



## Airport Advisory Board Meeting

### Meeting Minutes

**Location:** Atlantic Aviation 2505 Clark Carr Loop, SE,  
Albuquerque, NM 87106

**Date:** March 21, 2024

### Attendees

#### Board Members

Anthony Gallegos, Chair  
Marc Limmany, Vice Chair  
Joseph Grasso  
Nalleli Reyes Garcia  
Fred DeGuio  
Dayan Hochman Vigil  
(Absent)  
Maria Lobo  
George Slad,  
Jon Word, (Absent)

#### Aviation Department

Richard McCurley  
Brian Boyd  
Gary Gilliard  
Manny Manriquez  
(Absent)  
Peter Pierotti (remote)  
Daniel Jiron (Absent)  
Brent Chapman  
Hartwell Briggs  
David Galdony  
Patrick Frias  
Yvette Garcia  
Chris Elam (remote)  
Leah Black (remote)  
Josh Castellano  
Gonzales (remote)  
Jonathan Small  
(remote)  
Commander Donavan  
Rivera (remote)

#### Other

Kash Hadipour, VP, hdrinc  
Scott Sikel, Manager, hdrinc  
Steven Marruffo, Atlantic  
Joshua Omandam, Atlantic  
Chris McKee, KRQE News  
(remote)

### Minutes

1. Call to Order/Roll Call – Anthony Gallegos, Chair Meeting  
Called to Order at 9:10 a.m.
  - The appointment of Mary Weinburg to the Board  
was approved by the City Council on March 4, 2024
2. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes (03/15/2024)  
Approved by consent.
3. Director's Reports

- Announced Manny Manriquez as Aviation's new Deputy Director of Innovation and Commercial Development.
  - Manny Manriquez and Dan Jiron are in Bogotá, Columbia. Attending Air Service Development for Routes America. This is an opportunity to build relations with Mexican and Latin American Airlines. Goal is to pursue an international flight.
  - On March 8<sup>th</sup>, Second Gentleman, Mr. Doug Emhoff, announced the Build infrastructure legislation (BIL) funding of \$14 million from FAA for the Jet bridges Project at Aviation Department.
  - Aviation Department received \$5 million of BIL funding for In-Line Baggage Project and were approved for our Passenger Facility Charge funding for the Dream of Flight Project to recover over \$65 million of the cost of the project.
  - Aviation Department received \$1 million Grant for renovation for the DEII Air Traffic Control Tower.
  - New equipment \$460k for the Sunport Airfield team.
  - Requisition was submitted for a Videowall \$350k to be installed above the level 2 and 3 escalators.
  - Retail is down with closure of Hudson for construction. Food and Beverage is up in January. Rideshare is up.
  - Completed four jet bridges, and will continue work until all complete.
  - Cell phone lot relocation will be on Sunport Loop adjacent to Sheraton Hotel.
  - Monument sign project—bids received and due by 3/29.
  - Parking Garage work ongoing.
  - Old Terminal Building exterior renovations project – Start date April 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - Sunport Pavement Rehab- 50% design due end of March.
  - RideShare Lot buildout- Pricing is due 3/22
  - Sunport 8-26 Edge Light Replacement of \$4.3M. Bid was awarded to Bixby Electric.
  - DEII Runway 17/35 Pavement project- Precon scheduled for 3/26<sup>th</sup>.
  - Terminal Perimeter Concrete Reconstruction is in place.
- Manny Manriquez reported on Mesa Film Studios. Negotiations have been completed and has been submitted to City Council and introduced on March 18<sup>th</sup>. This item will

stay on the agenda until April 3<sup>rd</sup> City Council meeting for a final vote.

- Gary Gilliard provided capacity update on behalf of Daniel Jiron. Flights are up, destinations up, and traffic trends up. Enplanements and Deplanements are up. Sunport is exceeding 2019 numbers as of today. Fred DeGuio added American, United and Southwest adding more flights. United adding a 4<sup>th</sup> flight to Houston. Spirit adds a second flight to Vegas. Alaska adds one flight to Portland and one to Seattle.
- Brian Boyd reports on air traffic. Up at Sunport, up at DEII, Breaking Ground mid-April at DEII for lights/signs.
- Gary Gilliard provided Food and Beverage report. Food and Beverage RFP awards have been completed. Retail RFP will conclude on April 16<sup>th</sup>. There are 10 spaces to be bid on. RFP for management of ASCEND program is set in April. Discussion of new Concession Program welcomes Tailwind has over two decades of experience.

#### Board Input:

- Anthony Gallegos wanted to thank Jon Ward on his past leadership to the Airport Advisory Board. All members gave thanks as well.
- Joseph Grasso asked if Mesa Film Studios will be on the airport's property and also, how does city property differ from airport property. Richard McCurley stated yes, airport property is owned by the city, but stays with the airport which is solely used for the airport everything and anything we do has to get approval from FAA.
- Joseph Grasso asked how many acres does city have for double eagle development? Richard McCurley stated the rough estimate is about 1500 acres.
- Fred DeGuio asked for Air Traffic Data. Brian Boyd notes he will provide link to the Board, as follows: <https://aspm.faa.gov/opsnet/sys/Tower.asp>
- Fred DeGuio suggested Sunport should consider doing a joint international service with El Paso.
- Fred DeGuio mentioned if Sunport can reach out to American Airlines to bring back 2<sup>nd</sup> flight to Chicago. Richard stated, Yes, Sunport has reached out to Allegiant Air.
- Fred DeGuio asked is the Parking lot Garage still under construction Richard McCurley responded Yes, contraction is still on going.

- Fred DeGuio mentioned Albuquerque made #3 on Nashville Christmas list.
4. Old Business
    - a. Advisory Annual Report. Peter Pierotti will confer with Jon Word.
    - b. General Aviation Subcommittee
  5. New Business
    - a. Amendments to Rules of Procedure (Joseph Grasso). Have been circulated for review and will be voted on at next meeting.
    - b. Anthony Gallegos asked for update of the Strategic Plan for next meeting.
  6. Board and Visitor Comments/Questions
    - a. Steve Marruffo-Manager of Atlantic Aviation gave a brief presentation and Tour on the History and Heritage of Atlantic Aviation.
  7. Next Meeting Date: Thursday, April 18, 2024 at ABQ Sunport Aviation Large Conference Room
  8. Adjourn