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# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

## AVIATION COMMISSION

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**LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
AVIATION COMMISSION  
Virtual Meeting  
April 28, 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  
Secretary Curt Castagna  
Commissioner Ryan Antoon  
Commissioner Jeff Mort  
Commissioner Forouzan Golshani  
Commissioner Dennis Lord  
Commissioner Christina Pascucci  
Commissioner Clinton Simmons

### **OFFICIALLY EXCUSED**

Vice-Chairman Gabriel Perez  
Commissioner Peter Amundson

### **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

### **AMERICAN AIRPORTS CORPORATION – AIRPORT SERVICES STAFF**

Mr. Scott Wardle, Regional Director  
Mr. Pete Lonctaux, Manager, Brackett Field Airport  
Mr. Carlos Diaz, Manager, Compton/Woodley Airport  
Mr. James Miller, Manager, Whiteman Airport

### **GUESTS**

Attending guests were able to listen or participate live via telephone or by joining the meeting through the WebEx application.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Harvey Holloway called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

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

Commissioner Christina Pascucci led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **A. Minutes**

The minutes for the March 31, 2021, meeting were unanimously approved on a motion by Commissioner Clinton Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Forouzan Golshani.

#### **B. American Airports Corporation – Contract Manager Report**

Mr. Wardle reported that routine seasonal maintenance was taking place at the five airports and that repairs are in progress to the self-serve fuel pay system at Compton/Woodley Airport, San Gabriel Valley Airport, and Brackett Field Airport.

##### **Mr. Scott Wardle Reported on San Gabriel Valley Airport Items**

Mr. Wardle stated that ninety-three noise complaints were received in the month of March 2021. Ninety-one of the complaints were from one resident.

The San Gabriel Valley Airport Vintage Airplane and Auto Display event was held at the airport. All meetings at the airport are postponed until further notice.

Ninety-three percent of the hangars at the airport are occupied and 24 percent of the occupied hangars are used for non-aviation storage. Aircraft operations at the airport were up 41 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Avgas fuel sales were up 43 percent and Jet-A fuel sales were up 650 percent as compared to the same month last year. Increase in Jet-A fuel was due to helicopters working on power lines.

##### **Mr. Scott Wardle Reported on General William J. Fox Airfield Items**

Mr. Wardle stated that the Air Show is tentatively scheduled for October 23rd and 24th, 2021.

Mr. Wardle informed the Commission that there was a fire in an office at one of the business hangars. No injuries were reported, and the cause of the fire is under investigation.

Ninety-nine percent of the hangars at the airport are occupied and one hangar is utilized for non-aviation storage. Aircraft operations were up 25 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Avgas fuel sales were up 9.7 percent and Jet-A fuel sales were down 31 percent as compared to the same month last year.

#### **Mr. Pete Loncteaux Reported on Brackett Field Airport Items**

Mr. Loncteaux stated that repairs are being made to some of the taxiway lighting, airfield plumbing repairs were made, and the pavement rehabilitation project is nearing completion.

Eighty-two percent of the hangars at the airport are occupied, and 28 percent of the occupied hangars are used for non-aviation storage. Aircraft operations at the airport were up 78.13 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Avgas fuel sales were up 157 percent and Jet-A fuel sales were up 6.2 percent as compared to the same month last year.

#### **Mr. James Miller Reported on Whiteman Airport Items**

Mr. Miller stated that the circuit board to the gate control on Airpark Way and the gate motor on Orbital Way were replaced and provided updates on meetings and events at the airport.

Ninety-nine percent of the hangars at the airport are occupied and 8 percent of the occupied hangars are used for non-aviation purposes. Aircraft operations at the airport were up 42 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Avgas fuel sales were up 10.5 percent and Jet-A fuel sales were up 16.3 percent as compared to the same month last year.

#### **Mr. Carlos Diaz Reported on Compton/Woodley Airport Items**

Mr. Diaz stated that maintenance of the trees and shrubs along Alondra Boulevard, weed abatement throughout the airport, and repairs to the airport sweeper are complete.

On April 10, 2021, the City of Compton and Southern California Gas Company held a COVID-19 Testing and a Food Drive event.

Ninety-nine percent of the hangars at the airport are occupied and 35 percent of the occupied hangars are used for non-aviation storage.

Avgas fuel sales were up 71.1 percent as compared to the same month last year.

### **C. County Aviation Division Report – Mr. Jason Morgan**

Mr. Morgan announced that Mr. Richard Smith moved to Los Angeles County Public Works Fleet Management Division and introduced Mr. Art Vander Vis as the new Division Head for Aviation Division.

Mr. Morgan provided updates on capital projects taking place at the County-owned airports, airport service contracts, and various grants received and being pursued for the County-owned airports.

Mr. Morgan welcomed the Commission's recommendations and suggestions on how to spend the available airport marketing funds.

### **D. Whiteman Airport Items**

Mr. Morgan shared with the Commission his observations regarding the Experimental Aircraft Association aircraft build and Young Eagles event that took place at the airport on April 24, 2021.

Mr. Morgan stated that Public Works has initiated the following for the airport:

- Air Monitoring Study and Health Risk Assessment
- Early steps to developing a Sustainability Management Plan
- Early steps to establish a Community Advisory Committee
- Updating the Emergency Response Protocol for responding to aircraft accidents, both on and off site.

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

Twenty-six speakers commented on the operation, maintenance, and activities at the airports.

## **III. NEXT VIRTUAL COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE ON:**

**Wednesday, May 26, 2021, at 7 p.m.**

Chairman Holloway adjourned the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Curt Castagna, Secretary  
Los Angeles County Aviation Commission

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