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AVIATION COMMISSION

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

April 26, 2023, 7 p.m.

Whiteman Airport

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COMMISSIONERS

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IN ATTENDANCE

Chair Christina Pascucci
Vice-Chair Ryan Antoon
Secretary Forouzan Golshani
Commissioner Harvey Holloway
Commissioner Justine Johnson
Commissioner Dennis Lord
Commissioner Jeff Mort

OFFICIALLY EXCUSED

Commissioner Peter Amundson
Commissioner Curt Castagna
Commissioner Gabriel Perez

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS STAFF

Mr. Paul Maselbas, Assistant Deputy Director
Ms. Van Tran, Staff Assistant

GUESTS

Mr. Peder Rudling, Whiteman Airport Guest
Mr. Kurt Young, Whiteman Airport Guest
Mr. Paul Rivera, Civil Air Patrol
Mr. Dick Millais, Civil Air Patrol
Ms. Penny Alderson, Vista Aviation
Mr. David Kolstad, Experimental Aircraft Association
Mr. Larry Stanfill, Experimental Aircraft Association
Mr. Jeremy Rosenberg, Experimental Aircraft Association
Mr. John Kwon, Civil Air Patrol
Mr. Edward Story, California Pilots Association
Mr. John Nagle, California Pilots Association
Mr. Murray Rozensky, Experimental Aircraft Association

GUESTS CONTINUED

Ms. Josie Schlachet, Civil Air Patrol
Ms. Elyce Carver, Civil Air Patrol
Mr. Keziah Carver, Civil Air Patrol
Mr. Joshua Yoon, Civil Air Patrol
Ms. Liana Carver, Civil Air Patrol
Mr. Joe Nuccitelli, Civil Air Patrol
Mr. Reynold C. Goodrich, Civil Air Patrol
Ms. Raye Jobelle, Civil Air Patrol
Ms. Sherri Woodie, Civil Air Patrol
Ms. Sara Malliski, Civil Air Patrol
Mr. Andrew Ax, Civil Air Patrol
Mr. Mark Ax, Civil Air Patrol
Mr. Alexander Radaelli, Civil Air Patrol
Mr. Richard Welsh, Whiteman Airport Guest
Ms. Madeline Pammit, Glendale Community College
Mr. Alan D. Smith, Whiteman Airport Guest
Mr. Eusebio Preciado, Civil Air Patrol
Mr. Jim Reid, Whiteman Airport Guest
Mr. Charito Carver, Civil Air Patrol
Mr. Jose Antonio Gonzalez, Civil Air Patrol
Ms. Lisa Fusano, Aviation Explorers
Ms. Helen Tran, Western Center on Law & Poverty
Ms. Teodora Reyes, Pacoima Beautiful
Ms. Irene Villaseñor, Pacoima Beautiful
Ms. Mary Theurer, Whiteman Airport Guest
Mr. Devin Jones, Whiteman Airport Guest
Mr. Dan Fallman, Friends of Whiteman Airport
Mr. Jose Torres, Whiteman Airport Guest
Mr. Solomon Bruck, Whiteman Airport Guest
Ms. Rosacio Garcia, Whiteman Airport Guest
Ms. Norma O. Chavez, Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council
Ms. Natalie S. Garcia, Fernangeles Elementary School Student
Ms. Melissa Walk, Pacoima Beautiful
Mr. Johnny Cortmila, Whiteman Airport Guest
Mr. Estevan Roth, Whiteman Airport Guest
Ms. Lynn Barker, Whiteman Airport Guest
Mr. Matthew Stone, Whiteman Airport Guest
Mr. Scott Heames, Whiteman Airport Guest
Mr. Jake Fels, Whiteman Airport Guest
Mr. Robin Kim, Whiteman Airport Guest
Mr. Anthony Schwarz, Whiteman Airport Guest
Mr. Darren Holst, Whiteman Airport Guest
Mr. Eduardo Pabon, Whiteman Airport Guest
Ms. Kristine Schlachet, Civil Air Patrol
Mr. James Reid, Civil Air Patrol
Mr. Daniel Stanfill, Civil Air Patrol

