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# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

## AVIATION COMMISSION

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### LOS ANGELES COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION

#### Meeting Minutes

December 3, 2025, 10 a.m.  
San Gabriel Valley Airport  
4233 Santa Anita Avenue  
El Monte, CA 91731-1670  
(626) 448-6129

### COMMISSIONERS

DENNIS LORD  
CHAIR

HARVEY HOLLOWAY  
VICE-CHAIR

JEFF MORT  
SECRETARY

PETER AMUNDSON  
MEMBER

MONIQUE EARL  
MEMBER

JERILYN LOPEZ MENDOZA  
MEMBER

CHARLES NELSON  
MEMBER

ROHIT J. SINGH  
MEMBER

CHRISTOPHER D. THOMAS  
MEMBER

RUDY VILLARREAL  
MEMBER

#### IN ATTENDANCE

Chair Dennis Lord  
Commissioner Peter Amundson  
Commissioner Christopher D. Thomas  
Commissioner Rohit J. Singh  
Commissioner Rudy Villarreal  
Commissioner Thomas Sutfin

#### OFFICIALLY EXCUSED

Vice-Chair Harvey Holloway  
Secretary Jeff Mort  
Commissioner Charles Nelson  
Commissioner Jerilyn Lopez Mendoza

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

Mr. Jason Morgan, Chief, Aviation Division  
Ms. Van Tran, Staff Assistant

#### GUESTS

Mr. Clyde Carpenter, Experimental Aircraft Association  
Dr. James Haney, San Gabriel Valley Airport Association  
Mr. David Lunt, San Gabriel Valley Airport Guest  
Mr. Bruce Busch, San Gabriel Valley Tenant  
Mr. David Kolstad, Whiteman Airport Association  
Mr. Kevin Baines, San Gabriel Valley Airport Tenant

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Dennis Lord called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

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

Commissioner Peter Amundson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Chair Lord introduced Commissioner Thomas Sutfin, representing Supervisorial District 4, to the Aviation Commission.

#### **A. Minutes for the October 29, 2025, meeting**

The minutes for the October 29, 2025, meeting were unanimously approved on a motion from Commissioner Rudy Villareal and seconded by Commissioner Rohit Singh.

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

Mr. Morgan provided to the Commission a brief overview of San Gabriel Valley Airport.

Mr. Morgan informed the Commission that the updated Expense and Revenue Report and the Airport Capital Improvement Plan are expected to be presented at a future Commission meeting.

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

The overall aircraft operations for all five County airports were up 23 percent in the month of October 2025, as compared to the same month last year.

The overall fuel sales for all five County airports were down 11 percent in the month of October 2025, as compared to the same month last year.

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

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

Mr. Morgan provided an update to the Commission regarding the annual Airport Capital Improvement Plan meeting held on October 28, 2025, with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and provided a detailed summary of Federal Aviation Administration and state funding for Capital Improvement Projects.

At Compton/Woodley Airport, design for the reconstruction of approximately 2 acres of north taxiway and rehabilitation of approximately 18 acres of south ramp/apron areas and taxi lanes are anticipated to begin soon.

At Brackett Field Airport, design has been underway to reconstruct approximately 12.5 acres of pavement for the north runway and cross taxiway and expected to be completed by the end of January 2026. Mr. Morgan also noted that the County plans to apply for the Airport Terminal Program FY 2026 Funding Opportunity, which is

offered annually. If awarded, this grant would fund the replacement of the HVAC unit at the terminal building.

At San Gabriel Valley Airport, the Runway/Taxiway Pavement Rehabilitation design is currently underway and expected to be completed by the end of December 2025. On November 13, 2025, a stakeholder meeting was held at the airport to provide information regarding the project.

### **Airport Property Management**

At San Gabriel Valley Airport, the Runway End Identified Lights (REILs) for Runway 19 are out of service. The Precision Approach Path Indicator (PAPI) lights were repaired. However, it will require future upgrades.

On November 6, 2025, Mr. Morgan along with Dr. Armida Ornelas, President of Los Angeles Mission College, toured the West Los Angeles College's airframe and powerplant mechanics certification program. Dr. Ornelas is exploring the potential opportunities for an aviation program with the college and potentially utilizing Whiteman Airport to create spaces for trainings.

At Compton/Woodley Airport, the Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS) is scheduled to be repaired by December 2025. Two vehicle incidents occurred on Alondra Boulevard that resulted in damage to the perimeter fencing at the airport. No injuries or impact to airport operations.

At Brackett Field Airport, the east side fuel island pump is out of service. The west side self-service is available.

At General William J. Fox Airfield, repairs were completed on a section of the perimeter fencing along Avenue F on the north side of the airport.

