



PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Oceanside Representative

Armen Kurdian
Vista Representative

Gary Greening
Carlsbad Representative

Kevin Karpé
San Marcos Representative

MINUTES

Thursday, January 16, 2025

Chairperson Kaiser called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. on Thursday, January 16, 2025.

ROLL CALL

The roll call was taken.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cliff Kaiser, Shirley Anderson, Gordon Nesbitt, Garry Greening, Clayton Lackey, Howard Krausz, Armen Kurdian, and Kevin Karpé were present, which represented a quorum.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Larry Cohen

COUNTY STAFF PRESENT

Present were John Otto, Jamie Abbott, Mark Reiner, Ursula Null, Murali Pasumarthi and Yadira Aguilar.

PAAC MEMBER CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR ELECTIONS

Mr. Kaiser announced that the Chair and Vice Chair elections are an annual requirement.

Mr. Kurdian nominated Mr. Kaiser for Chair; Mr. Nesbitt seconded. Motion passed with 5 votes in favor from Cliff Kaiser, Gordon Nesbitt, Clayton Lackey, Armen Kurdian, and Kevin Karpé, 3 nays from, Shirley Anderson, Howard Krausz, and Garry Greening. Larry Cohen was absent.

Mr. Krausz nominated Mrs. Anderson for Vice Chair; Mr. Greening seconded. Motion passed with 5 votes in favor from Cliff Kaiser, Armen Kurdian, Shirley Anderson, Howard Krausz, and Garry

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Greening, 2 nays from, Kevin Karpé and Clayton Lackey. Gordon Nesbitt abstained, and Larry Cohen was absent.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mr. Shinn commented about American Airlines lease, he said speakers were not allowed enough time to speak at the Board of Supervisors meeting. Mr. Shinn questioned what does the PAAC do?

Chairperson Kaiser advised that several PAAC members were at BOS meeting on January 8th and the BOS decided to vote in the best interest of the County.

Mr. Gonsalves, member of the board of the Palomar Airport Association, representing interest of general aviation said that the association had a successful toy drive.

Mr. Gonsalves mentioned that a Flight Simulator was donated.

Chairperson Kaiser received comments and answered questions from committee members and from the public.

APPROVE MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 2024 MEETING

The PAAC members reviewed the minutes for the November meeting.

Mr. Krausz moved the minutes be approved, Mr. Nesbitt seconded. Minutes were approved with 7 votes in favor Cliff Kaiser, Shirley Anderson, Gordon Nesbitt, Garry Greening, Clayton Lackey, Howard Krausz, and Kevin Karpé. 1 abstention from Armen Kurdian and Larry Cohen absent.

MEETING MINUTES COMPLETION DISCUSSION

Chairperson Kaiser commented that Mrs. Anderson asked how soon after the meeting the draft meeting minutes can be completed for review.

Mr. Otto reported that he had a conversation with staff, and we will be able to support 10 business day turnaround on the draft meeting minutes due to extra support from Deputy Director's admin team.

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Mr. Kurdian moved the motion be approved; Mrs. Anderson seconded. Motion was approved with 8 votes in favor, Cliff Kaiser, Shirley Anderson, Gordon Nesbitt, Garry Greening, Clayton Lackey, Howard Krausz, Armen Kurdian, and Kevin Karpé. Larry Cohen was absent.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – J. ABBOTT

Mr. Abbott updated the PAAC committee and the public about new airport staff and a position offered and accepted for DPW Director.

Mr. Abbott updated about the Sustainability Management Plan, it should be finalized and posted by February 2025.

Mr. Abbott advised that they continue to coordinate with FAA for Roundtable discussion. Mr. Abbott said he will communicate any input received.

Mrs. Anderson asked why Part 139 certification is still inactive.

Mr. Abbott responded that he just met with FAA in LA to address this and other issues. He is not sure why is still pending.

Mr. Abbott received comments and answered questions from committee members. There was no comments or questions from the public.

CLOSED LANDFILLS UPDATE

Mrs. Bechtold updated about the high heat event that happened about a 1 year ago, she said that as of March of last year all items are within compliance, high heat event is over, but staff continues to monitor. Mrs. Bechtold informed that the gas line maintenance has been completed and that all line sections are working as of January 15, 2025.

Mrs. Bechtold noted that the underground storage tank is owned by Western Flight an FBO, who holds the responsibility to remove the tank, it is not under County purview. Mrs. Bechtold advised they have been working with them.

