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Summary of the 84th Meeting
Summary of the 80th Meeting

RTCA Special Committee 206 (SC-206)
EUROCAE Working Group (WG-76)

Aeronautical Information Services (AIS) and Meteorological (MET) Data Link Services

Executive Summary

The joint RTCA SC-206/EUROCAE WG-76 Plenary meeting was held on Tuesday, February 17, 2026. The meeting was held virtually.

The primary purpose of today's meeting was to release the SG-9/SG-4 Aircraft-Based Operations (ABO) Internal Report into the internal Review and Comment (RAC) process.

- The SG-9/SG-4 Co-Leads briefed the Plenary attendees on the status of their draft ABO Internal Report
 - The SC-206 and WG-76 attendees voted to approve sending the Recommendations Report into the RAC process
 - Internal comments will be provided to the sub-group via the normal RAC comment spreadsheet
 - Comments will be adjudicated by the sub-group between now and the March 2026 RTCA SC-206/EUROCAE WG-76 Joint Plenary Meeting to be held at the UK Met Office in Exeter, UK
- The November 2025 RTCA SC-206/EUROCAE WG-76 Plenary Summary was approved and will be posted on the RTCA website
- Next Plenary meeting:
 - March 23-27, 2026 [UK MET Office, Exeter UK]
 - Joint RTCA SC-206 (Meeting 85)/EUROCAE WG-76 (Meeting 81) Plenary

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Presentations are posted at:

<https://aeropus.i3cloudservices.com/rtca/group/sc-206?tab=Documents&folder=2026+Meetings%2F1+-+February+17%2C+2026+84th+Plenary+%28Virtual%29>

The Plenary Meeting convened at approximately 0930 EST (1530 CET). The meeting was held virtually.

1. Introductions and Welcome (Chairmen, Host Briefing)

- Reference the [Feb2026_SC206_WG76_Leadership_Plenary_20260217_final.pptx_slides](#)
- Tim Rahmes and Mark Libant opened the meeting and welcomed everyone
- Tim stated that the primary purpose of today’s meeting is to release the SG-9/SG-4 Aircraft-Based Operations (ABO) Internal Report into the internal Review and Comment (RAC) process
- Tim commended the sub-groups for keeping the page count under 100 and recognized the good work done by the sub-groups and for Amanda Hoprich’s support

Introduction of Attendees

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| • Tim Rahmes | The Boeing Company (SC-206 Co-Chair) |
| • Mark Libant | NAV CANADA (SC-206 Co-Chair) |
| • Joe Bracken | AvMet Applications, Inc. (SC-206 Secretary) |
| • Moin Abulhosn | FAA |
| • Tammy Flowe | FAA, Government Authorized Representative |
| • Louis Bailey | The Boeing Company |
| • Jason Berger | L3Harris |
| • Bill Carson | The MITRE Corporation |
| • Rick Curtis | Collins Aerospace |
| • Izabela Gheorghisor | The MITRE Corporation |
| • Amanda Hoprich | AvMet Applications, Inc. |
| • Ed Johnson | FAA |
| • Nazih Khaouly | FAA |
| • Kevin Kronfeld | Collins Aerospace |
| • Macarena Martin-Viton | Airbus |
| • Michael McPartland | MIT Lincoln Laboratory |
| • Alexander Para | RTCA Program Director |
| • Cyril Pedrosa | Airbus |
| • Mark Phaneuf | Air Line Pilots Association, Intl. |
| • Sam Schwartz | The Boeing Company |
| • Vincent Souffrant | Airbus |
| • Rocky Stone | National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) |
| • Anthony Townsend | Textron Aviation |
| • Martyn Sunter | EUMETNET |
| • Mark Watson | EUROCAE |
| • Matt Wiebold | Honeywell International, Inc. |

