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LOS ANGELES COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

March 26, 2025, 10 a.m.

General William J. Fox Airfield
4725 William J. Barnes Avenue
Lancaster, CA 93536-8401
(661) 940-1709

IN ATTENDANCE

Chair Dennis Lord
Vice-Chair Harvey Holloway
Commissioner Rudy Villarreal
(No Quorum)

OFFICIALLY EXCUSED

Secretary Jeff Mort
Commissioner Peter Amundson
Commissioner Monique Earl
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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS STAFF

Mr. Paul Maselbas, Assistant Deputy Director
Mr. Jason Morgan, Assistant Chief, Aviation Division
Mr. Samuel Maghakian, Facilities Project Manager I
Ms. Van Tran, Staff Assistant

GUESTS

Mr. James Miller, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association
Ms. Christine Litton, Barnes Aviation
Mr. Stephen Corda, General William J. Fox Airfield Tenant
Mr. Robert Stambevsky, Barnes Aviation
Mr. Dave Gee, Academy of Model Aeronautics
Mr. Jeff Haney, MH Aviation
Mr. Refugio Olmedo, MH Aviation
Dr. James Haney, San Gabriel Valley Airport Association
Ms. Donna Knighton, Fox Airfield Association

CALL TO ORDER

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

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Rudy Villarreal led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. MATTERS FOR AND ACTION BY THE COMMISSION

Mr. Maselbas informed the Commission that on March 27, 2025, he retires from the County after 41 years of service and Ms. Tran will be promoting to another division within Public Works.

A. Minutes for the February 26, 2025, meeting

Approval of the minutes for the February 26, 2025, meeting was deferred to the next Commission meeting due to lack of a quorum.

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

Mr. Morgan provided to the Commission a brief overview of General William J. Fox Airfield.

Expense and Revenue Report

Mr. Maselbas provided to the Commission a summary of the updated Expense and Revenue Report, a detailed explanation on the expenditures and revenues, and the Airport Capital Improvement Plan. Commissioners engaged in a brief discussion regarding the information presented.

Aircraft Operations (Takeoffs and Landings) and Fuel Sales

The overall aircraft operations for all five County airports were up 29 percent in the month of February 2025, as compared to the same month last year.

The overall fuel sales for all five County airports were up 42 percent in the month of February 2025, as compared to the same month last year. Most of the increase is due to the firefighting efforts at General William J. Fox Airfield.

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

Airport Projects (including Grant Funding)

At Brackett Field Airport, the Sewer Pump and Force Main Replacement Project is currently underway and expected to be completed soon.

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 taxi lanes and the east ramp area is projected to begin later this year.

At San Gabriel Valley Airport, design will begin soon to perform the crack sealing, patching, and slurry seal to preserve and extend the life of approximately 41 acres of apron area.

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

Airport Property Management

The new pilot shop at Brackett Field Airport is expected to open soon. Additional repairs are underway for the Precision Approach Path Indicator lights.

At Compton/Woodley Airport, repairs are underway for the main vehicle access gate and the manual service gate is now operable. The Precision Approach Path Indicator lights were installed, and efforts are underway to coordinate the flight check with the Federal Aviation Administration.

The job posting for the Assistant Airport Manager position at General William J. Fox Airfield was advertised. Public Works Human Resources Division is now reviewing the numerous applications to identify all qualified candidates for the position.

At San Gabriel Valley Airport, the self-serve fuel island is still out of service and is being repaired. Fueling services are currently provided by Billion Air Aviation. The new lease agreement for the development of aircraft storage hangars on the north apron area will be presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval soon.

At Whiteman Airport, repairs are being made to the power pole which will impact the north vehicle access gate for the Air Traffic Control Tower facility.

The County will be going to the Board of Supervisors for approval on the aeronautical rate increase in June 2025.

Airport Events and Activities

At General Wm. J. Fox Airfield, the International Aerobatics Club Chapter 49 will be hosting their aerobatics competition at the end of April 2025.

On March 8, 2025, the Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 96 Young Eagles event was held at Compton/Woodley Airport. The 4th annual Steppin 4 Autism event will be held on April 19, 2025.

At Brackett Field Airport, the Aircraft Display date was held on March 16, 2025.

The San Gabriel Valley Airport Pilots Association held their monthly meeting on March 19, 2025, and the Aircraft Display Day was held on March 23, 2025.

At Whiteman Airport, the Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 40 provided flights to 74 kids at their Young Eagles event on March 22, 2025. The next event will be held on April 26, 2025.

Airport Marketing and Public Relations

The on-call consultant is finalizing the new airports website. A meeting with the consultant was held on March 25, 2025, to identify what is required to have the website finalized. The airport newsletters will be distributed on a quarterly basis and the next edition is anticipated to be released in April 2025.

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

Mr. Maselbas provided the Commission with an update on the \$1.3 million approved consultant study for the potential repurposing of Whiteman Airport. Commissioners discussed and shared comments on the information presented.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT – OPEN FORUM

Three speakers commented on the expense and revenue report, rent increase, operation, maintenance, and activities at the airports.

IV. NEXT COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE ON:

**Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at 7 p.m.
at San Gabriel Valley Airport
4233 Santa Anita Avenue
El Monte, CA 91731-1670**

Chair Lord adjourned the meeting at 11:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Mort, Secretary
Los Angeles County Aviation Commission

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