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# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

## AVIATION COMMISSION

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### LOS ANGELES COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION

#### Meeting Minutes

March 29, 2023, 10 a.m.

General William J. Fox Airfield  
4725 William J. Barnes Avenue  
Lancaster, CA 93536-8401  
(661) 940-1709

### COMMISSIONERS

CHRISTINA PASCUCCI  
CHAIR

RYAN ANTOON  
VICE-CHAIR

FOROUZAN GOLSHANI  
SECRETARY

PETER AMUNDSON  
MEMBER

CURT CASTAGNA  
MEMBER

HARVEY HOLLOWAY  
MEMBER

JUSTINE JOHNSON  
MEMBER

DENNIS LORD  
MEMBER

JEFF MORT  
MEMBER

GABRIEL PEREZ  
MEMBER

#### IN ATTENDANCE

Vice-Chair Ryan Antoon  
Commissioner Harvey Holloway  
Commissioner Justine Johnson  
Commissioner Dennis Lord  
(No Quorum)

#### OFFICIALLY EXCUSED

Chair Christina Pascucci  
Secretary Forouzan Golshani  
Commissioner Peter Amundson  
Commissioner Curt Castagna  
Commissioner Jeff Mort  
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 A. Miller, Civil Air Patrol  
Mr. Steve Irving, United States Air Force Plant 42  
Mr. Jeff Haney, President, MH Aviation  
Mr. Mike Graves, Maintenance Technician, MH Aviation

## **CALL TO ORDER**

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

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

Commissioner Dennis Lord led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

#### **A. Minutes for the February 22, 2023, meeting**

Approval of the minutes for the February 22, 2023, meeting was deferred for the next Commission meeting due to lack of a quorum.

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

Mr. Morgan provided to the Commission a brief overview of General William J. Fox Airfield.

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

The overall aircraft operations for all five County airports were down 13 percent in the month of February 2023, as compared to the same month last year.

The overall fuel sales for all five County airports in the month of February 2023, were up 1.5 percent from the previous month but were down 55 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Mr. Morgan informed the Commission that Commissioner Curt Castagna, the President and CEO of the National Air Transportation Association, testified before the House Aviation Subcommittee in Washington, D.C., on March 9, 2023, on securing the successful future of general aviation.

#### **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. Morgan provided an update on the design phase for the rehabilitation of the runaway and taxiway at San Gabriel Valley Airport, the Pavement Management Program, and informed the Commission that an update on the Airport Capital Improvement Plan will be provided at the next Commission meeting.

Completion of the Rents and Fees Study update for all five County airports is expected by the end of April 2023.

Mr. Morgan 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 tentatively scheduled for the week of April 17, 2023.

### **Airport Property Management**

At Compton/Woodley Airport, the self-serve fueling stations are repaired and operable and repairs are still underway for the Underground Storage Tank for Avgas at San Gabriel Valley Airport.

Mr. Morgan informed the Commission that inspections of the County hangars are still in progress and provided an update regarding the two Airport Service Workers that were promoted to Assistant Airport Manager.

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 are due back to Public Works on April 18, 2023.

### **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. The Aircraft Owner's and Pilots Association planning team will visit the airport in early May 2023.

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

United States President Joe Biden planned to utilize San Gabriel Valley Airport for his visit to Monterey Park on March 14, 2023. However, due to poor weather conditions, the airport was not utilized.

At Whiteman Airport, the Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 40 provided flights to 59 kids at their Young Eagles event on March 25, 2023. Commissioner Lord was one of the volunteer pilots at this event and provided flights to 17 kids.

### **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 two motions were presented at the meeting.

Mr. Maselbas informed the Commission that a final report, including both motions and recommendations, will be presented to the Board of Supervisors.

## **Airport Marketing and Public Relations**

Mr. Morgan informed the Commission that the proposal from a planning consultant to develop a plan to enhance and promote the value of the airports to the region and local communities, implement measures to effectively engage and communicate with airport stakeholders, and attract and retain airport tenants will be reviewed at the next Aviation Commission Subcommittee meeting.

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

Commissioner Justine Johnson shared with the Commission the Subcommittee's goal and action items. The goals are to connect residents living in or around Los Angeles County airports with knowledge on the airport operations, job opportunities, educational activities, and resources. The first action item is to build a master list of stakeholders consisting of Los Angeles County community groups operating in or near the airports. The second action item is to establish a community engagement calendar to collaborate with community partners. The third action item is to facilitate educational awareness of the airports and related activities and opportunities.

### **E. Motion by Commissioner Dennis Lord – Re-envisioning Whiteman Airport – Proposed Commission Role Discussion**

No discussion or action was taken due to a lack of a quorum.

### **III. PUBLIC COMMENT – OPEN FORUM**

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

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

**Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at 7 p.m.  
at Whiteman Airport  
10000 Airpark Way  
Pacoima, CA 91331-7393**

Vice-Chair Antoon adjourned the meeting at 10:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Forouzan Golshani, Secretary  
Los Angeles County Aviation Commission

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