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# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

## AVIATION COMMISSION

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**LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
AVIATION COMMISSION  
Virtual Meeting  
November 25, 2020, at 10 a.m.**

## COMMISSIONERS

**DENNIS C. LORD**  
CHAIRMAN

**HARVEY HOLLOWAY**  
VICE-CHAIRMAN

**GABRIEL PEREZ**  
SECRETARY

**PETER AMUNDSON**  
MEMBER

**RYAN ANTOON**  
MEMBER

**CURT CASTAGNA**  
MEMBER

**FOROUZAN GOLSHANI**  
MEMBER

**JEFF MORT**  
MEMBER

**CHRISTINA PASCUCCI**  
MEMBER

**CLINTON SIMMONS**  
MEMBER

### IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman Dennis Lord  
Vice-Chairman Harvey Holloway  
Secretary Gabriel Perez  
Commissioner Peter Amundson  
Commissioner Ryan Antoon  
Commissioner Jeff Mort  
Commissioner Christina Pascucci  
Commissioner Clinton Simmons

### OFFICIALLY EXCUSED

Commissioner Forouzan Golshani  
Commissioner Curt Castagna

### 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. Carlos Diaz, Manager, Compton/Woodley Airport  
Mr. James Miller, Manager, Whiteman Airport

### GUESTS

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

## **CALL TO ORDER**

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

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

Commissioner Jeff Mort led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **A. Minutes**

The minutes for the October 28, 2020, meeting were unanimously approved on a motion by Vice-Chairman Harvey Holloway and seconded by Commissioner Ryan Antoon. Motion carried 7 to 0.

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

Mr. Wardle informed that draft plans for the Marketing Fund were submitted to Aviation Division and were shared with Commissioners.

Commissioner Simmons suggested hosting a food distribution event at the airports. Chairman Lord and Commissioner Simmons will draft an event plan for Compton/Woodley Airport.

#### **Mr. Scott Wardle Reported on Brackett Field Airport Items**

The Pavement Rehabilitation Project continues at the airport and the northside of the ramp is open. Phase III is scheduled to commence on December 7, 2020.

The Brackett Airmen Association meetings are suspended until further notice. Display Day is held on the third Sunday of every month and is closed to the public.

Eighty-one percent of the hangars at the airport are occupied, and 30 percent of the occupied hangars are used for non-aviation storage. Aircraft operations at the airport were down 12.5 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Avgas fuel sales were down 17.3 percent and Jet-A fuel sales were down 78 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Electricity consumption was down 5 percent and water consumption were down 48.5 percent as compared to the same month last year.

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

The annual service to the self-serve dispensers is complete and the hangar restrooms were painted and restored.

A new maintenance shop is now operating out of the south hangar.

The San Gabriel Valley Airport Vintage Airplane and Auto Display was held at the airport and no visitors were allowed on the ramp. All meetings at the airport are postponed until further notice.

Ninety-two 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 down 7 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Avgas fuel sales were down 1 percent and Jet-A fuel sales were up 57 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Electricity consumption was up 9 percent and water consumption were down 11 percent as compared to the same month last year.

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

Airport staff insulated all outside pipes and added heater units to the hangar restrooms to avoid pipes from freezing.

The block wall by the terminal building was repaired and the runway reconstruction project is complete.

Mr. Wardle informed the Commission that plans for the October 2021 Air Show are in progress. The Air Show tentative dates are October 23 and October 24, 2021.

Ninety-nine percent of the hangars at the airport are occupied and one hangar is utilized for non-aviation storage. Aircraft operations were down 11 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Avgas fuel sales were down 12 percent and Jet-A fuel sales were down 83 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Water consumption was up 10 percent as compared to the same month last year.

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

Hangar lights were replaced and shrubs were trimmed throughout the airport.

Roof repairs to three hangars on the north side and hangar rail repairs on the southside are complete.

The annual Christmas dinner is cancelled. The final day for the annual Toy Drive is December 15, 2020.

On November 17, 2020, a small fire ignited at the maintenance yard on the airport and there was an aircraft incident on the runway, no injuries were reported.

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 down 1.4 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Electricity consumption was down 11.8 percent as compared to the same month last year. Water consumption was down 47.7 percent as compared to the same month last year.

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

Mr. Miller informed the Commission that repairs to a water leak on Osborne Street and the installation of a wrought iron fence on Osborne Street are complete.

Vehicle access gate card readers and motors were replaced.

On November 12, 2020, an aircraft attempting to land at the airport crashed on Sutter Avenue resulting in one fatality and property damage to homes near the crash site.

The Civil Air Patrol hold their virtual meetings every Monday and Wednesday and the Whiteman Airport Association meetings are suspended until further notice.

The Whiteman Airport Association Display Day is held every Sunday.

Ninety-six 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 11 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Avgas fuel sales were up 2 percent and Jet-A fuel sales were down 14 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Electricity consumption was up 9 percent as compared to the same month last year. Water consumption was up 23 percent as compared to the same month last year.

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

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

Mr. Smith informed the Commission that Ms. Holly J. Mitchell will serve as a member of Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors representing District 2 and announced that Mr. Spencer Dickerson, head of the U.S. Contract Tower Association, will retire in at the end of 2021.

A brief summary on the Part 13 Complaint was provided by Mr. Smith. Aviation Division will provide a response to the Federal Aviation Administration by December 11, 2020. Chairman Lord and Commission Simmons engaged in a brief discussion.

A meeting was held virtually with tenants at Whiteman Airport regarding the County's insourcing of the operation and maintenance of the County-owned airports. Mr. Smith provided a brief summary of the discussion.

Commissioner Pascucci suggested that newly appointed Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell be included in meetings held with local communities.

Mr. Smith addressed Commissioner Pascucci's question on Public Information Officers and explained that Public Works has a Public Information Officers that coordinates media correspondence.

Commissioner Pascucci suggested that County Airports' Public Information Officer be knowledgeable of the County-owned airports and ready to respond in a proactive manner.

Mr. Smith informed the Commission of current and upcoming airport projects.

#### **D. Election of Commission Officers for 2021**

Chairman Lord announced the nominations for Commission Officers for 2021 as follows: Harvey Holloway, as Chairman; Gabriel Perez, as Vice Chairman; and Curt Castagna, as Secretary. Commissioner Amundson moved to accept the nominations, and Commissioner Mort seconded the motion. Motion carried 7 to 0.

#### **E. Approval of 2021 Meeting Calendar**

Chairman Lord presented the 2021 Commission Meeting Calendar. Commissioner Simmons moved to accept the calendar, and Commissioner Antoon seconded the motion. Motion carried 7 to 0.

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

Mr. Gabe Lopez, San Gabriel Valley Airport Association provided comments to the Commission on the rental rates at the County Airports.

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

**Wednesday, January 27, 2021, at 10 a.m.**

Chairman Lord adjourned the meeting at 11:13 a.m., with a motion from Commissioner Simmons.

Respectfully submitted,

Gabriel Perez, Secretary  
Los Angeles County Aviation Commission

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