



# PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Kevin Karpé  
*San Marcos Representative*

## MINUTES

**Thursday, March 16, 2023**

Chairman Cliff Kaiser called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 16, 2023.

### **ROLL CALL**

The roll call was taken.

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chuck Collins, Cliff Kaiser, Dan Frazee, Gordon Nesbitt, and Jim Swain were present, which represented a quorum.

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

John O'Reilly, and Kevin Karpé, were absent.

### **COUNTY STAFF PRESENT**

Present were John Otto, Jamie Abbott, Mark Reiner, and Yadira Aguilar.

### **PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Mr. Betro advised that he received a response letter from the FAA discussing the health and safety of the community around the Airport. He said the letter stated some of his concerns are in fact the jurisdiction of the County as owners of Palomar Airport while others fall on the pilot's judgments. He suggested that the County be more transparent with data when monitoring and reporting information to the public such as implementing a Dashboard.

Mr. Kaiser thanked Mr. Betro for bringing a copy of the response they received from the FAA.

Mr. Kaiser reiterated that the letter stated, it is on the pilot's judgment if they are going to operate a DIII aircraft on a BII designed airport such as Palomar. He also reminded everyone that VNAP is voluntary. PAAC and Airport staff can only strongly encourage local pilots to follow the recommended patterns and VNAP hours.

**APPROVE MINUTES FOR JANUARY 2023 MEETING**

The PAAC members reviewed the minutes for the January meeting.

Mr. Frazee moved to approve the minutes as written; Mr. Collins seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

There were no questions or comments from the committee or the public.

**PAAC APPOINTMENT BOARD LETTER – J. ABBOTT**

Mr. Abbott presented, PAAC Ordinance Amendment. Four Options were presented. The PAAC members discussed the four different options.

Mr. Frazee moved the motion with option C; Mr. Nesbitt seconded. Motion was approved with one abstention.

Option C consists of the following, District 3: five members / District 5: four members.

- Two members who represents city of Carlsbad and three at-large seats nominated by Third Supervisorial District

- Three seats designated for the cities of Oceanside, San Marcos, Vista; and one at-large seat nominated by the Fifth Supervisorial District.

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

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT – J. ABBOTT**

Mr. Abbott spoke about Master Plan being presented and submitted to FAA; all information should be available on our website. Palomar Airport later this fall will apply for a grant to start the design phase of the EMAS project and the 200 ft extension on the East side of the runway.

Chairman Kaiser asked how information is being shared with the community and if there was any information found regarding the correlation of shockwaves concern brought up in the last meeting.

Mr. Abbott advised that the temperatures came down therefore there is not high heat event anymore, but the team continues to monitor and report. Updates are also posted on the website: [Palomar Closed Landfill Work \(sandiegocounty.gov\)](http://sandiegocounty.gov) .

Mr. Otto advised that he reached out to airport engineers as well as landfills and they are not aware of any study or correlation between shockwaves from an aircraft landing and affecting the landfill.

Mr. Greening advised that they reached out to other HOA's and realized that the complaints for noise and the quiet hours are increasing. VNAP has been in place for years, but it does not seem to be effective. Other communities address voluntary procedures different ways for example some airports have Fly Friendly awards to recognize pilots, other recognized them in the newspaper.

Chairman Kaiser thanked Mr. Greening for his comments and advised he will talk to him later to get clarification on how other airports seen better results.

**AIRPORT MONTHLY PERFORMANCE REPORT- M. REINER**

Report for February 2023:

- Monthly Airline Passengers: 325
- Annual Airline Passengers: 718
- Monthly Take-Offs and Landings: 11,723
- Annual Take-Offs and Landings: 21,525
- Monthly Complaints: 109
- Annual Complaints: 270
- Community Noise Complaints by Quadrant: Southwest:51; Southeast:21; Northwest:23; Northeast:14 ;
- Jet Flights during quiet hours (2200-0700): 87
- Propeller Flights during quiet hours (0000-0600): 7

Mr. Sung mentioned he recommended three things last meeting. Enforce VNAP, adjust placement of noise monitors and to put a dashboard in place. Mr. Sung advised it would be helpful to add to the presentation how many letters were sent and what the letter said.

Chairman Kaiser thanked Mr. Sung for his comments.

**STAFF REPORT – J. OTTO**

Mr. Otto update the committee on the ALP, he advised it was reviewed and updated, and will be submitted to the FAA by the end of the month.

Mr. Otto presented and advised that staff has been looking for a new location to hold PAAC meetings in Carlsbad. Staff is proposing that the Community Center be used moving forward with the concurrence of PAAC staff will go ahead and reserve the room. First meeting at the new location would be on July 15, 2023.

Chairman Kaiser advised that the facility in San Marcos has the right dynamics, technology, and seats.

Chairman Kaiser commented if the City of Carlsbad is concern about our efforts, they would make the City Chambers available for us.

Vice Chair Collins advised he agrees with Chairman Kaiser.

Mr. Frazee commented he agrees with the Chair. The City of Carlsbad did not make City Chambers available and now has the public driving 45 minutes to the San Marcos Chambers.

Mr. Betro commented that it is the County's responsibility as owners of the airport to promote local noise procedures and engage with the community. Mr. Betro advise that the County could promote more quiet hours, outreach and engagement advising the pilots about the community.

Chairman Kaiser commented that noise and safety are two different issues, FAA does not deal with noise, but they do manage safety.

Mrs. Anderson advised she has attended meetings since 2015 and remembers there was more attendance of people showing up to meetings when they were in Carlsbad, for better transparency she recommends moving the meetings back to Carlsbad.

Chairman Kaiser advised that we would have the next meeting as schedule in San Marcos.

**COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

Chairman Kaiser advised that FAA takes appropriate actions and does a reasonable job ensuring pilots are following safety guidelines.

Chairman Kaiser commented that the Part 150 Study was addressed at the last committee meeting. A study is not warranted as other studies have shown there are no residential communities and homes within the 65 CNEL boundary. Therefore, there is no need to invest that kind of money into another study.

Chairman Kaiser thanked and congratulated Olivier for his retirement.

**SET AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING – May 18, 2023**

Mr. Kaiser said he recalls the following three items be added to the next agenda: First an update on the location and time for the July 2023, second Mr. Karpé dashboard presentation and third the outcome of the Board of Supervisors regarding PAAC member appointments.

**ADJOURN**

Mr. Frazee moved the meeting be adjourned; Mr. Swain seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

By:   
Yadira Aguilar, Administrative Secretary I