact from government-led to market-led
- Airport Infrastructure expansion /requirements
- Air Traffic System upgrades
- Net-zero targets
- Advanced Air Mobility and acceleration of certification
- Supply Chain
- Technology Convergence
- Workforce Development / Challenges

## 2026 MEETING DATES

Q1: Friday, February 20

Q2: Friday, May 29

Q3: Friday, August 21

Q4: Friday, December 11