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LOS ANGELES COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION

**Virtual Meeting
August 25, 2021, at 7 p.m.**

COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY HOLLOWAY
CHAIRMAN

GABRIEL PEREZ
VICE-CHAIRMAN

CURT CASTAGNA
SECRETARY

PETER AMUNDSON
MEMBER

RYAN ANTOON
MEMBER

FOROUZAN GOLSHANI
MEMBER

DENNIS C. LORD
MEMBER

JEFF MORT
MEMBER

CHRISTINA PASCUCCI
MEMBER

CLINTON SIMMONS
MEMBER

IN ATTENDANCE

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

OFFICIALLY EXCUSED

Commissioner Christina Pascucci

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS STAFF

Mr. Arthur Vander Vis, Assistant Deputy Director, Aviation Division
Mr. Jason Morgan, Assistant Chief, Aviation Division
Mrs. Claudia Delgado, Staff Assistant

GUESTS

Twenty-five attending guests were able to listen or participate live via telephone or by joining the meeting through the Zoom application.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Harvey Holloway called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Ryan Antoon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION BY THE COMMISSION

A. Minutes

Commissioner Clinton Simmons requested a correction to the minutes under Item C. The corrected minutes for the August 25, 2021, meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Clinton Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Forouzan Golshani. Motion passed 7 to 0, with Commissioner Dennis Lord abstaining.

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

Mr. Jason Morgan welcomed the Commission and informed that tonight's meeting would include updates on the airports, the management transition, and asked the Commission for feedback on the topics they would like the County to report on.

Mr. Morgan reported that aircraft operations for all 5 airports were up 33 percent in the month of June 2021, and up 18 percent in the month of July 2021, as compared to the same months last year.

On July 29, 2021, a vehicle/pedestrian deviation took place at Brackett Field Airport. The Federal Aviation Administration investigated the incident and issued a closeout letter. Commissioner Mort requested additional information on the vehicle pedestrian deviation. Mr. Morgan provided a brief explanation.

The Administration building renovations commenced at Brackett Field Airport and San Gabriel Valley Airport. Renovations at General William J. Fox Airfield are scheduled to begin September 2021.

Mr. Morgan provided updates on airport projects, applications for Federal grants, activities under the Community Advisory Committee, and airport events.

The next Whiteman Airport Community Advisory Committee meeting will be held virtually on September 23, 2021, at 6 p.m.

The 2021 Air Show and the Whiteman Annual Open House will be postponed due to Covid-19 uncertainties.

The unused marketing funds from American Airports Corporation which were to be used specifically for advertising airport services and events were reimbursed to the County.

Commissioner Simmons asked if the funds are available for the airports to use. Mr. Morgan stated that marketing funds will be reinvested into the airports.

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

Mr. Vander Vis informed the Commission that Los Angeles County transitioned into the airports effective August 1, 2021. A letter will be mailed out with the invoices as information to the tenants.

Mr. Vander Vis announced the names of the covering airport managers, and informed that the assistant airport managers are currently in the hiring process.

Fueling services are available at all 5 County airports. To continue providing fuel at all airports, Aviation Division is forecasting fuel orders based on the anticipated needs.

Additional fuel vehicles were added to all airports to provide full service, and Road Maintenance Division will assist in supplementing workers who are classified as heavy truck drivers to assist when needed.

The payment system for airport users is in the last phase and should be available in the coming weeks. In addition, a mobile payment terminal will also be available along with the QT-Pods – M4000.

Mr. Vander Vis provided an update on the working shifts for the Airport Service Workers to accommodate fueling hours at the airports.

Online rent payment portals should be available in a few weeks and late fees will not be assessed for the month of August 2021.

Mr. Vander Vis provided an update on the various contracts at the airports.

Commissioner Simmons inquired on the cleaning services at the airports and the terminal building at Compton Airport. Mr. Vander Vis informed that restrooms are serviced by the contractor and airport staff. Design for the new terminal building at Compton Airport will begin next year.

Mr. Vander Vis informed the Commission that our vision will factor in smart, active, safe, and sustainable transportation choices and encourages interactive feedback from the Commission.

Mr. Vander Vis suggested to the Commission to have a standing item on the agenda to discuss the airport marketing. He also asked the Commission to provide feedback on what they want reported monthly.

Mr. Morgan asked the Commission to share additional input, if any, concerning the presentation format for future Commission meetings.

Commissioner Ryan Antoon would like to see data on airport operations at the airports, and Commissioner Golshani thanked the Commission for the quality in this meeting presentation.

Commissioner Simmons suggested that various airport associations provide presentations at the Commission meetings.

Secretary Castagna spoke on the opportunity to maximize environmental sustainability at the airports.

D. Compton/Woodley Airport Items

Mr. Morgan stated that Fly Compton Aero Club and Flight Academy are operating out of Tomorrow Aeronautical Museum and are interested in expanding their operations.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT – OPEN FORUM

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

III. NEXT VIRTUAL COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE ON:

Wednesday, September 29, 2021, at 7 p.m.

Chairman Holloway adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Curt Castagna, Secretary
Los Angeles County Aviation Commission

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