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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

AVIATION COMMISSION

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION Virtual Meeting Minutes February 22, 2023, at 10 a.m.

COMMISSIONERS

CHRISTINA PASCUCCI
CHAIR

RYAN ANTOON
VICE-CHAIR

FOROUZAN GOLSHANI
SECRETARY

PETER AMUNDSON
MEMBER

CURT CASTAGNA
MEMBER

HARVEY HOLLOWAY
MEMBER

JUSTINE JOHNSON
MEMBER

DENNIS LORD
MEMBER

JEFF MORT
MEMBER

GABRIEL PEREZ
MEMBER

IN ATTENDANCE

Chair Christina Pascucci
Vice-Chair Ryan Antoon
Secretary Forouzan Golshani
Commissioner Peter Amundson
Commissioner Harvey Holloway
Commissioner Justine Johnson
Commissioner Dennis Lord
Commissioner Jeff Mort
Commissioner Gabriel Perez

OFFICIALLY EXCUSED

Commissioner Curt Castagna

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS STAFF

Mr. Paul Maselbas, Assistant Deputy Director
Mr. Jason Morgan, Assistant Chief, Aviation Division
Mrs. Claudia Delgado, Staff Assistant
Ms. Van Tran, Staff Assistant

GUESTS

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

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice-Chair Ryan Antoon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. MATTERS FOR AND ACTION BY THE COMMISSION

A. Minutes for the January 25, 2023, meeting

The meeting minutes as written, were approved on a motion by Commissioner Dennis Lord and seconded by Vice-Chair Ryan Antoon. Motion passed 9 to 0.

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

Chair Pascucci congratulated Commissioner Clinton Simmons for 29 years of dedicated service to the Aviation Commission.

Aircraft Operations (Takeoffs and Landings) and Fuel Sales

The overall aircraft operations for all five County airports were down 18 percent in the month of January 2023, as compared to the same month last year.

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

Airport Projects (including Grant Funding)

No major projects are taking place at the airports.

The Annual Capital Improvement Planning meeting with the Federal Aviation Administration was held on January 30, 2023.

The Pavement Management Program is projected to be completed by the end of this week.

Mr. Morgan informed the Commission that the Rents and Fees Study update for all five County airports is expected to be completed soon.

Mr. Morgan provided an update on the design project for the new terminal building at Compton/Woodley Airport. The teleconference with airport tenants, the local community, and other airport stakeholders is anticipated to be held next month and notifications will be sent out soon.

Mr. Morgan provided an update on grant funding for the design element of the pavement project at San Gabriel Valley Airport.

Airport Property Management

Mr. Morgan informed the Commission that inspections of the County hangars are projected to be completed within the next month.

At Brackett Field Airport, Howard Aviation assigned their lease to Airline Transport Pilot Flight School. Wingnuts Aircraft Service will be leasing a hangar and office space and will provide aircraft maintenance services effective March 1, 2023.

At Compton/Woodley Airport, repairs were made to the west vehicle access gate and taxiway lights, and both are now operational.

At San Gabriel Valley Airport, repairs are still underway for the Underground Storage Tank for Avgas.

At Whiteman Airport, a vehicle/pedestrian deviation occurred on January 19, 2023. The deviation was reported to the Federal Aviation Administration and the issue is closed with no further investigation.

On the evening of February 5, 2023, an individual fired a gun at the Airport Traffic Control Tower cab at Whiteman Airport. No one was injured and the facility resumed normal operations the following morning.

The Request for Proposal documents to provide full-serve and self-serve fueling services at both Whiteman Airport and General William J. Fox Airfield are expected to be released for bid proposals later today.

Airport Events and Activities

Brackett Field Airport will be hosting an Aircraft Owner's and Pilots Association fly-in event, in recognition of the Association's 85th anniversary, which is anticipated to take place in August 2024.

On January 28, 2023, the Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 96 held a Young Eagles event at Compton/Woodley Airport.

On February 10, 2023, a household hazardous waste/electronic waste collection event was held at San Gabriel Valley Airport.

At Whiteman Airport, the Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 40 held their Young Eagles event on January 28, 2023, and the next event is scheduled for February 25, 2023.

Whiteman Airport Community Advisory Committee

Mr. Maselbas informed the Commission that the final Whiteman Airport Community Advisory Committee meeting will be held virtually through Zoom on February 23, 2023, which is a continuation of the January 26, 2023, meeting.

Mr. Maselbas updated the Commission that the final report will be presented to the Board of Supervisors in mid-to-late March 2023. The draft report is available on the website and draft comments can be submitted until March 15, 2023.

Airport Marketing and Public Relations

Mr. Morgan informed the Commission a meeting will be set-up in the next two weeks with the Aviation Commission Subcommittee to discuss and establish the Subcommittee's goals and objectives and evaluate the draft proposal for the development of the plan.

D. Airport Marketing and Strategic Communications Planning Subcommittee

Vice-Chair Antoon announced the nominations for the Airport Marketing and Strategic Communications Planning Subcommittee as follows: Ryan Antoon, as Co-Chair; Justine Johnson, as Co-Chair; and Christina Pascucci, as Member. Commissioner Dennis Lord moved to accept the nominations, and Commissioner Harvey Holloway seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 to 0.

Chair Pascucci stated the Subcommittee will be renamed to Neighborhood Outreach and Airport Stakeholder Engagement Subcommittee.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT – OPEN FORUM

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

IV. NEXT COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE ON:

Wednesday, March 29, 2023, at 10 a.m.

Chair Pascucci adjourned the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Forouzan Golshani, Secretary
Los Angeles County Aviation Commission

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