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## LOS ANGELES COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION

### Meeting Minutes

June 25, 2025, 7 p.m.  
Brackett Field Airport  
1615 McKinley Avenue  
La Verne, CA 91750-5846  
(909) 593-1395

### IN ATTENDANCE

Chair Dennis Lord  
Vice-Chair Harvey Holloway  
Commissioner Peter Amundson  
Commissioner Charles Nelson  
Commissioner Rohit J. Singh  
Commissioner Rudy Villarreal

### OFFICIALLY EXCUSED

Secretary Jeff Mort  
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Commissioner Jerilyn Lopez Mendoza  
Commissioner Gabriel Perez

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

Mr. Steve Burger, Deputy Director  
Mr. Jason Morgan, Assistant Chief, Aviation Division  
Ms. Van Tran, Staff Assistant

### GUESTS

Mr. Belsazar Uriarte, The Pilot Shop  
Mr. Christopher D. Thomas, San Gabriel Valley Airport Tenant  
Mr. Gilbert Viramontes, San Gabriel Valley Airport Association  
Mr. James Miller, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association  
Dr. James Haney, San Gabriel Valley Airport Association

## **CALL TO ORDER**

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

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

Chair Lord's grandson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **II. MATTERS FOR AND ACTION BY THE COMMISSION**

#### **A. Minutes for the May 28, 2025, meeting**

The minutes for the May 28, 2025, meeting were unanimously approved on a motion from Commissioner Charles Nelson and seconded by Commissioner Peter Amundson.

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

Mr. Morgan provided a brief overview of Brackett Field Airport.

##### **Aircraft Operations (Takeoffs and Landings) and Fuel Sales**

The overall aircraft operations for all five County airports were up 35 percent in the month of May 2025, as compared to the same month last year.

Mr. Morgan spoke briefly about the runway closure underway at Van Nuys Airport and how it is impacting Whiteman Airport from additional flight training activities and an increase in traffic pattern.

The overall fuel sales for all five County airports were down 1 percent in the month of May 2025, as compared to the same month last year.

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

##### **Airport Projects (including Grant Funding)**

Mr. Morgan shared with the Commission that a meeting was held with the new local Federal Aviation Administration team to discuss the Airport Capital Improvement Plan for the County airports.

At Brackett Field Airport, contractors completed the installation of the new sewer pump and force main. The project to reconstruct approximately 12.5 acres of pavement for the north runway and cross taxiway has reached 30 percent design completion. An in-person stakeholder meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2025, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The Federal Aviation Administration suggested to place the new Airport Traffic Control Tower on the north side of the airport, east of the current facility. At this time, there is no anticipated schedule for construction.

At Compton/Woodley Airport, design for the reconstruction of approximately 2 acres of north taxiway and rehabilitation of approximately 18 acres of south ramp/apron areas and taxi lanes are anticipated to begin later this year.

At General William J. Fox Airfield, design for the pavement reconstruction of the south taxi lanes and the east ramp area is projected to begin soon. Design to rehabilitate the remaining taxi lanes and ramp areas is planned to begin next year.

At San Gabriel Valley Airport, the project to rehabilitate 14 acres of runway and taxiway pavement has reached 30 percent design completion and is expected to be completed by November 2025. Design is currently underway to perform the crack sealing, patching, and slurry seal to preserve and extend the life of the southern end paved apron areas. Construction of the new Airport Traffic Control Tower may begin as soon as late 2026.

At Whiteman Airport, the updated Airport Layout Plan which consolidates the aircraft run-up areas into a single midfield run-up area is still pending the Federal Aviation Administration's review and final approval.

### **Airport Property Management**

The Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) system at Brackett Field Airport is being repaired. A temporary cooling unit is in place to provide cooling for the entire terminal building. Public Works is coordinating with the Department of Parks and Recreation to install a submeter at their North Shore Substation to meter the electricity supplied to the Instrument Landing System (ILS) at the airport.

Repairs were made to the main vehicle access gate and the plumbing on the west side of Compton/Woodley Airport. The Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS) is temporarily out of service and is being repaired.

Qualified candidates for the Assistant Airport Manager position at General William J. Fox Airfield should be interviewed soon.

At San Gabriel Valley Airport, repairs are underway for the Precision Approach Path Indicator (PAPI) lights and the Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS).

At Whiteman Airport, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) will be repairing the power pole and restoring electricity to the north vehicle access gate for the Air Traffic Control Tower facility. The fire extinguisher recertification program is being offered from June 23-25, 2025.

### **Airport Events and Activities**

At Brackett Field Airport, Brackett Airport Association held their monthly meeting on June 5, 2025, and the Aircraft Display Day was held on June 15, 2025. Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 92 held a Young Eagles event at the airport on June 22, 2025.

At Compton/Woodley Airport, Fly Compton Foundation is hosting their "Solo Camp" youth program. The annual Kevin Bludso's "Smoking Out the Hub" Barbeque Competition and Festival will be held on August 29-30, 2025.

At General William J. Fox Airfield, the Federal Aviation Administration hosted the annual Runway Safety Action Team (RSAT) meeting on Zoom on June 24, 2025.

At San Gabriel Valley Airport, the Federal Aviation Administration hosted the annual Runway Safety Action Team (RSAT) meeting on Zoom on June 11, 2025. San Gabriel Valley Airport Pilots Association held their monthly meeting on June 18, 2025, and the Aircraft Display Day was held on June 22, 2025.

At Whiteman Airport, the Aircraft Display Day was held on June 8, 2025. The Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 40 will be hosting the Young Eagles event on June 28, 2025.

**D. Update on April 9, 2024, Board motion regarding “Re-envisioning Whiteman Airport: Expanding Economic Opportunities”**

Mr. Morgan shared with the Commission that a meeting was held with the consulting firm conducting the Whiteman Airport Land Use Study and Economic Analysis. As part of the Stakeholder and Community Engagement Plan, the consultants are meeting individually with each Commissioner and various stakeholders now to solicit input and will plan to hold various Open House events later this Fall 2025. Commissioners discussed and shared comments on the information presented.

**E. Subcommittee on Airport Funding and Self-Sustainability**

Chair Lord provided the Commission with an update on the subcommittee. The subcommittee members reviewed County airport operations, discussed pending airport capital improvement needs, and the ability of the Aviation Enterprise Fund to remain self-sustaining. The subcommittee will update the Commission at each meeting and will anticipate to have a conclusive report by the end of this year. Commissioners engaged in a brief discussion regarding the information presented.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT – OPEN FORUM**

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

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

**Wednesday, August 27, 2025, at 7 p.m.  
at Compton/Woodley Airport  
901 West Alondra Boulevard  
Compton, CA 90220-3528**

Chair Lord adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Mort, Secretary  
Los Angeles County Aviation Commission

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