



# PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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*Vice Chairman*

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Dan Frazee  
*General Public*

Jim Swain  
*General Public*

Gordon Nesbitt  
*Oceanside Representative*

Armen Kurdian  
*Vista Representative*

Shirley Anderson  
*Carlsbad Representative*

Kevin Karpé  
*San Marcos Representative*

## MINUTES

**Thursday, January 18, 2024**

Chairman Cliff Kaiser called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 18, 2024.

### **ROLL CALL**

The roll call was taken.

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Cliff Kaiser, Chuck Collins, Dan Frazee, Shirley Anderson, Jim Swain, Gordon Nesbitt, Kevin Karpé, John O'Reilly, and Armen Kurdian were present, which represented a quorum.

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

**No members were absent.**

### **COUNTY STAFF PRESENT**

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

### **PAAC MEMBER CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR ELECTIONS**

Mr. Kaiser announced that the Chair and Vice Chair elections are an annual requirement.

Mr. Collins nominated Mr. Kaiser for Chairman; Mr. Frazee seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kaiser nominated Mr. Collins for Vice Chairman; Mr. Karpé seconded. Motion passed with 1 abstention.

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

Mrs. Forsythe, a Carlsbad resident, expressed her concerns about safety and health issues due to lead from aircrafts fuel. Mrs. Forsythe advised that lead contaminates the air and harms the life of children, and everyone.

Mr. Kaiser thanked Mrs. Forsythe and advised that FAA is actively pursuing the retirement of leaded gas aircraft, aircraft is designed to use leaded gas; therefore, they are doing studies, FAA is reviewing data to make recommendations to see if aircraft can operate without leaded fuel.

Mrs. Viney, a Carlsbad resident, advised that she is concerned about methane migration and will like to request for this issue to be resolve. Mrs. Viney advised that plans have been put in place but have not been effective in stopping the methane migration that causes health issues. Mrs. Viney requested to consider looking into the issue and to find a solution.

Mr. Kaiser asked if Mr. Abbott or Mr. Otto had any comments on this matter.

Mr. Abbott advised that it will be helpful to have a member from landfills come to a PAAC meeting to speak on this topic. Landfills is required to report and notify the public, they work together with airports to notify the public.

Mr. Kaiser requested to add an agenda item regarding methane migration.

#### **APPROVE MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 2023 MEETING**

The PAAC members reviewed the minutes for the November meeting. Mr. Frazee moved to approve the minutes as written; Mr. Karpé seconded. Minutes were approved with one abstention.

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

#### **ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 731 AND 732, ARTICLE XL, OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE REGARDING MEMBERSHIP AND SELECTION OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY PAAC**

Mr. Abbott presented PAAC Ordinance Amendment.

Summary of PAAC Seat Distribution.

**D3**–4 seats 2 residing in Carlsbad, 2 residing in Third District.

**D5**–4 seats 1 residing on each of the cities of Oceanside, San Marcos, Vista, 1 residing in the Fifth District.

**CAO** -1 seat Industry representative.

Mr. Abbott advised about the following dates, On November 7, 2023, the Board approved a resolution to direct an amendment of Section 731-Membership and Selection of Administrative Code Article XL. PAAC Presentation and consideration on January 18, 2024. First hearing to the Board of Supervisors on February 7, 2024. Second hearing to the Board of Supervisors on February 28, 2024

Mr. Frazee moved to approve 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. Karpé seconded. Motion was approved with three oppositions.

Mr. Abbott received comments and answered questions from committee members. There were no questions or comments from the public.

### **DIRECTOR’S REPORT – J. ABBOTT**

Mr. Abbott advised that the Airport Sustainability Plan is an ongoing project. Mr. Abbott mentioned the following important dates regarding Sustainability Plan: Board Staff Briefing, Jan/Feb 2024. Public Review of Draft Feb/March 2024. Second Round of Outreach March 2024. Final document available May/June 2024.

Mr. Abbott advised about the following County Leadership changes. CAO (Chief Administrative Officer) Helen Robbins-Meyer retired, and Sarah Aghassi is now the Interim CAO, Brian Albright is the Interim DCAO (Deputy Chief Administrative Officer), and Derek Gade is the new DPW Director.

Mr. Abbott advised about the 5-year lease extensions for County Airports. GFDC (Gillespie Field Development Council) motion to extend aviation leases by 5 years. First hearing by the Board of Supervisors February 28, there will be a second hearing after that. First round of lease extensions for Gillespie Field, then Palomar and other County Airports, we will offer the same consideration to our other aviation lease holds.

Mr. Abbott advised about 50-year leases. County is taking a new perspective on lease terms beyond 50 years. Proposals for lease extensions beyond a cumulative 50-year term are now being accepted.

Mr. Abbott received comments and answered questions from committee members. There were no questions or comments from the public.

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

Report for December 2023:

- Monthly Airline Passengers: 787
- Annual Airline Passengers: 3,604
- Monthly Take-Offs and Landings: 12,322
- Annual Take-Offs and Landings: 143,377
- Monthly Complaints: 145
- Annual Complaints: 2,305
- Community Noise Complaints by Quadrant: Southwest:14; Southeast:8; Northwest:4; Northeast:4;
- Jet Flights during quiet hours (2200-0700): 76

→ Propeller Flights during quiet hours (0000-0600): 12

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

**AIRPORT MONTHLY PERFORMANCE REPORT TO DISCONTINUE LIVE PRESENTATION** – C. KAISER

Mr. Kaiser advised that at our last meeting it was mentioned to discontinue the monthly performance report as is posted in the county's website and is available for everyone.

