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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

AVIATION COMMISSION

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**LOS ANGELES COUNTY
AVIATION COMMISSION
Virtual Meeting
September 29, 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
Commissioner Christina Pascucci
Secretary Curt Castagna
Commissioner Peter Amundson
Commissioner Ryan Antoon
Commissioner Jeff Mort
Commissioner Forouzan Golshani
Commissioner Dennis Lord
Commissioner Clinton Simmons

OFFICIALLY EXCUSED

Vice-Chairman Gabriel Perez

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS STAFF

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

GUESTS

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

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Forouzan Golshani led the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION BY THE COMMISSION

A. Minutes for the August 25, 2021, meeting

The meeting minutes as written, were unanimously approved on a motion by Commissioner Peter Amundson and seconded by Commissioner Clinton Simmons.

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

Terminal buildings at the five County airports will open to the public on October 1, 2021. Public health signage and approved protocols for social distancing will be in place at the terminal buildings.

Mr. Vander Vis and Mr. Morgan attended a meet and greet with the Federal Aviation Administration. The next meeting will be held in October to discuss the Annual Airports Capital Improvement Plan.

On September 29, 2021, the local Runway Safety Advisory Team held their meeting at Brackett Field Airport.

Aviation Division is compiling data and is in the process of creating reports. Reports will be presented at the next Aviation Commission meeting.

American Airports Corporation and Aviation Division continue to work on finalizing utility bills, tenant credits, and tenant deposits.

Mr. Vander Vis reported that aircraft operations for all five airports were up 7 percent in the month of August 2021, as compared to the same month last year.

The Administration building renovations are finalizing at Brackett Field Airport and San Gabriel Valley Airport. Renovations at General William J. Fox Airfield have commenced. Design for the new terminal building at Compton Airport will begin next year.

Mr. Vander Vis provided updates on airport projects, activities under the Community Advisory Committee, airport grants, information on fueling, and airport events.

The next Whiteman Airport Community Advisory Committee meeting will be held virtually on October 28, 2021, at 6 p.m.

Commissioner Simmons asked if events could resume at the airports. Mr. Vander Vis stated that events may resume while adhering to approved protocols and social distancing.

Commissioner Simmons suggested that an Ad Hoc Committee be created to set pricing and fees at the airports.

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

Mr. Vander Vis provided information on the current staffing situation at the airports, and informed that fueling services are available at all five County airports.

Tenant invoices for the month of October 2021, were mailed. The online rent payment portal is available and late fees will not be assessed for the month of August and September 2021.

D. Los Angeles County Public Works Aviation Division – Marketing Plan Discussion

Mr. Vander Vis presented to the Commission a PowerPoint presentation on ideas for a successful Marketing Plan. Commissioners engaged in a discussion.

E. General William J. Fox Airfield Items

General William J. Fox Airfield continues to provide fuel services to Cal Fire and the US Forest Service as they battle surrounding fires.

A contract security employee had an accident on the airport, no injuries were reported. The incident was reported the National Transportation Safety Board and the Federal Aviation Administration, both agencies stated that a report was not required.

Mr. Vander Vis shared a video on Antelope Valley Community College and elaborated on their activities.

Commissioner Lord shared that the Experimental Aircraft Association, Chapter 96, presented a \$10,000 scholarship to a flight student.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT – OPEN FORUM

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

III. NEXT VIRTUAL COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE ON:

Wednesday, October 27, 2021, at 10 a.m.

Chairman Holloway adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Curt Castagna, Secretary
Los Angeles County Aviation Commission

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