



PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Armen Kurdian
Vista Representative

Gary Greening
Carlsbad Representative

Kevin Karpé
San Marcos Representative

MINUTES

Thursday, May 15, 2025

Chairperson Kaiser called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 15, 2025.

ROLL CALL

The roll call was taken.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cliff Kaiser, Shirley Anderson, Armen Kurdian, Clayton Lackey, Gordon Nesbitt, Kevin Karpé, and Larry Cohen were present, which represented a quorum.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Howard Krausz and Garry Greening

COUNTY STAFF PRESENT

Present were Jamie Abbott, Mark Reiner, Ursula Null and Yadira Aguilar.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Members of the community from different locations expressed concerns about noise, flights during VNAP hours, environment and health concerns, the feasibility of the airport and jets flying over neighborhoods instead of Palomar Road. Members of the community requested action to be taken on VNAP.

Ms. Jackel suggested that the noise monitor be relocated to 2569 Lincoln Hills Dr. in Shadow Hills area at City water storage facility. The city has agreed to placement and other members of the community support this.

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Mr. Byrd, a resident at Palomar Estates West said he performed his own noise study in April, he reported results and noted the types of aircraft.

Chairperson Kaiser requested Mr. Byrd to share results with the PAAC members via email.

Chairperson Kaiser received comments and answered questions from the public. Chairperson Kaiser commented that the County has been addressing concerns for years and County is within FAA guidelines. Mr. Kaiser said that the FAA determines who can fly out of an airport and corrected the audience on American Airlines flight times. Mr. Kaiser reminded the audience that San Diego County taxpayer funds are not used to fund any County owned Airports.

APPROVE MINUTES FOR MARCH 2025 MEETING

The PAAC members reviewed the minutes for the March meeting.

Mr. Cohen moved the minutes to be approved, Mr. Karpé seconded. Minutes were approved with 6 votes in favor: Cliff Kaiser, Shirley Anderson, Armen Kurdian, Clayton Lackey, Larry Cohen, and Kevin Karpé. 1 abstention from Gordon Nesbitt. 2 absent members: Garry Greening, and Howard Krausz.

Chairperson Kaiser requested motion items 6 and 7 be moved up.

Prop and Jet takeoff and landing quiet hours– K. Karpe

Mr. Karpe suggested that improvements to alleviate concerns about noise during quiet hours could be made if improvements to the VNAP hours are changed for Props and Jets to have the same voluntary restrictions.

Mr. Karpé moved the motion to be approved, Mr. Cohen seconded. Motion was approved with 4 votes in favor; Shirley Anderson, Armen Kurdian, Larry Cohen, and Kevin Karpé, 3 nay's; Gordon Nesbitt, Cliff Kaiser, Clayton Lackey, 2 absent members; Garry Greening, and Howard Krausz.

VNAP Subcommittee – S. Anderson/C. Kaiser

Chairperson Kaiser advised that the PAAC would like to create a VNAP sub-committee that would consist of a maximum of 9 members, 2-3 committee members and the rest from the community. Chairperson Kaiser asked if any members would like to join. Mr. Karpe offered to be a subject matter expert but did not want to serve as a member of the subcommittee. Mrs. Anderson and Mr. Lackey would like to be part of the sub-committee, Mr. Kaiser mentioned that Mr. Greening would like to be part of it as well.

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Mr. Betro requested a new Part 150 study be conducted to accompany the start of the VNAP subcommittee to establish noise contours.

Chairperson Kaiser asked the staff to address the question of having a Part 150 study done at this time, and to update the committee with an answer at our next meeting. Mr. Abbott advised that this discussion is already in progress with leadership.

Mr. Baldus commented that the consistent assumption that pilots are not following VNAP is inaccurate. He asked to be part of the VNAP sub-committee.

Mr. Kaiser said that we need to establish a process for the VNAP Subcommittee and notify the public for fairness, he suggested posting it on the website to share with the public.

Mr. Kaiser moved the motion to be approved, Mr. Lackey seconded. Motion was approved with all members present votes in favor: Shirley Anderson, Armen Kurdian, Larry Cohen, Kevin Karpé, Gordon Nesbitt, Cliff Kaiser, and Clayton Lackey. 2 absent members: Garry Greening, and Howard Krausz.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – J. ABBOTT

Mr. Abbott updated the PAAC committee and the public about the County Budget website being available to the public. San Diego County Open Budget.

<https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/openbudget/en/home.html>

Mr. Betro requested a detailed report on Airport Enterprise Fund (AEF), including an outline of where money goes. Chairperson Kaiser noted that the AEF is used to address the airport system, not individual airports. Mr. Cohen confirmed that AEF cannot be used for other County business.

Mr. Abbott committed to providing information in an appropriate manner.

Mr. Abbott updated the committee members and the public about the FAA Round Table, he advised that the request has been accepted, but the meeting date and time have not been established.

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

STAFF REPORT – M. Reiner

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Mr. Reiner updated that the County is still in the process of relocating the noise monitor and presented a map with potential locations. Mr. Reiner suggested that if the noise mic is placed on County owned property it could be place the same day and save time and money. County-owned land is one potential location that is being reviewed, is 1.37 miles from the airport on the centerline, no lease will be required, and no permits.

Committee members and the public discussed locations for mic monitor placement.

Mrs. Anderson mentioned that there is multiple noise mics listed on the website and requested a follow-up as to why and how monitor selections were made and why the city of Vista did not receive one after a site was chosen. Mr. Reiner advised that all the mic noise information on the dashboard needs to be included as historical data.

Mrs. Anderson asked why the dashboard has 70 dB instead of 65dB. Mr. Reiner committed to reviewing the data on the dashboard to verify it as he is unaware.

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

Chairperson Kaiser noted he needed to leave early and turned over the meeting to the vice-chairperson Anderson.

AIRPORT MONTHLY PERFORMANCE REPORT- M. REINER

Report for April 2025:

- Monthly Airline Passengers: 5,401
- Annual Airline Passengers: 16,687
- Monthly Take-Offs and Landings: 15,182
- Annual Take-Offs and Landings: 56,181
- Monthly Complaints: 380
- Annual Complaints: 1,128
- Community Noise Complaints by Quadrant: Southwest: 21; Southeast:3; Northwest: 10; Northeast: 5;
- Jet Flights during quiet hours (2200-0700): 101
- Propeller Flights during quiet hours (0000-0600): 16

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

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COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Mrs. Anderson requested for the agenda to be more specific when adding agenda items so that the community can turn in speaker slips regarding the proper items.

Mr. Kurdian requested for the following agenda items to be included: status on equipment delineated by FAA or County Responsibility and infrastructure update and any problems with safety. He would also like to know the specific cost of a noise study.

Mr. Karpe mentioned that any study, even partial part 150, would be useful.

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

SET AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING – July 17, 2025

Mr. Cohen requested to add to the agenda Part 150 study determination, budget transparency, and breakdown of AEF.

Mrs. Anderson requested an update on Landfills Unit 2 and the removal of the fuel tank that should be completed by the end of 2025.

Mr. Kurdian requested to include the budget for the previous 3 years.

ADJOURN

Mr. Kurdian moved the meeting to be adjourned; Mr. Cohen seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

By: 

Yadira Aguilar, Administrative Secretary I