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2. RTCA / EUROCAE Policies
 - Reference Slides 2-12
 - Alex Para briefed the attendees on the RTCA policies
 - Mark Watson briefed the attendees on the EUROCAE policies
 - There were no questions
3. Review and Approval of Meeting Agenda
 - Reference slide 14 of the Feb2026_SC206_WG76_Leadership Plenary_20260217_final.pptx slides
 - Amanda Hoprich displayed the Plenary agenda
 - A motion was made to approve the draft Plenary meeting agenda
 - The motion was seconded
 - The Plenary meeting agenda was approved
4. Review and Approval of Minutes from November 2025 Plenary
 - Joe Bracken reported that the November 2025 draft Plenary Summary was uploaded to AerOpus on December 21, 2025 for final review and comment by the SC-206 and WG-76 membership
 - All comments received prior to uploading were adjudicated
 - There were no dissenting comments
 - There have been no new comments to the document after posting
 - One revision was made as a result of the scheduling of today's virtual plenary session since this session was discussed and scheduled after the conclusion of the November 2025 Plenary Meeting
 - Eleven new action items were identified during the Opening and Closing Plenary sessions in November
 - Eleven pre-existing action items were closed
 - If approved today, the document will receive an RTCA Document Number and be posted as a final version on AerOpus
 - A motion was made to approve the draft November 2025 Plenary Summary
 - The motion was seconded
 - The November 2025 Plenary Summary was approved
 - **Action: Alex Para to assign an RTCA document number to the approved Plenary Summary and post to the RTCA website**
 - **Action: Joe Bracken to post final Plenary Summary to the SC-206 AerOpus site**
5. Decision to Release ABO Internal Report for Review and Comment (RAC)
 - Matt Wiebold and Martyn Sunter provided the briefing
 - There were no slides presented
 - Tim Rahmes noted that SC-206 and WG-76 will be putting this document through the RAC process for additions
 - Matt displayed the Executive Summary of the draft document and briefed the attendees on the proposed updates for the Terms of Reference (TOR)
 - The draft document was posted to AerOpus in the SC-206 group
 - Matt and Martyn will be posting the final draft document later today that includes some recent minor changes
 - Material in the draft document has been grouped by data types
 - The sub-group conducted Subject Matter Expert (SME) interviews on various products
 - Content of those interviews has been posted to the RTCA site also
 - SMEs were responsible for writing the various sections

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- The sub-group has created recommendations for future standards work
 - They have reached consensus on three major products, which can be found in Table 0-1 of the ABO Internal Report document
 1. A water vapor sensor Minimum Operational Performance Standard (MOPS)
 2. An onboard weather radar downlink Operational Services and Environment Description (OSED)
 3. A revision to DO-252; Minimum Interoperability Standards (MIS) for Automated Meteorological Transmission (AUTOMET)
 - Tim suggested that Airbus look at the wording in the paragraph that describes the three recommended products
 - Tim added that an OSED is a good opportunity as an industry
 - Tim stressed that he is not sure the schedule noted in Table 0-1 is necessarily correct
 - Three efforts going forward in parallel makes those dates difficult to meet
- The intent is to release the document today for RAC and address the comments between now and during the March 2026 Plenary in Exeter, UK
- Questions
 - Mark Libant commented that the draft was uploaded very recently and people have not had a chance to look at it in detail to generate comments
 - Mark encourages members to review the document and provide feedback as part of the RAC
 - Alex Para noted that comments from RAC will be submitted through the RAC tool
 - Tim clarified by noting that this RAC tool is the normal RAC comment spreadsheet tool
- Matt stressed that the sub-group is looking for content comments to come in over the next month
 - Tim added that when this document is complete, it will not go anywhere other than to provide information to the RTCA Program Management Committee (PMC) and the EUROCAE Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
 - The most important part of the document is the recommendations within the document
- Tammy Flowe made a motion to approve the release of the ABO Internal Report for RAC
 - Mark Phaneuf seconded the motion
 - The document was approved for release
- **Action: Matt Wiebold and Martyn Sunter to send Alex Para and Mark Watson the RAC version of the ABO Internal Report for RAC release**
- **Action: Alex Para and Mark Watson to send out the ABO Internal Report for RAC release with the comment spreadsheet to SC-206 and WG-75 by 2/17/2026**

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6. Future Meetings, Plans, and Dates (Reference Slide 15)

Future Meetings		
Plenary/Working Meetings		
Plenary Meeting Dates	Meeting Location (Host)	Notes
17 February 2026	Virtual	Joint WG-76/SC-206 Plenary (AbO Internal Report RAC Release)
23-27 March 2026	Exeter, UK (UK Met Office - Martyn)	Joint WG-76/SC-206 Plenary (AbO Internal Report RAC Resolution)
8-12 June 2026	Washington, DC (RTCA - Program Director)	Joint WG-76/SC-206 Plenary (DO-358C & Turbulence Technical Standard FRAC/OC Release)
28 September – 2 October 2026	Saint-Denis, France (Mark Watson - TPM)	Joint WG-76/SC-206 Plenary (DO-358C & Turbulence Technical Standard FRAC/OC Resolution)
7-11 December 2026	Washington, DC (RTCA - Program Director)	Joint WG-76/SC-206 Plenary
SG/WG Only Meetings		
SG/WG Meeting Dates	Meeting Location (Host)	Notes
TBD (April 2026)	TBD (Amsterdam/LVNL or Maastricht/Eurocontrol)	Eurocontrol? LVNL? Meet with airport to review flow and needs of control during an Emergency Diversion

