



PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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San Marcos Representative

MINUTES

Thursday, September 17, 2026

Cliff Kaiser called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. on Thursday, September 17, 2026.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Gary Greening, Armen Kurdian, and Howard Krausz.

COUNTY STAFF PRESENT

Jamie Abbot, Cathe Johnson, Ursula Null, and Yadira Aguilar.

Cathe Johnson arrived while the meeting was in progress. Frank Melendrez was present at the start of the meeting.

Chair Kaiser opened with brief remarks noting that the County will have a new Board of Supervisors representative for the district, that several committee seats' terms expire January 4, 2027, and that customarily members continue serving until a successor is formally appointed.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Cathy Gillin addressed the committee regarding the PAAC's May 2025 motion to align propeller-aircraft and jet-aircraft quiet hours on the same schedule. She claims staff have repeatedly described the change as in progress over roughly sixteen months and asked for a firm timeline.

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Ms. Johnson responded that the quiet-hours alignment remains under consideration and will be implemented together with the broader set of VNAP subcommittee updates, which are pending County line-of-business review followed by FAA review.

APPROVE MINUTES FOR AUGUST 2026 MEETING

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

Mr. Karpé moved the minutes to be approved, Mr. Nesbitt, seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously with 5 votes in favor— Cliff Kaiser, Shirley Anderson, Gordon Nesbitt, Kevin Karpé and Clayton Lackey.

DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT— C. Kaiser

Chairperson Kaiser advised that County Board of Supervisors requires PAAC committee as well as other committees to produce an annual report regarding what has occurred over the year, the draft report is voted on in November. Committee does not meet in December, therefore, Chair reviews anything from the November meeting in December and signs the final version for submission to the Board.

Committee members identified several items missing from the current draft report that they want to add before finalization. Members were asked to email any further suggested additions to Ms. Aguilar.

SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES AND USE CONTROL POLICY - U. Null

Ms. Null was unable to display her presentation due to technical and connectivity issues. She explained the item verbally using the printed material provided to the committee and the public. County staff advised everyone that the presentation would be posted on the PAAC website. Ms. Null also made herself available to share the presentation to any individual that wanted a copy.

Ms. Null explained the 11th Amendment to the Schedule of Rates and Charges and Use Control Policy for County of San Diego Airports, a two-hearing item before the Board of Supervisors (introduction November 18, 2026; final adoption December 9, 2026). She stressed there are no proposed increases to landing fees, leaseholder rents, or other fees — this is a housekeeping and efficiency package covering four items: (1) renewal of the delegated authority under Government Code §25537 that lets the Department of Public Works Director (delegated further to the Airport Director) approve short-term leases and licenses under 10 years without Board review, with the qualifying rent threshold raised from \$10,000 to \$25,000 per month to match the County's Department of General Services; (2) removing a 30-day cap on certain emergency-related fee waivers; (3) codifying commercial turn fees — previously collected only through individual leases — directly into the ordinance, for consistency and transparency among leaseholders (these fees are separate from and in addition to Passenger Facility Charges, overnight/RON parking

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fees, and landing fees); and (4) minor administrative language cleanup, including rounding COLA-adjusted fees to the nearest dollar. All leases 10 years or longer continue to require full Board approval regardless of value, and every project remains subject to CEQA review. Leaseholders were notified by certified mail and a public information page, and the same amendment is moving through all County airport advisory committees' system-wide, Ms. Null mentioned that Gillespie Field's committee approved it the night before at their meeting.

Ms. Null received comments and answered questions from the PAAC committee; there was no public comment or questions.

Ms. Null introduced the following motion: "Palomar Airport Advisory Committee recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve the Eleventh Amendment to the Schedule of Rates and Charges and Use Control Policy for County of San Diego Airports.

