



PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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November 21, 2024

TO: Supervisor Nora Vargas, Chair
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FROM: Clifford Kaiser, Chairman
Palomar Airport Advisory Committee

ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORT ON PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ACTIVITIES FOR 2024.

Enclosed is an annual report prepared by the Palomar Airport Advisory Committee (PAAC) which contains a summary of actions and recommendations for the calendar year 2024. This report was prepared in accordance with Article XL, § 738 of the Administrative Code of the County of San Diego.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at (760) 598-5005 or Jamie Abbott, Director of Airports, at (619) 956-4800.

Respectfully,

Clifford Kaiser, Chairman
Palomar Airport Advisory Committee

Attachment: Palomar Airport Advisory Committee – Annual Committee Report 2024

ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORT ON PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES FOR 2024

This report was prepared in accordance with Article XL, § 738 of the Administrative Code of the County of San Diego. This report covers activities for the calendar year 2024, which included six PAAC meetings.

Findings and Recommendations

January 18, 2024

- Chairman Cliff Kaiser and Vice Chairman Chuck Collins were elected to their positions.
- Mr. Abbott provided a presentation of the Ordinance Amending Sections 731 and 732, Article XL, of the Administrative Code regarding membership and selection of the San Diego County PAAC. Mr. Abbott read the recommended motion “The amendment of the Code of Administrative Ordinances Section 731 Membership and Selection of Administrative Code Article XL as presented and passed by the Board of Supervisors on November 7th, 2023”. Mr. Frazee moved that the above motion be approved, Mr. Karpé seconded. The motion was approved with three oppositions.
- Chairperson Kaiser advised that it was mentioned to discontinue the agenda item of the monthly performance report as it is posted in the county’s website and is available for everyone. Chairperson Kaiser received recommendations from committee members and the public. PAAC Members advised that having it as an agenda item helps the community get a better understanding of what is going on at the airport and they can ask questions about the report.

March 21, 2024

- Mr. Abbott presented, the 5-year lease extensions for County Airports on the previous PAAC meeting on January 18, 2024. Mr. Abbott presented the Lease Amendment to Extend Term 5 years, the recommendations and the motion as follows: *“Palomar Airport Advisory Committee Recommends that the County Board of Supervisors Approve the Proposed Lease Amendment for Aviation Leases Located at All County of San Diego Airports to add an optional term up to 5 years to each current term, not to exceed a term of 50 years to address Covid related impacts and related CEQA exemption”*. Chairperson Kaiser moved that the above motion be approved, Mr. Karpé seconded. Four members of the committee abstain, and four members of the committee voted in favor. One committee member was absent. Motion did not pass.
- Mr. Otto presented different locations in Carlsbad to be consider for PAAC Meetings. Mr. Otto advised that the airports recommendation if we were to move would be the Community Center in Pine Avenue, in Carlsbad. Mrs. Anderson moved to approve motion for PAAC meetings to be relocated to Pine Avenue Community Center in Carlsbad. No one seconded the motion. Chairperson Kaiser advised that with no second, motion fails. All other PAAC committee members

present abstained. Chairperson Kaiser requested for county staff to inquire schools to see if there is a facility that will be available for PAAC meetings.

May 16, 2024

- Mr. Otto presented different locations in Carlsbad to be consider for PAAC meetings. Mr. Otto advised that the best option for PAAC meetings is Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce. Chairperson Kaiser moved to approve motion for PAAC meetings to be relocated to Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce in Carlsbad. Mrs. Anderson seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

July 18, 2024

- Chairperson Kaiser advised that a new Vice Chair needs to be elected as a result to new committee members being elected during May and June. Mrs. Anderson self-nominated for Vice Chairperson. Mr. Greening moved the motion to elect Mrs. Anderson as Vice Chairperson, Mr. Cohen seconded. Motion was approved with 6 committee members in favor, Mr. Greening, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Armen, Chairperson Kaiser, Mr. Krausz, and Mr. Lackey, one dissenting vote from Mr. Nesbitt, and Mr. Karpé absent.
- Chairperson Kaiser advised that at the previous PAAC meeting it was suggested to record roll call after every motion item. Mr. Cohen moved the motion item roll call, Chairperson Kaiser seconded. Motion was approved with Mr. Karpé absent. All other committee members voted in favor, Chairperson Kaiser, Mrs. Anderson, Mr. Nesbitt, Mr. Greening, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Krausz, Mr. Cohen, and Mr. Kurdian.
- Mr. Abbott presented American Airlines lease agreement terms. Mr. Abbott read the Recommended motion “Palomar Airport Advisory Committee recommends that the County Board of Supervisors approve the proposed lease with American Airlines”. Chairperson Kaiser advised that motion will be tabled for next PAAC meeting to have time to review.

