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AVIATION COMMISSION

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION Virtual Meeting Minutes January 25, 2023, at 10 a.m.

COMMISSIONERS

CHRISTINA PASCUCCI
CHAIR

RYAN ANTOON
VICE-CHAIR

FOROUZAN GOLSHANI
SECRETARY

PETER AMUNDSON
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MEMBER

HARVEY HOLLOWAY
MEMBER

JUSTINE JOHNSON
MEMBER

DENNIS LORD
MEMBER

JEFF MORT
MEMBER

GABRIEL PEREZ
MEMBER

IN ATTENDANCE

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

OFFICIALLY EXCUSED

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
Mrs. Claudia Delgado, Staff Assistant
Ms. Van Tran, Staff Assistant

GUESTS

Thirty attending guests were able to listen or participate live via telephone or by joining the meeting through the Zoom application.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Curt Castagna led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. MATTERS FOR AND ACTION BY THE COMMISSION

A. Minutes for the November 30, 2022, meeting

The meeting minutes as written, were approved on a motion by Commissioner Dennis 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.

Chair Pascucci introduced Commissioner Justine Johnson, representing Supervisorial District 2, to the Aviation Commission.

Chair Pascucci congratulated Commissioner Curt Castagna for serving as the 2022, Aviation Commission Chair.

Aircraft Operations (Takeoffs and Landings) and Fuel Sales

The overall aircraft operations for all five County airports were up 4 percent in the month of December 2022, as compared to the same month last year.

The overall fuel sales for all five County airports were down 9 percent in the month of December 2022, 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.

The Annual Capital Improvement Planning meeting with the Federal Aviation Administration will take place on January 30, 2023.

The Pavement Management Program is anticipated to be completed by next month.

Mr. Morgan informed the Commission that an updated Rents and Fees Study for all five County airports remains underway.

Mr. Morgan provided an update on the design project for the new terminal building at Compton/Woodley Airport.

Mr. Morgan provided an update on grants for airport capital improvement projects.

A Request for Proposals document is being prepared to develop a parcel of land at San Gabriel Valley Airport and will be released within the next few months.

Airport Property Management

Mr. Morgan informed the Commission that airport managers are continuing to conduct inspections of County hangars.

At San Gabriel Valley Airport, the County retail fueling system is still inoperable and repairs are underway.

At Whiteman Airport, the installation of a new heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system for the terminal building will be complete soon.

On December 15, 2022, the runway lights were inoperative at Brackett Field Airport. The lights were repaired and operational the following day.

At General William J. Fox Airfield, two power poles and the powerlines went down during the severe wind and rain event on January 9, 2023. Repairs were made and power was restored the following day.

On January 24, 2023, vandals damaged water lines at Whiteman Airport, and repairs are underway by Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. At Compton/Woodley Airport, the runway and taxi lights went out and repairs are being made.

The Request for Proposal documents to provide full-serve and self-serve fueling services at both Whiteman Airport and General William J. Fox Airfield are being finalized and are expected to be released for bid proposals on February 21, 2023.

Mr. Morgan informed the Commission that the Board of Supervisors approved a motion at their January 10, 2023, meeting to send a five-signature letter to the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to urge the EPA to eliminate lead from aviation gasoline and supporting the EPA's strong endangerment finding on unleaded aviation gasoline.

Commissioner Castagna shared his comments and informed the Commission that the National Air Transportation Association will be hosting a webinar pertaining to unleaded aviation gasoline on January 31, 2023.

Airport Events and Activities

At Brackett Field Airport, a household hazardous waste/electronic waste event was held on December 17, 2022. The airport will be hosting an Aircraft Owner's and Pilots Association fly-in event in 2024, in recognition of the Association's 85th anniversary.

At Compton/Woodley Airport, the Boeing Company awarded Fly Compton Aero Club a \$250,000 grant on January 13, 2023.

The Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 96 will be hosting a Young Eagles event on January 28, 2023, at Compton/Woodley Airport.

At Whiteman Airport, the Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 40 held their Young Eagles event on December 17, 2022, and the next event is scheduled for January 28, 2023.

News channels KCAL 9 and CBS 2 aired reports about free STEAM programs for kids at airports on January 4, 2023, which featured the Experimental Aircraft Association and their Young Eagles and other activities at Whiteman Airport.

Whiteman Airport Community Advisory Committee

Mr. Maselbas informed the Commission that the final Whiteman Airport Community Advisory Committee meeting will be held virtually through Zoom and in-person at Fenton Primary Center in Pacoima on January 26, 2023.

Airport Marketing and Public Relations

Mr. Morgan informed the Commission that Public Works solicited a proposal from a planning consultant to develop a Marketing and Strategic Communications Plan for the five County airports which will involve a review of the draft new website for the airports as well as soliciting input from airport tenants and other stakeholders.

D. Airport Marketing and Strategic Communications Planning Sub-Committee

Chair Pascucci presented the possibility of establishing an airport marketing and strategic communications planning sub-committee. Commissioner Lord made a motion to establish an airport marketing and strategic communications planning sub-committee, Vice-Chair Antoon seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT – OPEN FORUM

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

IV. NEXT VIRTUAL COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE ON:

Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at 10 a.m.

Chair Pascucci provided a brief overview of the life of Mr. John Rhodes, the owner of Vista Aviation at Whiteman Airport, and adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m. in his memory.

Respectfully submitted,

Forouzan Golshani, Secretary
Los Angeles County Aviation Commission