



Airport Advisory Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Location: Aviation Department Conference Room 3rd Floor

Administrative offices

Date: January 16, 2025

Attendees

Board Members

Anthony Gallegos, Chair
Marc Limmany, Vice Chair
Joseph Grasso
Nalleli Reyes
Garcia(remote)
Fred DeGuio
Dayan Hochman Vigil
George Slad
Jon Word
Mary Weinburg (absent)

Aviation Department

Brian Boyd
Myrna Marquez
Daniel Jiron
Yvette Garcia
Hartwell Briggs
Matthew Montoya
Jeanette Whittaker
Patrick Frias

Other

Steven Marruffo, Atlantic
(remote)
Scott Sikel, HDR (remote)
Tim Gorman(remote)
Donovan Rivera, APD
Brett Shank

Minutes

1. Call to Order/Roll Call – Anthony Gallegos, Chair
Meeting Called to Order at 9:00 a.m.
Chair determined a quorum was present.
2. Changes/Additions to Agenda.
Approval of the January 16, 2025 Meeting Agenda.
3. Chair Gallegos asked for a motion to approve the
November 21, 2024, meeting minutes with one correction.
Member Joseph Grasso moved, and Member DeGuio
seconded.
4. Director's Report
 - Director's report.
 - Announcements

- Director McCurley thanked the team for their work on the float and participating in the Twinkle Light Parade.
- On December 13, 2024, Management personnel participated in the Strengths Finders 2.0 training course.
- December 16, 2024, press event on the soft opening of the Food Hall. The ribbon cutting will occur after the final two food concessions are opened.
- December 16, 2024, Council approved the recommendation of award for the retail concessions – Marshalls Group.
- December 19, 2024, inaugural flight to Angel Fire by Advanced Air.
- On January 7, 2025, the Ambassador Luncheon was held with the Mayor in attendance.
- Sunport Revenue – Year-to-date comparison of FY25 to FY24 for the November reporting period
- Concessions Program
 - Retail
 - Year to Date – Down 41%
 - Food & Beverages
 - Year to Date – Down 6. %
- Other Non-Aeronautical
 - On Airport Parking
 - Year to Date – Up 11.8%
 - Off Airport Parking
 - Year to Date – Up 9.92%
 - Rental Car
 - Year to Date – Down 6%
 - Rideshare
 - Year to Date – Up 10.3%
 - Cargo
 - Year to Date – Up 4.0%
- Landside Project Updates
 - Passenger Boarding Bridges Project
 - Phase A through Phase B, 10 bridges will immediately start after Phase A
 - Targeting completion year-end '2025. With the completion of A7.
 - Cell Phone Lot Relocation – The new location will be on Sunport Loop adjacent to the Sheraton Hotel.
 - Targeting completion is scheduled to open for February 2025

- Monument Signage – Sunport Blvd., I-25/Yale Blvd / Girard.
 - Under construction
- Sunport Blvd. Pavement
 - .90% design in progress. The target to start the project is April 2025
- Centralized Baggage System - \$40 Million Project
 - Contract finalized for signatures with Jacobs.
- Old Terminal Exterior Renovation – Underway
 - completion targeted for February 2025
- Concessions Storage Support Expansion \$2M
 - Construction underway
- Overflow Parking Lot
 - Will be placing out for bid.

5. Department Updates

- Brian Boyd reports on air traffic and Sunport updates.
 - Total operations at DEII for December was 4519, which is below 3.5%. Year rolling average for the month. DEII Operations is at 55857, 2% below the 5-year rolling average.
 - DEII GA Terminal Design underway
 - DEII Tower Upgrades awarded
 - DEII TWY A Upgrades out for Construction RFB
 - Tenant Meeting on January 25th at 10:30am
 - Total Operations at Sunport for November was 11450, which is 2.1% below the 5-year rolling average for the month
 - Year to Date, Operations are at 146027, 11% above the 5-year rolling average.
 - ABQ Sunport Runway 8/26 Lighting Project is on track. Phase 2 starts 2nd week of February.
 - Runway 3/211 Lighting Project will start at the end of June 2025.
 - Planning continues for KAFB Airshow May 30th - June 1, 2025.

