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# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

## AVIATION COMMISSION

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### LOS ANGELES COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION

February 26, 2020, meeting  
Brackett Field Airport  
1615 McKinley Avenue  
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### COMMISSIONERS

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MEMBER

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MEMBER

CLINTON SIMMONS  
MEMBER

### IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman Dennis Lord  
Vice-Chairman Harvey Holloway  
Commissioner Ryan Antoon  
Commissioner Curt Castagna  
Commissioner Forouzan Golshani  
Commissioner Jeff Mort  
Commissioner Christina Pascucci  
Commissioner Clinton Simmons

### OFFICIALLY EXCUSED

Commissioner Peter Amundson  
Secretary Gabriel Perez

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

Mr. Richard Smith, Aviation Division Chief  
Mrs. Claudia Delgado, Staff Assistant

### AMERICAN AIRPORTS CORPORATION – AIRPORT SERVICES STAFF

Mr. Scott Wardle, Regional Director  
Mr. Pete Lonceteaux, Manager, Brackett Field Airport  
Mr. Carlos Diaz, Manager, Compton/Woodley Airport  
Mr. Steve Irving, Manager, General William J. Fox Airfield  
Mr. Enrique Curioso, Manager, San Gabriel Valley Airport  
Mr. James Miller, Manager, Whiteman Airport

### GUESTS

Dr. James Haney, San Gabriel Valley Airport Association/Flight First  
Mr. Winn Williams, Brackett Field Airport Tenant  
Mr. Gabe Lopez, San Gabriel Valley Airport Association  
Mr. Peris Meeks, Compton/Woodley Airport Tenant

## **GUEST CONTINUE**

Mr. Don Brandon, San Gabriel Valley Airport Tenant  
Mr. Patrick McCullough, Overnight Press  
Mr. Ken Rausch, South El Monte Chamber of Commerce  
Mr. Jeff Strouse, Aerial Art Photo/Aerial Sim Training  
Mr. Armanaltounian, Brackett Field Airport  
Mr. Jeffrey Gannon, Civil Air Patrol, Edward AFB  
Mr. Scott Jones, Brackett Field Airport Tenant  
Mr. Garry Wilt, Brackett Field Airport Tenant  
Mr. Jon Smallbridge, San Gabriel Valley Airport  
Mr. Ken Hanson, San Gabriel Valley Airport  
Mr. Tom Ksieh, Float Shuttle  
Mr. Daniel Kitelons, Float Shuttle  
Mr. Bruce Busch, San Gabriel Valley Airport  
Mr. Gil Viramontes, San Gabriel Valley Airport Association  
Mr. Joseph Ore, San Gabriel Valley Airport  
Mr. Gary Charlebois, Brackett Field Airport  
Ms. Lori Charlebois, Brackett Field Airport  
Mr. Robert Head, San Gabriel Valley Airport  
Mr. Xavier Marshall, Compton/Woodley Airport  
Mr. Henry Roy, Compton/Woodley Airport

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Dennis Lord called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

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

Vice-Chairman Harvey Holloway led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **A. Minutes**

The minutes for the January 16, 2020, and January 22, 2020, meeting were unanimously approved on a motion from Commissioner Clinton Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Curt Castagna.

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

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

Lighting throughout the airport and fuel filters in the fuel farm were repaired and replaced.

The Precision Approach Path Indicator fixtures were removed and returned to the manufacture for further inspection.

Signage advertising the non-profit organizations on the airport were added along Airpark Way.

A new lease for a lot that is on the east side of Airpark Way commenced for a trucking company.

Mr. Miller informed the Commission that he is talking to parties that are interested in providing a sandwich service at the terminal building.

On February 13, 2020, wiring on the light poles on Airpark Way was stolen, and on February 17, 2020, a small aircraft had a minor incident at the airport. No damage or injuries were reported.

Commissioner Castagna commended Mr. Miller on the airport activities and the tie between sales and operations. Commissioner Castagna inquired about the security at Airpark Way where vandalism to the lighting took place. Mr. Miller provided an explanation to Commissioner Castagna.

Commissioner Simmons asked Mr. Miller more about the potential sandwich service for the terminal building.

Commissioner Pascucci asked Mr. Miller for an update on the meeting that took place regarding the upcoming Airport Open House. Mr. Miller informed Commissioner Pascucci that the open house committee meeting and an individual meeting with Mr. Miller and Mr. Williamson took place. Preparations for the upcoming open house are moving along.

Ninety-five percent of the hangars at the airport are occupied, and 7.8 percent of the occupied hangars are used for non-aviation purposes. Aircraft operations at the airport were up 39 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Avgas fuel sales were up 37 percent and Jet-A fuel sales were up 20 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Electricity consumption was down 11 percent as compared to the same month last year. Water consumption was down 23 percent as compared to the same month last year.

### **Mr. Enrique Curioso Reported on San Gabriel Valley Airport Items**

The old trailer previously used by Civil Air Patrol was removed from the airport and several repairs were made to hangar electrical panels.

Lighting inspections throughout the airport and terminal restroom renovations continue at the airport.

On Thursday, April 23, 2020, the City of El Monte/South El Monte Chamber of Commerce will host their 6th Annual Taste and Sound event at the airport.

The San Gabriel Valley Airport Association meets every third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m., and the San Gabriel Valley Airport Vintage Airplane/Auto

Display and Aircraft Swap Meet is held every fourth Sunday of the month at the airport.

The San Gabriel Valley Remote Control Association meets every fourth Thursday of the month and the Civil Air Patrol meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. at the airport.

Ninety-four 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 9 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Avgas fuel sales were up 31 percent, and Jet-A fuel sales were down 69 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Electricity consumption was down 5 percent and water consumption was down 35 percent as compared to the same month last year.