Mrs. Bechtold advised there are no other plans for replacement until a probe issue dictates further repairs as for now there is routinely and monthly check for the sites to ensure consistent compliance.

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Mrs. Syage commented that she met with Bill Morgan on this item, the high heat event, there is no plan or budget. Mrs. Syage questioned when the remainder of pipes under the high heat event are being replaced. Mrs. Porter advised that as of March of last year all items are within compliance.

Mrs. Syage asked for clarification- are all pipes done and are there plans to replace any at the other two landfills? Mrs. Porter responded that there are no plans at this time because everything is in compliance. Unit 3 is where there were issues and those were addressed.

STAFF REPORT – J. OTTO

Mr. Otto updated the PAAC committee and public about an FAA project starting at the airport in the next few weeks to add a new High Power Distance Measuring Equipment (HPDME).

Mr. Otto commented that FAA has started a site selection process for a new Air Traffic Control Tower (ATCT). Same process happened at Gillespie, but did not lead to a new tower. They are reviewing because of the age of the tower.

Mr. Otto gave an updated about the new noise monitor install. The new noise monitor is going into the HOA that is Northwest of Palomar Airport, the monitor is going through CEQA process at the moment, and the lease should be signed by next week. As soon as that is done Envirosuite can start work. Airport is projecting completion by the end of first quarter of 2025. Second noise monitor will be at Pacific Rim Elementary School, Airport will be starting the lease process and CEQA review in the coming months, and we are projecting completion by the second quarter of 2025.

Mr. Otto received comments and answered questions from committee members. There were no comments or questions from the public.

AIRPORT MONTHLY PERFORMANCE REPORT- M. REINER

Report for December 2024:

- Monthly Airline Passengers: 1896
- Annual Airline Passengers: 15,662
- Monthly Take-Offs and Landings: 11,616
- Annual Take-Offs and Landings: 172,228
- Monthly Complaints: 94

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- Annual Complaints: 2,442
- Community Noise Complaints by Quadrant: Southwest:17; Southeast:11; Northwest:45; Northeast:21;
- Jet Flights during quiet hours (2200-0700): 60
- Propeller Flights during quiet hours (0000-0600): 8

Mr. Reiner receive and answered comments and questions from the committee members and the public.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Chairperson Kaiser mentioned that due to the workload there is less agenda items today. He commented that we will try to include them in the next agenda meeting.

Mr. Karpé commented that the three items requested are information that people from his community want to know, the three agenda items he refers to are: an educational presentation of B2 and D3 airport, financial report and VNAP deviation report, FAA's control of non-volatile Particulate Matter from Aircraft Engines.

Mr. Greening asked when they would have an opportunity to add agenda items.

Chairperson Kaiser responded that the agenda needs to be published 72 hours in advanced.

Mr. Lackey noted appreciation of staff working to support aviation.

Mrs. Anderson requested to have a discussion about FAA Part 150 study on noise best practices. She noted AIP grants are issued to update studies. Under assumption County would pursue a grant in 2025 for this. Mrs. Anderson said it is important to have the noise monitors evaluated in this study and she would like a sub-committee to monitor this item and address it.

Mr. Nesbitt noted the carrot and stick approach to noise abatement. He would like to see this information and have a presentation as well.

Mr. Kurdian mentioned that Part 150 might be something to discuss at the FAA Roundtable. Mr. Kurdian mentioned that there are concerns with drones and the County should improve safety on this measure.

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Mr. Krausz said he attended the BOS meeting, and it didn't mention PAAC vote (note that this item was in the Board hearing and lease agreement). He also noted the County said the BOS would be informed.

Mr. Abbott commented that it was in the presentation and in the board letter.

SET AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING – March 20, 2025

Mr. Greening mentioned that he will update his VNAP report, and requested to add an agenda item, for him to present it.

Chairperson Kaiser mentioned he has no new agenda items but would like to have the ones requested last meeting in our next agenda. An educational presentation regarding a BII airport vs. DIII airport, an update on unleaded fuel plans for Palomar Airport, a financial report and an update on VNAP deviation alerts automatically tracked.

Mr. Karpé requested to be informed of where the County stands regarding the ruling of the FAA's control of non-volatile Particulate Matter from Aircraft Engines.

ADJOURN

Mr. Karpé moved the meeting be adjourned; Mr. Nesbitt seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05PM.

By: 
Yadira Aguilar, Administrative Secretary I