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AVIATION COMMISSION

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**LOS ANGELES COUNTY
AVIATION COMMISSION
Virtual Meeting
January 26, 2022, at 10 a.m.**

COMMISSIONERS

CURT CASTAGNA
CHAIR

CHRISTINA PASCUCCI
VICE-CHAIR

JEFF MORT
SECRETARY

PETER AMUNDSON
MEMBER

RYAN ANTOON
MEMBER

FOROUZAN GOLSHANI
MEMBER

HARVEY HOLLOWAY
MEMBER

DENNIS C. LORD
MEMBER

GABRIEL PEREZ
MEMBER

CLINTON SIMMONS
MEMBER

IN ATTENDANCE

Chair Curt Castagna
Vice-Chair Christina Pascucci
Secretary Jeff Mort
Commissioner Peter Amundson
Commissioner Ryan Antoon
Commissioner Forouzan Golshani
Commissioner Harvey Holloway
Commissioner Dennis Lord
Commissioner Gabriel Perez
Commissioner Clinton Simmons

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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

GUESTS

Twenty-two 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 Dennis Lord led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION BY THE COMMISSION

A. Minutes for the January 26, 2022, meeting

The meeting minutes as written, were unanimously approved on a motion by Commissioner Clinton Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Forouzan Golshani. Motion passed 9 to 0.

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

Mr. Jason Morgan introduced the 2022 elected Aviation Commission Officers and Mr. Paul Maselbas, Assistant Deputy Director for the Aviation Division, and provided a general report to the Commission.

Aircraft operations for all five airports were down 19 percent in the month of December 2021, as compared to the same month last year. Fueling activities were up 0.4 percent compared to the same month last year.

Projects for this coming year include the design phase for the Compton/Woodley terminal building and the pavement management program for all 5 County airports.

Mr. Morgan provided updates on grants and informed the Commission of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law which is funding that will be invested in United States airports for the next 5 years. County airports are included in the funding.

Aviation Division will be reaching out to Airport Associations in the upcoming month to initiate and develop a marketing plan for all County airports.

Mr. Jason Morgan provided updates on the new Supervisorial District boundaries, airport projects, and Whiteman Airport related activities.

Airport managers and assistant airport managers attended the virtual meeting and introduced themselves to the Commission.

The next Whiteman Airport Community Advisory Committee meeting will be held on January 27, 2022. Mr. Morgan provided a summary on the topics discussed during the recent meetings.

On January 9, 2022, an aircraft crash landed on Osborne Street. The pilot sustained minor injuries and the accident is under investigation by the National Transportation Safety Board and Federal Aviation Administration.

After the accident, County personnel assisted in site cleaning and ensured that everything was removed from the site before reopening the area.

Mr. Morgan informed the Commission that Public Works implemented new aircraft accident response procedures which include site cleanup, outreach to nearby residents and businesses to offer mental health services, if desired, and provide

contact information for assistance with questions, concerns, or other accident-related support.

Mr. Morgan thanked Commissioner Antoon and Vice-Chair Pascucci for their engagement on the day of and after the accident.

Mr. Morgan informed the Commission that following the recent aircraft accident at Whiteman Airport and an increased push by some for the closure of the Airport, Supervisor Kuehl sponsored a motion which was approved by the Board on January 25, 2022 directing Public Works to report back to the Board in sixty days on information that may need to be gathered and assembled in order to prepare an initial step for the FAA's application process for consideration of airport closure. The objective is to identify how related data and documentation may be gathered, and by whom, and the overall cost of gathering such information for the FAA's application process. The effort is also intended to complement the ongoing work of the Whiteman Airport Community Advisory Committee.

Commissioners shared comments on various ways to engage in outreach with the Community, tenants, and airport associations. Commissioners and airport managers were encouraged to be active at their respective airports.

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

A PowerPoint of the expense and revenue report was presented to the Commission.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT – OPEN FORUM

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

IV. NEXT VIRTUAL COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE ON:

Wednesday, February 23, 2022, at 10 a.m.

Chair Curt Castagna encouraged Commissioners to communicate issues and concerns with their supervisors as well as provide feedback to them about the airport.

Chair Castagna adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Mort, Secretary
Los Angeles County Aviation Commission

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