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# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

## AVIATION COMMISSION

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## LOS ANGELES COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION

### Meeting Minutes

February 28, 2024, 10 a.m.  
Compton/Woodley Airport  
901 West Alondra Boulevard  
Compton, CA 90220-3528  
(310) 631-8140

### IN ATTENDANCE

Chair Ryan Antoon  
Vice-Chair Forouzan Golshani  
Secretary Dennis Lord  
Commissioner Monique Earl  
Commissioner Jeff Mort  
Commissioner Christina Pascucci

### OFFICIALLY EXCUSED

Commissioner Peter Amundson  
Commissioner Curt Castagna  
Commissioner Harvey Holloway  
Commissioner Gabriel Perez

### COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS STAFF

Mr. Paul Maselbas, Assistant Deputy Director  
Mr. Jason Morgan, Assistant Chief, Aviation Division  
Ms. Van Tran, Staff Assistant

### GUESTS

Mr. Bishop L.J. Guillory, City of Compton Public Safety Commission  
Mr. Wilbur Owens, Compton/Woodley Airport Tenant  
Mr. James Miller, Civil Air Patrol  
Mr. Zack Mence, Compton/Woodley Airport Tenant  
Mr. David Kolstad, Experimental Aircraft Association  
Mr. Xavier Marshall, Compton/Woodley Airport Tenant  
Mr. Henry Roy, California Black Aviation Association  
Mr. Chauncey E. Spencer II, African Americans in Aviation Traveling Museum  
Mr. Kenny Lyon, Compton/Woodley Airport Tenant  
Ms. Minerva Goward, Atmospheric Vehicle and Spacecraft Flight Exploration

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Ryan Antoon called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

### **I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Jeff Mort led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **II. MATTERS FOR AND ACTION BY THE COMMISSION**

#### **A. Minutes for the January 31, 2024, meeting**

The minutes for the January 31, 2024, meeting were unanimously approved on a motion from Vice-Chair Forouzan Golshani and seconded by Commissioner Mort.

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

Mr. Morgan provided to the Commission a brief overview of Compton/Woodley Airport.

##### **Expense and Revenue 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.

Commissioners engaged in a brief discussion regarding the information presented. The Commissioners also requested to have a representative from Public Works Human Resources Division attend and present on the County's hiring process at a future meeting.

##### **Aircraft Operations (Takeoffs and Landings) and Fuel Sales**

The overall aircraft operations for all five County airports were up 35 percent in the month of January 2024, as compared to the same month last year.

The overall fuel sales for all five County airports were up 21 percent in the month of January 2024, as compared to the same month last year.

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

##### **Airport Projects (including Grant Funding)**

No major projects are taking place at the airports.

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

## **Airport Property Management**

At Compton/Woodley Airport, repairs were made to the hangar row lighting and restrooms. Repairs are underway for the runway lights and Precision Approach Path Indicator system.

At San Gabriel Valley Airport, repairs are underway to the digital entrance sign on Santa Anita Avenue and the pavement on the main taxiway alpha.

At Whiteman Airport, police responded to a motor vehicle incident involving an airport security guard on February 25, 2024. There was no impact to airport operations and no one was injured.

Contracts for fueling services at General William J. Fox Airfield and Whiteman Airport were approved by the Board of Supervisors at its February 27, 2024, meeting.

## **Airport Events and Activities**

At Brackett Field Airport, Brackett Airmen's Association held their monthly meeting on February 1, 2024, and an aircraft display day event was held on February 17, 2024. The Federal Aviation Administration will be hosting their Pilot Proficiency Program session on March 7, 2024.

At Compton/Woodley Airport, the Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 96 will host an inaugural Compton Unified School District Aerial Drone Competition event on March 16, 2024, at Dominguez High School. Planning is underway for the 100th anniversary Air Fair, which is tentatively scheduled for May 11, 2024.

At San Gabriel Valley Airport, the San Gabriel Valley Airport Association held their monthly meeting on February 21, 2024. Mission Flight's Shine, Overcome, Ascend, Rejoice (SOAR) event was held on February 25, 2024. The Auto Show is scheduled for March 3, 2024, and the Air Fair will be rescheduled due to weather concerns.

## **Airport Marketing and Public Relations**

An Airport Strategic Communications and Marketing Plan is being developed for the five County airports. Public Works and Aviation Commission Subcommittee met with the planning consultant to review and discuss the final draft plan.

### **D. Airport Rents Study**

Mr. Maselbas mentioned to the Commission that Public Works is currently reviewing the airport rents and fees study report. The report is expected to be shared with the Commission and posted on the Aviation Division website in the coming weeks. Public Works is planning to make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors to increase the non-aeronautical hangar storage rents to match fair market value.

**E. Update on November 7, 2023, Board motion regarding “Reimagining Whiteman Airport”**

Mr. Maselbas informed the Commission that Public Works and Public Health reported back to the Board of Supervisors regarding the November 7, 2023, Board motion. Copies of both written reports were shared with the Commission. Public Works is anticipating the availability of unleaded aviation gasoline (UL94) at all five County airports around June 2024. The voluntary nighttime curfew has been implemented at Whiteman Airport. Public Works is pending further instructions from the Board of Supervisors regarding the mandatory curfew at Whiteman Airport. The County Department of Public Health reported that the blood lead levels in children living in the proximity of the airport are lower than throughout the Los Angeles region and also lower than the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s blood lead reference value.

Commissioners discussed and shared comments on the information presented, expressing concerns that this information should be shared with the residents near Whiteman Airport and other stakeholders.

**F. Update on the Restoration of the Historical Monument Recognizing the 1910 Dominguez Air Meet**

Secretary Dennis Lord shared with the Commission a brief overview of the 1910 Dominguez Air Meet and an update on the restoration of the historical monument.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT – OPEN FORUM**

Eight speakers commented on the operation, maintenance, and activities at the airports.

**IV. NEXT COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE ON:**

**Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at 10 a.m.  
at General William J. Fox Airfield  
4725 William J. Barnes Avenue  
Lancaster, CA 93536-8401**

Chair Antoon adjourned the meeting at 12:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Lord, Secretary  
Los Angeles County Aviation Commission

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