### **Mr. Steve Irving Reported on General William J. Fox Airfield Items**

Several hangar doors were repaired due to damage caused by high winds and crack seal repairs are complete on Runway 06/24.

The Air Show will be held on March 21 and 22, 2020. Mr. Irving extended an invitation to everyone.

Ninety-eight percent of the hangars at the airport are occupied, and one hangar is utilized for non-aviation storage. Aircraft operations were down 6.8 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Avgas fuel sales were up 20 percent and Jet-A fuel sales were up 34 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Electricity consumption was down 7 percent and water consumption was up 25 percent as compared to the same month last year.

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

The tractor, barb wire along the north wall, and the T-row hangar roofs were repaired.

Airport staff continues to maintain the grass area in the infield in order to assist with wildlife mitigation and on Friday, February 28, 2020, runway 25R will be closed from 4 a.m. to 12 p.m. for runway weed abatement.

The Salute to Black Aviation Pioneers event will be held on February 29, 2020, in the terminal building.

Chairman Lord stated that the Experimental Aircraft Association Young Eagles rally was moved to Torrance Airport.

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 33 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Electricity consumption was down 12 percent as compared to the same month last year. Water consumption was up 74 percent as compared to the same month last year.

**Mr. Pete Lonctaux Reported on Brackett Field Airport Items**

The Precision Approach Path Indicator fixtures on Runway 26L are out of service. A contractor is working on the repairs.

Plans for the renovation to the landscape and conference room at the terminal building continue.

On February 24, 2020, a Pavement Project Leadership Meeting was held at the airport to provide information to the tenants.

The Brackett Airmen Association holds its monthly meeting on the first Thursday of every month and Display Day is on the third Sunday of every month at the airport.

Eighty-two percent of the hangars at the airport are occupied, and 18 percent of the occupied hangars are used for non-aviation storage. Aircraft operations at the airport were up 49.55 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Avgas fuel sales were up 52 percent and Jet-A fuel sales were up 32 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Electricity consumption was down 22 percent as compared to the same month last year and water consumption was consistent year to year.

**C. County Aviation Division Report – Mr. Richard Smith Reported on the Following Items:**

Mr. Smith provided the Commission copies of the January 2020 Expense and Revenue Report.

Mr. Smith provided an Environmental Protection Agency Report regarding leaded aviation gasoline and stated that Whiteman Airport was listed on the report.

Mr. Smith will provide an update regarding details that are discussed at upcoming Commission meetings and invited Commissioners to attend upcoming meetings that will be held at the five airports with airport leadership.

Commissioner Castagna suggested the addition of a page or link to be added to the County airports' website that provides current information regarding project updates where interested parties and stakeholders can reference.

**D. Aviation Management Consulting Group – Presentation on the Rent and Fee Studies**

Mr. Robert Trimborn and David Benner, Aviation Management Consulting Group gave a presentation on the results of the Rent and Fee study that was done for all five County-owned airports.

Dr. Haney commented on the Rent and Fee Study and provided the Commission with a handout.

Mr. Jon Smallbridge shared with the Commission his comments and asked the Commission to further review the study.

Mr. Gabe Lopez commented on the airport comparisons that were made in the study.

Mr. Gil Viramontes commented on his concerns as a pilot at the airport.

Mr. Winn Williams provided his comments on the Rent and Fee Study results.

Chairman Lord thanked Mr. Trimborn and Mr. Benner for the results on the Rent and Fee Study.

**E. A Salute to Black Aviation Pioneers – Presented by Commissioner Clinton Simmons**

Commissioner Simmons invited the Commission to the event taking place at Compton/Woodley Airport, "A Salute to Black Aviation Pioneer." The event will be held on February 29, 2020, at 10 a.m.

**F. Brackett Field Airport items**

The Apron Ramp Pavement Rehabilitation Project has commenced. Mr. Lonctaux will be providing the master schedule and information to tenants.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT – OPEN FORUM**

Mr. Ken S. Rausch, El Monte/South El Monte Chamber of Commerce, provided information to the Commission on the upcoming event that will be held at the south hangar on Thursday, April 23, 2020.

Mr. Peris Meeks, Compton Airport User, asked the Aviation Management Consulting Group consultants if there is a formula that is used to develop the results of the Rent and Fee Study that was presented. Mr. Benner addressed the question and provided additional information.

Mr. Henry Roy, Compton/Woodley Airport, addressed a concern to the Commission regarding who can be on the lease. Mr. Wardle provided an explanation and an answer to his question.

Mr. Thomas Hsieh, Fly Over All Traffic, shared with the Commission his concern on his inability to meet the minimum standards at the airport.

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

**Wednesday, March 18, 2020, at 10 a.m.  
at General William J. Fox Airfield  
4725 William J. Barnes Avenue  
Lancaster, CA 93536-8401**

Chairman Lord adjourned the meeting at 8:49 p.m. in the memory of ten lost souls this past month. CJ Oliver was a friend and new pilot in his retirement years. He was known by former Los Angeles County Supervisor, Don Knabe as a stalwart supporter from Artesia. CJ was the consummate volunteer and it was during the refueling of his aircraft for another pilot that we lost him. A heart of gold, he will be sorely missed around the airport.

The same rings true for the nine lost in Calabasas on January 26, 2020. Sarah and Payton Chester, Christina Mauser, John, Keri, and Alyssa Altobelli, Ara Zobayan, Gianna and Kobe Bryant were lost in an accident in poor weather conditions. Chairman Lord reminded the pilots in the room that good decisions in the cockpit are critical to flight success and that we are all responsible for not only our passengers, but those below us on the ground. "One decision can change your life. In this case, it changed the world."

Respectfully submitted,

Gabriel Perez, Secretary  
Los Angeles County Aviation Commission

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