



PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Armen Kurdian
Vista Representative

Gary Greening
Carlsbad Representative

Kevin Karpé
San Marcos Representative

MINUTES

Thursday, June 18, 2026

Chairperson Kaiser called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 18, 2026.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cliff Kaiser, Shirley Anderson, Gordon Nesbitt, Armen Kurdian, and Howard Krausz, were present, which represented a quorum.

Gary Greening arrived while the meeting was already in session.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kevin Karpé and Clayton Lackey.

COUNTY STAFF PRESENT

Jamie Abbot, Cathe Johnson, Mark Reiner, Frank Melendrez and Yadira Aguilar

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Ms. Syage expressed concerns regarding Chairperson Kaiser's conduct, stating that he interrupted Mrs. Anderson during her closing comments and describing the behavior as disrespectful. She urged the committee to consider a vote of confidence or no confidence.

Chairperson Kaiser responded by explaining the rules of procedure, noting that he was limiting un-agendized testimony. He stated that Mrs. Anderson may request that the topic be added to a future agenda for open discussion. He further clarified that, as chairperson, he has both the authority and the obligation to interrupt speakers when un-agendized remarks are not contributing to the advisory committee's work. Chairperson Kaiser reaffirmed the committee's commitment to maintaining open dialogue with the community.

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Members of the community expressed concerns about noise, CNEL metrics, discussed the noise complaint submission process at Palomar Airport. Members of the community requested a Part 150 study update.

Mr. Baldus president of Palomar Association commented that Youth Aviation Day is scheduled for September 12, 2026, from 10am-3pm, with an expected attendance of more than 800 participants. Volunteers with and without airport badges and donations will be greatly appreciated.

County Staff explained CNEL is the FAA-recognized metric in California. A single noise event comes from an individual aircraft operation/overflight. California then accounts for these events by using a Single Event Exposure Level (SENEL), which measures the total noise energy from that one event. CNEL is calculated by adding together the SENEL from all aircraft events over a full day, with extra weight for evening and nighttime operations. So even if community members believe their data is better because their system tracks individual noise events, each individual noise event is already part of the CNEL calculation. Staff clarified that noise complaints can be submitted via a web-based form, web track, phone call, or mailed letter, and explained that these are the only accepted methods as per County of San Diego policy, with ongoing efforts to make the web form and website more user-friendly.

APPROVE MINUTES FOR MAY 2026 MEETING

PAAC committee members reviewed the draft meeting minutes for May 2026 and identified multiple corrections, including project descriptions, public comment wording, and revenue details. PAAC members requested more accurate documentation of discussions on project alignment, the EMAS extension, and community feedback. They also sought clarification regarding FAA grant status, noting that Palomar Airport had not received any new or outstanding grants.

Due to substantial revisions needed and additional member input, the committee deferred approval of the May 2026 minutes to the August 2026 meeting. County staff asked members to email their corrections for review and inclusion in the updated draft.

Rules of Procedure – C. Kaiser

PAAC committee approved changes to the rules of procedure voted on by PAAC at the prior meeting. The changes to the rules of procedure were only regarding increasing meeting frequency from every other month to ten times a year. The agenda item of rules of procedure brought up a discussion regarding additional review and possible amendments to the Rules of Procedure.

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Mr. Nesbitt moved to approve the rules of procedure with the changes of meeting frequency increasing the number of meetings to ten per year, excluding July and December, as previously voted on by the PAAC, Mr. Kurdian seconded. Motion was approved with 5 votes in favor: Armen Kurdian, Gordon Nesbitt, Shirley Anderson, Garry Greening and Cliff Kaiser. 1 opposed: Howard Krausz. 2 absent: Kevin Karpé and Clayton Lackey.

VNAP Subcommittee Reimbursement request – G. Greening

Mr. Greening reported ongoing challenges in obtaining reimbursement for printing expenses incurred by the VNAP subcommittee. He stated that the subcommittee expended a total of \$539.69 to produce a color brochure and formally requested reimbursement for these costs.

Committee members discussed the complexity and duration of the county's reimbursement procedures, noting that volunteers are often unfamiliar with the requirements. Members emphasized that staff should provide proactive support to volunteer committees to ensure that necessary resources are made available.

County staff reinforced Article XL of the Palomar Airport Advisory Committee Section 736 and informed the committee that multiple prior reimbursement requests had been submitted and denied. Airport Management provided Mr. Greening with the appropriate form to resubmit the reimbursement request. Mr. Abbot expressed support for submitting the request again. Ms. Johnson noted that she could not speak about previous communication or procedural barriers that existed before her assignment to Palomar Airport. However, she affirmed her commitment to improving communication and establishing clear goals and processes for subcommittees moving forward.

Committee members agreed to pursue reimbursement and to continue addressing the matter in future meetings.

AIRPORT MONTHLY PERFORMANCE REPORT -M. Reiner

Report for May 2026:

- ➔ Monthly Airline Passengers: 9, 262
- ➔ Annual Airline Passengers: 34,057
- ➔ Monthly Take-Offs and Landings: 14,761
- ➔ Annual Take-Offs and Landings: 72,826
- ➔ Monthly Complaints: 176

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- ➔ Annual Complaints: 1,044
- ➔ Community Noise Complaints by Quadrant: Southwest:20; Southeast:4; Northwest:9; Northeast:13.
- ➔ Jet Flights during quiet hours (2200-0700): 110
- ➔ Propeller Flights during quiet hours (0000-0600): 21

Mr. Reiner received comments and answered questions from the committee and from the public.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Kurdian commented on the departure procedures at Palomar Airport, including compliance with VNAP measures and the potential for requesting an FAA review to modify existing departure routes. Staff outlined the request could be submitted through the FAA TERPs and Airport Management is in support of such a request. Mr. Kurdian further noted that although pilots typically turn north over the water, some flights deviate from this path, and he inquired whether additional guidance could be incorporated into standard departure procedures to encourage greater adherence to VNAP practices.

Ms. Johnson noted that Mr. Karpé will address this topic at the next meeting. She explained that instrument departure procedures are established by the FAA and are subject to a multi-year review process. She further stated that the committee may submit a formal request to amend or revise the procedure; however, the FAA retains ultimate decision-making authority.

Mr. Krausz remarked that it had been a productive meeting and that it was most likely because the committee is convening more frequently.

SET AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING – August 20, 2026

Per meeting in May 2026 - Mr. Karpé would like to discuss headings and flight procedures.

Mr. Nesbitt requested for May 2026 meeting minutes to be reviewed and approved at our next meeting.

Mrs. Anderson requested to discuss the monthly performance report. She expressed an idea to convene a subcommittee to review and update the airport monthly performance report, including consideration of alternative noise metrics and community input, as discussed item for the next meeting agenda.

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Mr. Krausz requested that proposed revisions to the PAAC Rules and Procedures be included on a future agenda. Mr. Kaiser asked Mr. Krausz to circulate the proposed amendments to committee members and staff in advance of the next meeting to allow for adequate review and discussion and to help streamline meeting time.

ADJOURN

Mr. Nesbitt moved the meeting to be adjourned; Mr. Kurdian seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 PM.

By: _____
Yadira Aguilar, Administrative Secretary I