September 19, 2024

- Mr. Abbott presented American Airlines lease agreement terms. Mr. Abbott read the Recommended motion “*Approve the County entering into a lease with American Airlines and authorize the Director of Airports to execute, upon receipt, three copies of the lease*”. Mr. Lackey moved to approve the proposed recommended motion of “*Approve the County entering into a lease with American Airlines and authorize the Director of Airports to execute*”, with a stipulation of not waiving the fee for the first-year lease. Mr. Kurdian seconded. 5 committee members voted in favor: Chairperson Kaiser, Mr. Nesbitt, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Kurdian and Mr. Karpé, 4 committee members opposed: Mrs. Anderson, Mr. Krausz, Mr. Cohen and Mr. Greening. Motion passed.

November 21, 2024

- Pending

Additional Activities

The PAAC meetings serve as a public forum for attendees to express comments and ask questions about airport operations. Much of the public comment is regarding aircraft noise concerns, flight path and VNAP. Public comment allows for the PAAC and Airport staff to inform residents about airport operations and explore the opportunities to address their concerns.

The PAAC also supports the Fly Friendly program in several ways. A significant component of that program is education. The PAAC has taken a role of educating residents in the local communities, as well as the pilot communities. The PAAC also works closely with airport users and pilot communities, including the Palomar Airport Association. PAAC Members and Airport Staff frequently attend the Palomar Airport Association meetings to provide airport updates and information regarding the Fly Friendly Program.

Informative presentations were provided to committee members and attendees during the PAAC meetings in 2024. At every PAAC meeting Mr. Reiner presented the Airport Monthly Performance Report.

In January, Mr. Otto advised that the county is looking at two projects. First project is an EMAS project which is safety related and second project is a runway extension. Mr. Otto advised that commercial airlines will not look at Airports with runways less than 5,000 feet and we are below that, if we add 203 feet that will get us to 5,100 feet and we will be able to attract a commercial airline. Mr. Otto advised that these two projects are expected for 2027 and that they are in the ACIP airport improvement program.

In March, Ms. Winfrey a program manager with County of San Diego DPW-Landfills advised that they conduct monthly monitoring as well as periodically maintenance of the landfill to ensure and protect the environment. Ms. Winfrey advised that there is no migration of methane within residential areas. Ms. Winfrey advised that with guidance of regulatory agencies they are collecting and working on how to collect gas, collected gas is burned through heat. Ms. Winfrey advised that the high heat event issue was resolved but it was never a danger to the public and is still being monitored.

In July, Kay Sundram presented about STEM Aviation Academy. STEM Aviation Academy is a California non-profit public benefit corporation whose mission is to create positive experiences in general aviation and to inspire America's youth to pursue careers in flight operations. Mrs. Sundram advised that STEM Aviation Academy helps youth be able to have hands-on learning, to help youth become pilots, aircraft mechanics and leaders.

The Palomar Airport Advisory Committee is proud to have served the County Board of Supervisors and the residents of North County in 2024.

Committee Members and Terms of Office

Palomar Airport Advisory Committee Terms of Office			
Committee Member	Committee Title	Year Appointed	Term Expires and Nominating Authority
Clifford Kaiser	Chairman- General Public	01/25/2011 09/24/2013 02/03/2015 03/13/2019 05/21/2024	01/05/2015 01/05/2015 01/07/2019 01/02/2023 01/04/2027
Shirley Anderson	Vice Chairman- General Public	09/26/2023	01/04/2027
Gary Greening	Carlsbad Representative	05/21/2024	01/06/2025
Larry Cohen	General Public	05/21/2024	01/06/2025
Howard Krausz	General Public	05/21/2024	01/06/2025
Clayton Lackey	Industry Representative	06/25/2024	01/06/2025
Gordon Nesbitt	Oceanside Representative	10/27/2015 03/12/2019 05/21/2024	01/07/2019 01/02/2023 01/04/2027
Armen Kurdian	Vista Representative	09/26/2023	01/04/2027
Kevin Karpé	San Marcos Representative	03/12/2019 05/21/2024	01/02/2023 01/04/2027