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# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

## AVIATION COMMISSION

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### LOS ANGELES COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION

#### Meeting Minutes

June 26, 2024, 7 p.m.

Brackett Field Airport

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### COMMISSIONERS

RYAN ANTOON  
CHAIR

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DENNIS LORD  
SECRETARY

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MEMBER

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MEMBER

HARVEY HOLLOWAY  
MEMBER

JEFF MORT  
MEMBER

CHRISTINA PASCUCCI  
MEMBER

GABRIEL PEREZ  
MEMBER

#### IN ATTENDANCE

Chair Ryan Antoon  
Secretary Dennis Lord  
Commissioner Peter Amundson  
Commissioner Harvey Holloway  
Commissioner Jeff Mort  
Commissioner Christina Pascucci

#### OFFICIALLY EXCUSED

Vice-Chair Forouzan Golshani  
Commissioner Curt Castagna  
Commissioner Monique Earl  
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. James Miller, Civil Air Patrol  
Mr. Steve Argubright, Brackett Field Airport Guest  
Mr. Mike Lancy, Brackett North D1  
Mr. Clint Simmons, California Black Aviation Association

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Ryan Antoon called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

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

Commissioner Christina Pascucci led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

#### **A. Minutes for the May 29, 2024, meeting**

The minutes for the May 29, 2024, meeting were unanimously approved on a motion from Commissioner Peter Amundson and seconded by Secretary Dennis Lord.

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

Mr. Morgan provided to the Commission a brief overview of Brackett Field Airport.

##### **Expense and Revenue Report**

Mr. Maselbas informed the Commission that the Expense and Revenue Report will be presented at the next meeting.

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

The overall aircraft operations for all five County airports were up 15 percent in the month of May 2024, as compared to the same month last year.

The overall fuel sales for all five County airports were up 16 percent in the month of May 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.

At Brackett Field Airport, the Sewer Pump and Force Main Replacement Project is expected to begin soon. The design for pavement reconstruction of approximately 12.5 acres of the north runway and taxiways at Brackett Field Airport will begin later this year.

At San Gabriel Valley Airport, the Federal Aviation Administration is evaluating the construction site for the new Airport Traffic Control Tower facility. Design is currently underway for the reconstruction of approximately 14 acres of runway and taxiway pavement. Commissioners shared comments on the information presented.

At Whiteman Airport, the Airport Layout Plan to consolidate the aircraft run-up areas into a single midfield run-up area is pending the Federal Aviation Administration's review and final approval.

Commissioners inquired about the infrastructure plan for the 2028 Summer Olympics event. Mr. Maselbas shared with the Commission that Public Works is coordinating with Metro and City of Los Angeles to plan this event.

### **Airport Property Management**

Caltrans conducted the annual inspection at Brackett Field Airport on June 12, 2024.

At Compton/Woodley Airport, the perimeter fence was damaged due to a recent vehicle incident that occurred on Alondra Boulevard. Repairs will be made.

In coordination with the County's Office of Emergency Management, General William J. Fox Airfield's terminal building served as a Cooling Center during the excessive heat warning in the Antelope Valley area from June 22, 2024, to June 25, 2024. Commissioners requested to have Cooling Centers available at all the airports due to the excessive heat.

At San Gabriel Valley Airport, the new lease agreement for the development of aircraft storage hangars on the north apron area is being finalized and will be presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval in the next few months.

At Whiteman Airport, the water fountain at the old terminal building is operational but will be replaced with a new unit soon. The public restrooms outside of the old terminal building were vandalized and will be repaired. A light post that was damaged due to a vehicle incident along Airpark Way will be replaced.

The approved contractors took over fueling services at General William J. Fox Airfield on June 17, 2024, and at Whiteman Airport on June 14, 2024.

On June 1, 2024, UL94 unleaded aviation gasoline became available for purchase at Whiteman Airport. Public Works is coordinating with Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District, South Coast Air Quality Management District, and Los Angeles County Fire Department to have UL94 available for purchase at all the airports soon.

A system has been installed to monitor and record all aircraft operations at Compton/Woodley Airport and Whiteman Airport.

### **Airport Events and Activities**

At Brackett Field Airport, the Brackett Pilots Association held their monthly meeting on June 6, 2024, and the Aircraft Display Day was held on June 16, 2024. School tours of the airport were provided on June 7, 2024, and June 14, 2024.

On May 28, 2024, Compton/Woodley Airport held a meeting to discuss the safe and compliant use of the airport and local airspace and other airport-related issues. The meeting was attended by Secretary Lord, various airport tenants and users/pilots,

and representatives of airport management. From July 1, 2024, through July 15, 2024, the non-profit organization RGE Cares Summer Camp will be hosting their annual summer camp at the airport's terminal building. The celebration of the airport's 100th year anniversary will occur at the annual Airport Air Fair tentatively scheduled for October 26, 2024.

Since mid-June, firefighting support aircraft activity has been occurring at General William J. Fox Airfield.

The San Gabriel Valley Airport Pilots Association held their monthly meeting at the airport on June 19, 2024.

At Whiteman Airport, the Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 40 provided flights to 96 kids at their Young Eagles event on June 22, 2024. The next event will be held on July 27, 2024.

### **Airport Marketing and Public Relations**

The on-call consultant is finalizing the content for a new airports website, which is estimated to go live in the next few months. The annual customer service survey was sent to all tenants and users at each of the airports. Responses will be collected through June 30, 2024, and the results may be presented at the August 2024, Aviation Commission meeting.

#### **D. Airports Rent Study**

Mr. Maselbas mentioned to the Commission that a few complaints were received regarding the airport rents and fees study reports. 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 tentatively at the August 6, 2024, Board meeting. If the Board of Supervisors approves the non-aeronautical rate increase may take effect on September 1, 2024.

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

Secretary Lord shared with the Commission a brief update on the restoration of the historical monument. Drawings for the plaque restoration are being developed and will be shared at the next meeting.

#### **F. Update on April 9, 2024, Board motion regarding "Re-envisioning Whiteman Airport: Expanding Economic Opportunities"**

Mr. Maselbas informed the Commission that the County's Chief Executive Office provided the report to the Board of Supervisors on June 13, 2024. The report was also shared with the Commission. The Board of Supervisors is expected to make a motion on this item in the next few months and all Commissioners will be notified.

Commissioners engaged in a brief discussion regarding the information presented.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT – OPEN FORUM**

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

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

**Wednesday, August 28, 2024, at 7 p.m.  
at Compton/Woodley Airport  
901 West Alondra Boulevard  
Compton, CA 90220-3528**

Chair Antoon adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Lord, Secretary  
Los Angeles County Aviation Commission

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