GUESTS CONTINUED

Ms. Isabella Nuccitelli, Civil Air Patrol
Ms. Kylie Malliski, Civil Air Patrol
Mr. David Castañeda, Civil Air Patrol
Ms. Winter Jobelle, Civil Air Patrol
Mr. Colby Jackson, Civil Air Patrol
Mr. Pedreangel Castaneda, Civil Air Patrol
Mr. Jackson Woodie, Civil Air Patrol
Mr. J.M. Effle-Hoy, Civil Air Patrol
Mr. Wade Danielson, Whiteman Airport Guest
Mr. Thomas Hendricks, Experimental Aircraft Association
Mr. Dustin Kerr, Vista Aviation
Mr. James Neuto, Civil Air Patrol
Mr. Emilio Salamanca, Los Angeles City, 7th District, Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez
Ms. Gloria Pammit, Glendale Community College
Mr. Joe Chavez, Glendale Community College
Mr. Peter Kalez, Whiteman Airport Guest
Mr. Kevin Jackson, Civil Air Patrol
Mr. Ed Carver, Whiteman Airport Guest
Mr. James Miller, Civil Air Patrol
Mr. Efren Hernandez, Whiteman Airport Guest
Mr. Richard Wollrich, Whiteman Airport Guest
Mr. Neil Casey, Whiteman Airport Guest
Ms. Candy Rodio, Whiteman Airport Guest

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Dennis Lord called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Dennis Lord led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. MATTERS FOR AND ACTION BY THE COMMISSION

A. Minutes

The minutes for the February 22, 2023, and March 29, 2023, meetings were unanimously approved on a motion from Commissioner Lord and seconded by Vice - Chair Ryan Antoon.

B. Los Angeles County Public Works Aviation Division – General Report

Mr. Maselbas provided to the Commission a summary of the Expense and Revenue Report and provided a detailed explanation on the expenditures and revenues.

Mr. Maselbas provided to the Commission an update on the Airport Capital Improvement Plan.

Aircraft Operations (Takeoffs and Landings) and Fuel Sales

The overall aircraft operations for all five County airports were down 26 percent in the month of March 2023, as compared to the same month last year.

The overall fuel sales for all five County airports in the month of March 2023, were up 30 percent from the previous month but were down 34 percent as compared to the same month last year.

C. Los Angeles County Public Works Aviation Division – Airport Management Update

Airport Projects (including Grant Funding)

Completion of the Rents and Fees Study update for all five County airports is expected to complete in early May 2023.

Mr. Maselbas provided an update on the design project for the new terminal building at Compton/Woodley Airport. A teleconference meeting with airport tenants, the local community, and other airport stakeholders is scheduled for May 25, 2023, via Zoom.

Airport Property Management

Windssocks were installed at Compton/Woodley Airport on April 1, 2023.

A new pump was installed at San Gabriel Valley Airport and repairs to the Avgas Underground Storage Tank are still underway.

Mr. Maselbas informed the Commission that County hangar inspections are still in progress and airport staff is identifying aeronautical and non-aeronautical tenants.

The Request for Proposals documents to provide full-serve and self-serve fueling services at both Whiteman Airport and General William J. Fox Airfield were released and responses were due back to Public Works on April 18, 2023.

Brackett Field and San Gabriel Valley Airport will begin to provide self-serve Avgas on May 1, 2023 and Billion Air Aviation will continue to provide full-serve Avgas at both airports.

Airport Events and Activities

Brackett Field Airport will be hosting an Aircraft Owner's and Pilots Association fly-in event, in recognition of the Association's 85th anniversary, which is anticipated to take place in August 2024. On May 8, 2023, to May 10, 2023, the Aircraft Owner's and Pilots Association planning team will visit the airport.

On April 15, 2023, the 2nd annual Steppin 4 Autism event was held at Compton/Woodley Airport.

At Whiteman Airport, the Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 40 provided flights to 56 kids at their Young Eagles event on April 22, 2023.

Whiteman Airport Community Advisory Committee

Mr. Maselbas informed the Commission that the final Whiteman Airport Community Advisory Committee meeting was held virtually on February 23, 2023, and the final report is being finalized and will be presented to the Board of Supervisors.

Airport Marketing and Public Relations

Mr. Maselbas informed the Commission that the Aviation Commission Subcommittee is reviewing a proposal that would develop a plan to enhance and promote the value of the airports to the region and local communities, implement measures to engage communication with stakeholders, and to retain airport tenants.

D. Update from Aviation Commission Subcommittee – Neighborhood Outreach and Airport Stakeholder Engagement

Chair Christina Pascucci and Commissioner Justine Johnson informed the Commission that the Subcommittee is working to add community engagement and activities at the airports, involving all Commissioners, airport managers, and stakeholders. The goal is to gathering contact information to actively communicating with the community groups and community-based organizations.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT – OPEN FORUM

Twenty-seven speakers commented on the operation, maintenance, and activities at the airports.

Mr. Maselbas presented to the Commission the option of having future Aviation Commission meetings in a hybrid format and suggested discussing this at the next Aviation Commission meeting.

IV. NEXT COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE ON:

**Wednesday, May 31, 2023, at 7 p.m.
at San Gabriel Valley Airport
4233 Santa Anita Avenue
El Monte, CA 91731-1670**

Chair Pascucci adjourned the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Forouzan Golshani, Secretary
Los Angeles County Aviation Commission