Mr. Kaiser received recommendations from committee members with reasons why is important to continue reviewing the report together, committee member advised that it helps the community get a better understanding of what is going on at the airport and they can ask questions about the report.

Chairman Kaiser decided to continue with the monthly performance report.

Mrs. Nelson commented that the presentation should be more relevant and include what the public reports.

Mr. Kurdian advised that other things should be included in the presentation, more analysis to make it more interesting to the community.

Mr. Frazee advised that when the subcommittee was created, they gather information from the community as what was relevant at the time and what they wanted to see, that is how they came up with this report, but if that has changed the public can give us input.

Mrs. Anderson advised that the subcommittee should be created again.

Mr. Karpé advised that it will be beneficial for the county to distribute it to FBO's. Mr. Karpé advised that steps need to be taken to address the issues.

Mr. Collins advised that the pilots association and others do received briefings from Noise Abatement office, that is a form of an action being taken.

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

**STAFF REPORT** – J. OTTO

Mr. Otto gave an update on the Dashboard; staff is waiting for envirosuite to provide a launch date.

Mr. Otto advised that two noise mics have been approved for purchase, is a slow process but we are moving forward, if anyone has an idea of where to place the two new microphones then please let Mr. Otto know.

Mr. Otto advised about City water line project at the airport starting from January 10 until January 30, 2024.

Mr. Otto advised about County regulations for streaming meetings, is not required but is something we can possibly look at in the future.

Mr. Otto received comments from the committee. There were no questions or comments from the public.

**PAAC MEETING LOCATION – J. OTTO**

Mr. Otto presented different locations in Carlsbad to be consider for PAAC Meetings.

Mr. Kurdian advised he would like to see facilities before he votes.

Mr. Kaiser advised that it's not a motion item yet. Information was provided as there is a desire from the community that the PAAC meetings move closer to the airport.

Mr. Haber, City of Carlsbad intergovernmental affairs director, advised that they have provided options for suitable locations, but that Carlsbad City Chambers and Faraday are not part of the rental outside program.

Mr. Kaiser requested to add a motion agenda item for our next meeting regarding PAAC meeting location.

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

**20-YEAR MASTER PLAN UPDATE AND PRIORITIES - J. Otto**

Mr. Otto advised that the county is looking at two projects. First is an EMAS project which is safety related and second is a runway extension. He 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 slotted for 2027 and that they are in the ACIP airport improvement program.

Mr. Otto received comments from the committee. There were no questions or comments from the public.

**AUTOMATED ALERTING OF AIRCRAFT THAT DEVIATE FROM VNAP-C. Kaiser**

Mr. Kaiser advised that concerns have been made from the community about aircraft deviating from the Voluntary Noise Abatement Program patterns. Data for every aircraft is available in different databases that we all have access to, including Flight Aware, ANOMS, and other things.

Mr. Kaiser advised that alerting those who deviate from VNAP often should be considered.

Mr. Gonsalves advised that pilots do their best to follow VNAP, but priority is to fly safely, regulations have to be followed as well as instructions from the tower. Mr. Gonsalves advised that Palomar Airport Association would like to help by putting out information on their website promoting VNAP.

Mr. Kaiser thanked Mr. Gonsalves for his comments and agreed that VNAP is voluntary and there are different directions and motivations on how they fly their aircraft as instructions need to be followed.

Mr. Kaiser received comments from the committee and the public.

**FORMAL REQUEST TO CBS8 NEWS TO OFFER COMMENTARY ON THEIR PREVIOUS REPORT** – J. Abbott

Mr. Kaiser recapped about CBS8 news; they interviewed with some community members in late 2023.

Mr. Abbott advised that the communications team within the county handles all media matters for the county. Communications team reached out to CBS8 and offer our side of the story, efforts were made but county is focus on the good things that are happening now and would like to shift focus on the positive things that are going on.

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

**FAA MEETING RESCHEDULE**

Mr. Kaiser advised that he requested a meeting with the FAA back in October 2023 to discuss the VNAP at Palomar that educates pilots with the FAA explaining how they do their part to assist with this.

Mr. Otto advised he would reach out to FAA to schedule a meeting within the next 2-3 weeks.

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

**COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mr. Swain advised that last meeting he proposed that runway designation be updated and aligned with the magnetic direction of the runway.

Mr. Otto advised that they are in their initial stages of discussion with staff and that a good time to make a change would be when the 200ft extension is done. Mr. Otto advised that redesignating the runway it is a couple year process.

Mr. Kaiser suggested that at our next meeting Mr. Otto provides more details about this process.

Mr. Karpé advised that Advanced Air Mobility just signed an agreement with five companies, one being Atlantic Aviation. He would like to know if this will be coming to Palomar Airport and if so, what will the footprint look like.

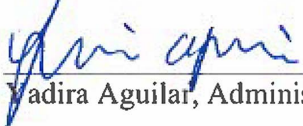
Mr. Otto advised that he already reached out to Atlantic Aviation, and they are looking into it, Mr. Otto advised he might have more information next meeting.

**SET AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING** – March 21, 2024

Mr. Kaiser requested to add the following in our next agenda, action item for PAAC locations and information item for possible methane migration.

**ADJOURN**

Mr. Mr. Frazee moved the meeting be adjourned; O'Reilly seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 PM.

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Yadira Aguilar, Administrative Secretary I