PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Carlsbad Representative

Kevin Karpé
San Marcos Representative

MINUTES

Thursday, October 15, 2026

Cliff Kaiser called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 15, 2026.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cliff Kaiser, Shirley Anderson, Gary Greening, Armen Kurdian, Howard Krausz and Clayton Lackey were present, which represented a quorum.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Gordon Nesbitt and Kevin Karpé

COUNTY STAFF PRESENT

Jamie Abbott, Cathe Johnson, and Yadira Aguilar.

Chair Kaiser opened the meeting with brief remarks, noting that the terms of four committee members will expire on January 4, 2027. He also noted that the County will have a new Board of Supervisors representative for the district beginning next month. Chair Kaiser discussed the election process for the upcoming year and encouraged interested individuals to apply for membership on the PAAC. He advised that the committee member application is available on the PAAC website.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Members of the community expressed concerns regarding the following, including a comment received via email read by PAAC member Mr. Krausz, low aircraft flying over homes, the increase in commercial flight operations, jet fuel pollution, airport security, questions regarding FAA versus California noise standards and the Voluntary Noise Abatement Program (VNAP).

Community members made the following requests:

- Environmental impact studies and air quality monitoring.
- Public access to meetings through livestreaming.
- Participation in future public safety meetings; future meetings coming up are November 13 and December 18 at 1:00pm.

APPROVE MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 2026 MEETING

The PAAC members reviewed the draft meeting minutes for SEPTEMBER 2026.

Mrs. Anderson moved the minutes to be approved, Mr. Lackey, seconded. Cliff Kaiser, Shirley Anderson, and Clayton Lackey voted in favor of the motion. Gary Greening, Armen Kurdian, and Howard Krausz abstained. Gordon Nesbitt and Kevin Karpé were absent. Motion failed, meeting minutes were not approved.

Mrs. Anderson had noted an agenda date error. The PAAC Secretary confirmed that the date listed on the agenda reflects the date of the meeting for which the agenda was prepared, not the date of the next scheduled meeting.

DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT– C. Kaiser

The committee continued to review the draft annual report due to the Board of Supervisors by December 31, to be voted on in November. Staff explained the draft is organized by motion items pulled from the year's meeting minutes, supplemented by a general summary of other activity; a committee member suggested that non-motion discussion items be integrated chronologically by month alongside action items, rather than grouped separately as additional activities, to make the report easier to follow; staff indicated this has been the report's longstanding format but agreed to look into restructuring it.

Chairperson Kaiser received and answered questions from the committee and from the public. Committee noted that the draft remains a work in progress until December due date.

Youth in Aviation Day presentation – Alan Baldus

Alan Baldus, President of the Palomar Airport Association, presented a recap and video of the association's Youth Aviation Day, describing it as the largest such event held at the airport to date, with approximately 1,300 children from roughly 600 North County families. Activities included aviation-themed learning stations (principles of flight, aircraft controls, navigation, communications, and flight simulators) staffed by approximately 55 volunteers, youth airplane rides with 50 children flying, coordinated with EAA Young Eagles, and raffle prizes. Mr. Baldus thanked County staff Cathe Johnson and her team for security/safety coordination and Carlsbad

Jet Center for hangar space and logistical support and noted a local business donated ice cream cups to attendees.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT — J. Abbott

Mr. Abbott provided an update on Agua Caliente Airport, a state-owned desert airport the County has historically operated under agreement, closed after the runway was found unsafe. Following interest from the pilot community particularly associated with Gillespie Field, the Board of Supervisors has directed staff to report back within 60 days on what it would take to reopen the airport, including cost and funding mechanisms, and to engage stakeholders at every airport committee and the public. A public webpage and survey are expected to launch around October 21 (subject to brief delay for review of survey materials) and remain open approximately two weeks through November 6 to meet the 60-day reporting deadline; the survey and webpage announcement will be emailed broadly to the airport system's stakeholder list.

In discussion, Mr. Abbott confirmed the survey is intended to gather balanced input on funding priorities rather than to presuppose an outcome, and that the survey will include both structured questions and an open-response field.

A resident letter was read by another resident, noting that quiet hours for jet and propeller aircraft remain inconsistent. Staff advised that the proposal to align the quiet hours has been approved and is pending FAA review. Residents also raised concerns about VNAP staff turnover and requested that noise exposure maps be developed in accordance with FAA Part 150 guidelines. Community members urged the committee and staff to specify which recommendations have been forwarded to the Board of Supervisors. Staff explained that the noise exposure map project, expected to take one to two years, is the first step toward a possible FAA Part 150 Study.

Ms. Johnson explained how noise concerns are currently being managed and reviewed the staff members who make up the noise team.

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

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Lackey inquired about the timeline for the Noise Exposure Study and the status of the VNAP process review. Mr. Abbott responded we currently do not have this information but can be provided at the next meeting.

Mrs. Anderson mentioned she would like to see feedback on how to address security issues at Palomar Airport.

Mr. Krausz suggested the draft annual report include Ms. Syage comments. Mr. Kaiser noted that we will work on improving the draft annual report.

SET AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING – November 19, 2026

Mrs. Anderson asked to include the following items on the agenda, Security issues at Airport and Air pollution/lead exposure.

Mr. Kaiser asked to add to the agenda Recusal Policy details and Chair/Vice Chair election process and when to vote.

Mr. Greening requested to include on the agenda emergency preparedness Part 139.

ADJOURN

Mr. Lackey moved the meeting to be adjourned; Mr. Krausz seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 PM.

By: _____
Yadira Aguilar, Administrative Secretary I