Mr. Morgan informed the Commission that the federal government shutdown did not affect airport operations and commended Airport Traffic Control Tower employees and contact staff for their dedication in continuing to provide services at San Gabriel Valley Airport, Brackett Field Airport, Whiteman Airport, and General Wm. J. Fox Airfield.

Mr. Morgan informed the Commission that two Board Letters for the Janitorial and Security Contracts were removed from the November 18, 2025, Board agenda following a motion to develop a Labor Peace Agreement and Worker Retention policy for applicable Proposition A contracts. During this transition period, Janitorial Services will continue under an existing contract with another division in Public Works. The Security Contract will continue through an extended contract period.

Mr. Morgan informed the Commission of recent unsafe operations and a series of incidents involving airport security contract personnel at various airports. Corrective action was taken by the security company which includes new vehicles with operating limitations, roving supervisors, implementing daytime training, and requiring hourly check-ins with each officer during shifts.

Mr. Morgan informed the Commission that he continues to work with the Assessor, Auditor-Controller, and other agencies to address the ongoing issues related to the annual Possessory Interest Tax (PIT). He also noted that a memo was sent to

tenants in November 2025, to remind tenants of the property tax deadline on December 10, 2025, for the first installment and April 10, 2026, for the second installment.

### **Airport Events and Activities**

At San Gabriel Valley Airport, Supervisor Hilda Solis' office in partnership with the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank and other agencies held a food distribution event on November 8, 2025. Over 4,000 boxes of food were passed out to families in need of food assistance. Airport staff and volunteers assisted in the event. No negative impacts to airport operations were reported. Aircraft Display Day are held at San Gabriel Valley Airport on the fourth Sunday of each month.

At Whiteman Airport, the Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 40 Young Eagles events are held on the fourth Saturday of each month. The event scheduled on November 21, 2025, was impacted by high winds. In lieu of flights, 30 kids received ground orientation of aircraft.

At Compton Airport, the Annual Air Fair was held on November 1, 2025. The successful event was made possible in collaboration with Fly Compton Foundation, California Black Aviation Association, Experimental Aircraft Association, Public Works, and various corporate sponsors. On December 13, 2025, non-profit organization RGE Cares will host their annual Wonderland Christmas Toy Giveaway event. On December 14, 2025, non-profit Grow, Unwind, and Connect will host their Toy Giveaway event, and on December 21, 2025, Wins and Lessons Foundation will host their event and will provide free food, toy giveaway, resources, and entertainment for families affected by incarceration and systemic inequity.

At Brackett Field Airport, a first responder exercise was conducted with La Verne Fire Department, LA County Fire Department, Air Traffic Control Tower, and airport staff. This three-day exercise was held on November 17th, November 24th, and December 4, 2025. On November 11, 2025, the Pilot Shop held a Veteran's Day Cook-out and provided hotdogs for veterans. On December 20, 2025, a hazardous round-up was held at the airport. Brackett Airport Association host their monthly meetings in the terminal building on the first Thursday of every month and Aircraft Display Days are held on the third Sunday of every month.

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

At Whiteman Airport, Trifiletti will host an Open House on December 3, 2025, at Vista Aviation. The purpose of the Focus Groups and Open House is to gather stakeholder feedback.

#### **E. Update from Aviation Commission Subcommittee on Airport Funding and Self-Sustainability**

Chair Lord informed the Commission that no meeting was held in the month of October 2025. The next meeting will be held in January 2026, following the holiday season.

**F. Election of Commission Officers for 2026**

Chair Dennis Lord announced the nominations for Commission Officers for 2026 as follows: Rudy Villarreal, as Chair; Charles Nelson, as Vice-Chair; and Jerilyn Lopez Mendoza, as Secretary. The nominations were unanimously approved on a motion from Commissioner Peter Amundson and seconded by Commissioner Rohit Singh.

**G. Approval of the 2026 Meeting Calendar**

Chair Dennis Lord presented the 2026 Commission Meeting Calendar. The meeting calendar was unanimously approved as amended on a motion from Commissioner Singh and seconded by Commissioner Thomas. The Commission voted to amend the scheduled meeting date as follows: from November 25, 2025, to December 2, 2025.

Commissioner Peter Amundson, who served as a commissioner for 16 years announced his resignation and spoke about his accomplishments during his tenure as a commissioner.

**H. The Youth of Whiteman Airport: Charting a Course for the Future with the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapter 40 Presentation**

Mr. Clyde Carpenter shared with the Commission a presentation on the youth portion of the organization. He provided details on activities, youth achievements, Youth Build Program, and internship programs.

**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, January 28, 2026, at 10 a.m.  
at Brackett Field Airport  
1615 McKinley Avenue  
La Verne, CA 91750-5846**

Chair Lord adjourned the meeting at 12:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Mort, Secretary  
Los Angeles County Aviation Commission

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