



# PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Larry Cohen  
*General Public*

Shirley Anderson  
*Vice Chair*

Clifford Kaiser  
*Chairperson*

Howard Krausz  
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*Industry Representative*

Gordon Nesbitt  
*Oceanside Representative*

Armen Kurdian  
*Vista Representative*

Gary Greening  
*Carlsbad Representative*

Kevin Karpé  
*San Marcos Representative*

## MINUTES

**Thursday, November 21, 2024**

Chairperson Kaiser called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 21, 2024.

### **ROLL CALL**

The roll call was taken.

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Cliff Kaiser, Shirley Anderson, Gordon Nesbitt, Garry Greening, Clayton Lackey, Howard Krausz, Larry Cohen, and Kevin Karpé were present, which represented a quorum.

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Armen Kurdian

### **COUNTY STAFF PRESENT**

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

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

Members of the Community expressed their concerns by submitting speaker slips with comments, some of the public concerns are the flight path, safety, community wellbeing, noise, plans to expand the airport, aircraft flying during VNAP hours and the VNAP.

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

### **APPROVE MINUTES FOR September 2024 MEETING**

The PAAC members reviewed the minutes for the September meeting.

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Mr. Cohen moved the minutes be approved, Mr. Karpé seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

## **ANNUAL REPORT DRAFT 2024** – C. Kaiser

Chairman Kaiser advised that County Board of Supervisors requires this committee and others to produce an annual report about what has occurred over the year, and it is due in December, approval from this committee is needed to submit the report to the County Board of Supervisors.

The PAAC members reviewed the draft annual report.

Mr. Cohen moved the motion be approved for Chairman Kaiser to sign the Annual Report as completed after November's meeting; Mr. Karpé seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

Chairman Kaiser received comments and answered questions from the committee members. There were no questions or comments from the public.

## **EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION ON VNAP** – J. OTTO

Mr. Otto provided a PowerPoint presentation on VNAP. The presentation informed the roles and responsibilities that each of the following have at Palomar Airport, The Federal Government, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), County/Airport Operators, residents and prospective residents, and pilots/aircraft operators. Mr. Otto provided information about FAA Part 150 Study and VFR departures and arrivals.

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

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT** – J. ABBOTT

Mr. Abbott announced new airport staff, Assistant Engineer-Cameron Lapuaho, Project Coordinator-Ursla Null and coming soon a new Director of Public Works.

Mr. Abbott updated about the Sustainability Management Plan. Draft plan is online for review at <https://engage.sandiegocounty.gov/airport-sustainability-planapproval>. Public outreach was virtual on Oct. 29, 2024. Next steps are to finalize the plan and to start project implementation.

Mr. Abbott advised that January dates are being considered for the FAA Roundtable.

Mr. Abbott advised about County Airports FAA Grant Assurances. Mr. Abbott said that the obligations require the County to maintain and operate our facilities safely and efficiently and in

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accordance with specified conditions. County Airports has taken millions of FAA grant dollars for capital projects.

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

## **STAFF REPORT** – J. OTTO

Mr. Otto updated on the Landfills project phase 2 for unit 3, they are replacing the methane system and will be replaced no later than December 7. Mr. Otto advised he has reached out to the FAA inspector in numerous occasions to request for an updated active Part 139 list.

Chairperson Kaiser advised that a request for a review of the Palomar budget has been made.

Mr. Abbott advised that January is a good time to do a financial report update.

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

## **UPDATE ON NEW NOISE MONITORS** – J. OTTO

Mr. Otto updated on the new noise monitors; the airport received input from the community regarding 31 potential locations. Envirosuite performed a Noise Monitoring Terminal Site Survey Report, the report looked at 18 possible locations located in the cities of Carlsbad, Vista and Oceanside. Placement of NMT #1 has been decided that will be in Heron Bay in Spyglass Hills HOA. Mr. Otto advised that they are currently working on the lease, project is estimated to be completed by the end of first quarter. Placement of NMT#2 will be by the Southwest quadrant of the airport, project is expected to be completed by the second quarter of next year.

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

## **UPDATE ON DASHBOARD**– J. OTTO

Mr. Otto advised that the Dashboard went live on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Mr. Otto demonstrated the dashboard and how it works, the different tabs (Home, Operation, Noise, Complaint and Performance) and the information it contains.

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

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

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Report for October 2024:

- Monthly Airline Passengers: 1,425
- Annual Airline Passengers: 12,279
- Monthly Take-Offs and Landings: 13,927
- Annual Take-Offs and Landings: 146,221
- Monthly Complaints: 200
- Annual Complaints: 2,223
- Community Noise Complaints by Quadrant: Southwest:10; Southeast:8; Northwest:5; Northeast:9;
- Jet Flights during quiet hours (2200-0700): 81
- Propeller Flights during quiet hours (0000-0600): 5

Mr. Reiner did not receive comments or questions from the committee members and the public.

## **COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mr. Lackey commented that they operate another FBO in Sonoma County that uses sustainable aviation fuel, he advised that there is a lot that needs to be done prior to bringing it to the market. Mr. Lackey advised that the steps are being taken to bring sustainable aviation fuel at Palomar Airport in the future.

Mr. Greening commented he appreciates that there is now more cooperation with the community. Mr. Greening advised that the VNAP can be a workable plan with pilots and flight schools so that the community can have a resolution.

Mr. Cohen requested information for the January meeting on how Palomar can become an unleaded fuel airport.

Mr. Lackey advised about jet fuel and AV gas. Mr. Lackey advised that it will take a couple years before the whole industry acceptance as it requires a lot.

Mr. Karpé congratulated the staff for the work with the dashboard. Mr. Karpé advised that the EIR process is in process and will be public once completed.

Mr. Krausz commented that he recalls that the committee passed the motion item with a recommendation to not waive American Airlines fee. Mr. Krausz asked if this was communicated to American Airlines. Mr. Abbott advised that in the Board letter submitted to the Board of Supervisors it was mentioned the recommendation of not to waive the fee.

## **PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

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No more public communications.

## **SET AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING** – January 16, 2025

Mrs. Anderson requested to add a Motion item regarding Meeting Minutes completed in a timely manner.

Chairperson Kaiser requested for an educational presentation regarding a BII airport vs. DIII airport, an update on unleaded fuel plans for Palomar Airport, a financial report and an update on VNAP deviation alerts automatically tracked.

Mr. Karpé requested to be informed of where the County stands regarding the ruling of the FAA's control of non-volatile Particulate Matter from Aircraft Engines.

Mr. Krausz requested for information on how to encourage pilots to follow the VNAP.

## **ADJOURN**

Mr. Karpé moved the meeting be adjourned; Mr. Cohen seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 PM.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Yadira Aguilar, Administrative Secretary I