Mr. Nesbitt moved to approve the recommended motion "Palomar Airport Advisory Committee recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve the Eleventh Amendment to the Schedule of Rates and Charges and Use Control Policy for County of San Diego Airports. Mr. Karpé seconded. Motion was approved unanimously with 5 votes in favor: Mrs. Anderson, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Nesbitt, Mr. Kaiser and Mr. Karpé. 3 absent: Mr. Kurdian, Mr. Greening and Mr. Krausz.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT — J. Abbott

Mr. Abbott discussed that Agua Caliente Airport, located in a state park, has long been operated and maintained by the County under an agreement with State Parks. Despite 2016 rehabilitation, the runway deteriorated again and the County closed the airport in 2023 for safety reasons. State funding for repairs was later denied, leading the County to end its operational role. Pilots have urged reopening, and the Board of Supervisors has now requested a 60-day report on what it would take to restore and reopen the airport and how stakeholders will be engaged in the process. Reopening the airport would be funded entirely by the Airport Enterprise Fund. The County would not have an option to own the land, which would remain under State ownership.

Mr. Abbott provided an overview of recusal and conflict of interest, covering the Political Reform Act and PAAC's own Rules and Regulations, based on guidance previously obtained from County Counsel. Staff explained that the Political Reform Act governs conflicts of interest for public officials, but PAAC members are not considered "public officials" under that Act Government Code §87100. However, under Government Code §1090, a PAAC member with a financial interest in a contract on which the committee is providing a recommendation may not participate in that recommendation and must recuse meaning the member may not vote or otherwise participate in that specific decision.

Staff clarified that PAAC's Rules and Procedures, as adopted on August 20, 2026, do not require a conflicted member to physically leave the meeting room; state law requires only specifically named officials (such as Board of Supervisors members) to leave the room in the event of a

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conflict, and PAAC members are not on that list. PAAC has the option to adopt its own room-departure rule but chose not to do so at its June 2026 meeting. Staff summarize the bottom line as: a conflicted PAAC member cannot vote or otherwise participate in a decision in which they have a financial interest but are not required to leave the room.

Mr. Abbott received comments and answered questions from the PAAC committee; there was no public comment or questions.

STAFF REPORT

Ms. Johnson reported that Youth Aviation Day held September 12 was an outstanding success, with an estimated 2,800 attendees including more than 1,500 youth, and participation from Carlsbad Fire, Carlsbad Police Department, the Airport's Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) team, and other airport-area stakeholders; a full presentation with video and photos will be brought to the October meeting by Allen Baldus who was unable to attend.

Ms. Johnson reported she submitted an Instrument Flight Procedure request to the FAA for two departure procedures requesting the FAA review and amend the departure heading from 245° to 250°. An internal County line-of-business review tracking and plotting the proposed courses suggested the 250° heading would route more over industrial-use areas and less over residential areas compared to the current heading. She credited the committee's prior presentations and feedback for prompting the request, noted a former airport manager (John Otto) may have previously discussed this with the FAA without a confirmed formal submission. Ms. Johnson noted that any heading/numbering change requires a full engineering and survey process not simply repainting markings and that the County intends to combine this evaluation with the upcoming EMAS project, currently in design for fiscal year 2026-27, to avoid closing the runway multiple times and to be more cost-efficient; she confirmed current flight paths and pavement will not change in the interim, but that the separate departure-heading (245°-to-250°) request has already moved forward with the FAA.

Ms. Johnson announced the County will begin updating its Noise Exposure Maps using an outside engineering contractor; Mrs. Anderson asked which noise metrics would be used (CNEL versus supplemental metrics such as SNEL), and staff indicated the contractor/engineer would determine the methodology. Staff clarified this is not the initiation of Part 150 Study, though the updated maps' results could later inform whether such a study is necessary.

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COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

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Mr. Karpé announced that he had notified County Supervisor Jim Desmond and Mayor Jones that he will not seek reappointment to the committee for the coming year, he noted his last meeting will be in November. Chairperson Kaiser suggested he consider remaining until a successor is formally seated, since new appointments are typically not finalized until January or February; Mr. Karpé indicated he intends to conclude his term around January 4 and will not be available to remain until a replacement is named.

SET AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING – October 15, 2026

Mrs. Anderson asked for a status update on the landfill slope hydroseeding project presented earlier in the year, noting the slope still did not appear to have visible vegetation.

Staff explained that landfill slopes cannot be irrigated under applicable regulations; the contractor tracked/rolled seed mix into the soil, and germination is expected once sufficient rainfall occurs.

No new agenda items were proposed.

ADJOURN

Mr. Kaiser moved the meeting to be adjourned; Mr. Karpé seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 PM.

By: _____
Yadira Aguilar, Administrative Secretary I