- Gary Gilliard, Deputy Director, provides an update.
 - The new Food Hall has been officially open since December 16, 2024 with New Restaurants that include New Mexico Fiesta Bar, Dunkin Donuts, Flavor of New Mexico, and Rush of Prana Teller Bar.
 - Indian Pueblo Kitchen and Cheese & Coffee restaurants opening in Winter/Spring 2025.
 - The observation deck is under construction; more details will be provided later.
 - Gary introduced a new partnership with Parks and Rec called “Sunport Gardens.” Parks and Sunport have teamed up to create an urban landscape with indigenous and succulent plants displayed throughout the airport.
 - Cavalcade of wings will be completed by the end of January.
- Dan reviewed Air Service. The number of seats is down 4% from last year. More flights and one additional destination. Passenger traffic has decreased from the previous year. Enplanements and Deplanements are up 0.4% year to date over last year. Southwest Airlines service to Nashville is currently for sale and commences April 8. United Airlines announced that the second Chicago flight was loaded and for purchase through August. Delta airline schedule shows the addition of a 4th daily to Salt Lake. The focus for 2025 is restoring frequencies in their mid-continent hubs. American Airlines had another successful Snowball Express flight from ABQ last month. Sun Country Airlines has announced a return to ABQ in the summer of 2025 for seasonal service. Alaska has completed the acquisition of Hawaiian Airlines. JetBlue seasonal service ended last month and will resume in Spring 2025. Advance Airline will have seasonal service to Angel Fire flights shown for sale through August.
- Fred DeGuio has reported on air service updates for the past 6 months. (Please see attachment)

6. Subcommittee Updates

- George Slad spoke about the flight tour he took with Richard and Manny on October 25th; he took a flight from Cutler Aviation and flew to Socorro’s and Grant’s GA terminals. The flight aimed to check out other GA Terminals public services such as 24/7 public restrooms and hangar spaces.

7. Old Business

- Aviation Advisory Board additions or changes to Aviation Advisory Board Subcommittee Chairs or project volunteering.

8. New Business

- None.

9. Board Input:

- Fred DeGuio, Member, asked when the Black Mesa Coffee shop will reopen. Gary Gillard stated it would be closed for 2 weeks for repairs.
- Anthony Gallegos asked for any updates to the Old Terminal Renovation project and possibly applied for a grant from the State to help pay for renovation due to the Old Terminal being a historic building. Richard McCurley, Director, stated that the building is structurally sound, ensuring the business can operate as usual until construction is complete. Anthony asked the Sunport Team about possibly applying for a grant from the state to help pay for renovation due to the Old Terminal being a historic building. Director McCurley stated it's past the deadline for this year but will look into funding for the following year.
- Joseph Grasso asked for updates and if he would be a part of that decision-making. Richard McCurley, Director, stated once they get into the concept of decision-making, they will be sure to include the subcommittees.
- Dayan Hochman Vigil asked about possible legislation the city wants to bring regarding the Liquor Control Act and redesign. What is its status? Gary Gillard stated the city had hired an attorney specializing in licensing and some personal processing. More updates to come.
- Joseph Grasso asked Dan Jiron if there was any service to Minneapolis. Dan stated that we currently do not, but we are trying to reestablish service as we speak.

- Anthony Gallegos, Chair and Board members, went over 2024 Subcommittee Platforms / Projects and would like the Subcommittees to chat and inform Sunport Executive staff about all projects they are working on.

10. Next Meeting Date: Thursday, March 20, 2025, at ABQ Sunport Aviation Large Conference Room

11. Adjourn at 10:08 a.m.