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LOS ANGELES COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

May 27, 2026, 7 p.m.
San Gabriel Valley Airport
4233 Santa Anita Avenue
El Monte, CA 91731-1670
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COMMISSIONERS

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IN ATTENDANCE

Chair Rudy Villarreal
Vice-Chair Charles Nelson
Secretary Jerilyn Lopez Mendoza
Commissioner Harvey Holloway
Commissioner Dennis Lord
Commissioner Thomas Sutfin
Commissioner Christopher D. Thomas

OFFICIALLY EXCUSED

Commissioner Rohit J. Singh

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS STAFF

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

GUESTS

Dr. David Lunt, Whiteman Airport Tenant
Mr. James Miller, Civil Air Patrol
Mr. Clint Garcia, San Gabriel Valley Airport Tenant
Mr. Jon Smalldridge, San Gabriel Valley Airport Association
Ms. Rossana Testa, San Gabriel Valley Airport Association
Mr. Gilbert Viramontes, San Gabriel Valley Airport Association

PUBLIC COMMENT SPEAKERS

Dr. David Lunt, Whiteman Airport Tenant
Mr. James Miller, Civil Air Patrol
Mr. Gilbert Viramontes, San Gabriel Valley Airport Association

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Charles Nelson called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Harvey Holloway led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. MATTERS FOR AND ACTION BY THE COMMISSION

A. Minutes for the April 29, 2026, meeting

The minutes for the April 29, 2026, meeting were unanimously approved on a motion from Commissioner Thomas Sutfin and seconded by Commissioner Dennis Lord.

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

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

Operations (Takeoffs and Landings) and Fuel Sales

Total aircraft operations for all five County airports were down 11 percent in the month of April 2026, as compared to the same month last year.

Total fuel sales for all five County airports were up 26 percent in the month of April 2026, 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 to the Commission the monthly Los Angeles County Airports Projects Update Report.

At San Gabriel Valley Airport, construction is planned to start later this year for the Apron Pavement Crack and Slurry Seal project, and on May 13, 2026, a tenant meeting was held at the airport to provide updates.

Airport Property Management

At San Gabriel Valley Airport, repairs were made to the Precision Approach Path Indicator (PAPI) lights and will be coordinating the flight check with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The self-serve fuel island is still being repaired.

Mr. Morgan informed the Commission that San Gabriel Valley Airport Manager, Salvador Eulloqui Bobadilla, will be leaving Public Works for a position at Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA).

Mr. Morgan shared with the Commission that he attended the Whiteman Airport Community meeting held in Pacomia on April 30, 2026. The meeting was hosted by a coalition of local non-profits and discussed various mitigation measures recommended by the Whiteman Airport Community Advisory Committee in their 2023 final report. In early June 2026, Mr. Morgan will meet with representatives of Initiating Change in Our Neighborhoods Community Development Corporation (ICON CDC), Pacoima Beautiful, and Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles.

General William J. Fox Airfield supported aerial firefighting operations associated with the Sandy Fire as well as several other regional fires.

Mr. Morgan provided an update to the FAA Part 16 Complaint corrective action plan regarding fair market value rents for non-aeronautical use of hangars at airports. FAA provided feedback and approved to conduct a new appraisal. The appraiser will be on-site at the 5 County-owned airports to survey the airport hangars and off-airport comparables on the week of June 1, 2026. The updated appraisal is expected to be completed by July 15, 2026, and will be submitted to FAA for review and approval. Commissioners engaged in a brief discussion.

Airport Events and Activities

On June 27, 2026, Whiteman Airport will host the Whiteman Community Aviation Family Festival.

D. Update from Aviation Commission Subcommittee on Airport Funding and Self-Sustainability

Mr. Morgan and Commissioner Lord informed the Commission that the next step is to complete the updated non-aeronautical rates study to determine the appropriate rates to implement and project it in the financial report. The updated study should be completed by July 15, 2026.

E. Update on April 9, 2024, Board motion regarding “Re-envisioning Whiteman Airport: Expanding Economic Opportunities”

Mr. Morgan informed the Commission that Trifiletti Consulting is finalizing their initial findings for the Whiteman Airport Land Use Study and Economic Impact Analysis, and will share them at the upcoming small group meetings and open house event. The final study is anticipated to be completed by late summer 2026. Commissioners provided comments on the information presented.

F. Update on May 5, 2026, Board motion regarding “Enhancing Safety at Whiteman Airport”

Mr. Morgan mentioned to the Commission that the Board of Supervisors approved a Board motion on May 5, 2026, directing Public Works to: 1) Identify near-term measures to further strengthen safety at Whiteman Airport, building on recommendations from the Community Advisory Committee; 2) Report back within 7 days with timelines, costs, and potential funding sources; 3) Provide an outline of responsibilities across jurisdictions, including the FAA, NTSB, Los Angeles County, the City of Los Angeles, and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power; and

4) Detail applicable federal aviation regulations related to aircraft operations and pilot requirements. Public Works submitted a report to the Board on May 18, 2026, describing immediate actions that can be taken to further strengthen safety at Whiteman Airport. These immediate actions include: 1) Enhance Pilot Safety; 2) Enhance Airfield Safety; 3) Enhance Community Outreach Regarding Airport Safety; and 4) Enhance Aircraft Operations Compatibility and Safety. Commissioners shared comments on the information presented.

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, June 24, 2026, at 7 p.m.
at Brackett Field Airport
1615 McKinley Avenue
La Verne, CA 91750-5846**

Vice-Chair Nelson adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m. in honor of Gordon Nauta who recently passed away. Mr. Nauta was a long-time tenant at Fox Airfield.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerilyn Lopez Mendoza, Secretary
Los Angeles County Aviation Commission

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