- March 2026
 - Tim Rahmes asked Martyn Sunter if he has received notification of how many attendees to expect
 - Martyn responded that he has received ten positive responses
 - Martyn added that he realized that as part of the pre-registration requirements, things like security clearance and birth date were being requested
 - Since security clearances are not an issue for this meeting, that information can be ignored
- June 2026
 - There was no further discussion
- September/October 2026
 - The dates for this meeting were confirmed
 - Mark Watson reported that all conference rooms have been reserved for the week of September 28, 2026
- December 2026
 - There was no further discussion
- April 2026 SG-6/SG-5 Meeting
 - Mark Libant commented that approval for this sub-group meeting is still pending RTCA approval
 - Alex Para noted that if this meeting is being hosted in Europe, RTCA will follow EUROCAE meeting standards
 - RTCA will just need to conduct an audio/visual check
 - Louis Bailey noted that during the January sub-group meeting in Seattle, the group made the determination to bring in the European sector to this effort
 - In April, all of the groups will be working together
 - Tim Rahmes asked if SG-6/SG-5 has set a date for the April meeting
 - Louis responded that he is coordinating with Maastricht and will lock down dates very soon
 - **Action: Louis Bailey to determine the dates for the April 2026 SG6/SG5 Meeting and share with Leadership**

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7. Action Items Review (Reference Slides 16-17)

- Action Item 485
 - Joe Bracken reported that there are no new updates
 - There are no events for 2026 posted on the RTCA website at this time
 - This Action Item to remain open
- Action Item 518
 - This Action Item was closed
- Action Item 519
 - This Action Item was closed
- Action Item 520
 - This Action Item remains open
 - No specific date/time has been scheduled yet
 - **Action: Tim Rahmes and Mark Watson to determine a day/time for the presentation and respond back to the presenter**
- Action Item 521
 - This Action Item was closed
- Action Item 522
 - This Action Item was closed
- Action Item 523
 - This Action Item was closed
 - Mark Watson reported that this was presented to the TAC in January
- Action Item 524
 - This Action Item was closed
- Action Item 525
 - This Action Item was closed
- Action Item 526
 - This Action Item was closed
- Action Item 527
 - This Action Item was closed
 - Louis Bailey asked if, going forward, there is a process to thank the hosts of our Plenary meetings
 - Tim Rahmes responded that due to changes in RTCA personnel and policy, we have to look at this differently than in the past
 - Tim added that Thank You letters to meeting hosts will not be issued by RTCA in the future
 - Tim asked Mark Watson if it is EUROCAE policy to thank their hosts
 - Mark responded that it is not policy within EUROCAE, but they do not have a problem thanking their hosts
 - **Action: Mark Watson to send a Thank You Letter to UK Met Office for hosting the March Plenary Meeting**
- Action Item 528
 - This Action Item was closed

Ten action items were closed, and seven new Plenary action items were identified during the Plenary session (shaded in green below). All remaining Open Action Items are as follows:

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#	Owner	Action	Date	Due Date	Status
Open Action Items					
485	Joe Bracken	Monitor RTCA Webinar announcements and provide updates to the Leadership when necessary	June 2025	Ongoing	Open
520	Louis Bailey	Coordinate an Autonomous Distress Tracking briefing to be presented at the March 2026 Plenary	November 2025	March 2026	Open
529	Mark Watson	Send a Thank You Letter to UK Met Office for hosting the March Plenary Meeting	February 2026	March 2026	Open
530	Tim Rahmes Mark Libant	Determine a day/time for the March 2026 Plenary Autonomous Distress Tracking briefing and respond back to the presenter	February 2026	March 2026	Open
531	Matt Wiebold Martyn Sunter	Send Alex Para and Mark Watson the RAC version of the ABO Internal Report for RAC release	February 2026	February 17, 2026	Open
532	Alex Para Mark Watson	Send out the ABO Internal Report for RAC release with the comment spreadsheet to SC-206 and WG-76 by 2/17/2026	February 2026	February 17, 2026	Open
533	Louis Bailey	Determine the dates for the April 2026 SG6/SG5 Meeting and share with Leadership	February 2026	March 2026	Open
534	Alex Para	Assign an RTCA document number to the approved November 2025 Plenary Summary and post to the RTCA website	February 2026	February 2026	Open
535	Joe Bracken	Post final November 2025 Plenary Summary to the SC-206 AerOpus site	February 2026	February 2026	Open

8. Other Business

- No new business was discussed

9. Adjourn

- The Plenary adjourned at approximately 1015 EST (0415 CET) on Tuesday, February 17, 2026

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CERTIFIED as a true and accurate summary of the meeting.

Tim Rahmes, SC-206 Co-chair

Mark Libant, SC-206 Co-chair

Joe Bracken, SC-206 Secretary

TBD WG-76 Secretary