



Gillespie Field Development Council



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Council Chair

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Vice Chair

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Councilmember

Wheeler North
Councilmember

Phyllis Trombi
Councilmember

**MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2025
DRAFT – SUBJECT TO GFDC
APPROVAL NOVEMBER 19, 2025**

| <u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u> | <u>STAFF PRESENT</u> |
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| Bob Davison | Jamie Abbott |
| Barry Bardack | Clifford Reinhart |
| Wheeler North | Carmela Gutierrez |
| Phyllis Trombi | Lorie Maniss |
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For others present, attendee log is available in the Airports Administration Building.

1. **ROLL CALL**

Council Chair Bob Davison called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Councilmembers Barry Bardack, Wheeler North and Phyllis Trombi were in attendance. Councilmember James Sly was absent.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council Chair Bob Davison led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA

There were no public comments.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Wheeler North moved to approve July 16, 2025 minutes. Motion was seconded by Phyllis Trombi; motion passed.

5. COUNCIL CHAIR REPORT

There was no Council Chair Report

6. AIRPORTS DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Jamie Abbott presented updates on the following:

50 Year Leases-

The County Board of Supervisors unanimously passed the first three 50-year leases on August 27th by consent agenda. Mr. Abbott expressed appreciation to the stakeholders that spoke at the meeting during public comment on behalf of Gillespie Field. These leases represent over \$400K revenue and investment into the airport for this year and multiple millions in investment over the life of the lease. As stakeholder engagement has been a critical part in this process, Airport's will continue to meet monthly moving forward.

Councilmember North expressed concerns regarding the Sky Harbor RFP and asked if the Council could be informed of the criteria for awarding prior to selection. He also asked if the Council could be more involved in creating the criteria for future RFPs.

There was one public comment received during this topic regarding the Sky Harbor RFP and when the tenants of those hangars would receive notice of ownership transition. County staff stated that notification would be sent out 30 days prior to transition.

Bus Tour-

Mr. Abbott thanked the East County Economic Development Council for coordinating the bus tour and highlighting the services, opportunities and economic impact that Gillespie Field provides to the region.

FAA Roundtable-

The next FAA Roundtable is scheduled for October 22, 2025 from 5pm-7pm. Although the information on this webinar is specific to Palomar Airport airspace, a variety of topics will be covered that may interest airport users across the County.

7. REAL PROPERTY UPDATE

Carmela Gutierrez informed the Council that several items are scheduled to be brought before the Board of Supervisors beginning 2026. More information will be provided at the next GFDC meeting.

Ms. Gutierrez also announced that Airports is in the process of filling one of two vacancies in the Real Property department.

8. AIRPORT MANAGER UPDATE

Assistant Airport Manager Clifford Reinhart presented the Airport Manager Update. The month of July had 18,436 operations. During that month, we received 263 noise complaints from eight households. This included 492 overnight operations, in which there were 32 complaints received. In August, there were 18,360 operations with 224 noise complaints received from 10 households. Overnight operations totaled 346 in which 17 complaints were received.

Mr. Reinhart continued his presentation by providing a summary of the August 19th Runway Safety Action Team (RSAT) meeting. This meeting covered the period from August 2024 through July 2025. During this time, there were zero Vehicle and Pedestrian Deviations. The FAA commended Airport users on the reduction of incidents from previous years.

Councilmember Trombi inquired about the timeline with the Runway 17/35 reclassification project. Mr. Reinhart responded that the term "reclassification" may be somewhat misleading, as the project involves a broader scope. He explained that the plan includes a runway redesign to address existing obstacles, expansion of the vehicle service road (VSR), and reconfiguration of taxiways. Councilmember Trombi thanked Mr. Reinhart for the clarification and had no further questions.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE COUNCIL FOR ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED DURING FUTURE GILLESPIE FIELD DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Progress updates regarding the 70 Acres project be provided at each meeting including timeline.
- Suggestions from the Council on criteria for future RFPs.

10. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business

11. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

12. ADJOURN

Council Chair Bob Davison adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m. The next meeting of the Gillespie Field Development Council will be at 6 p.m., Wednesday, November 19, 2025, in City Council Chambers, 200 Civic Center Way, El Cajon.

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