



Airport Advisory Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Location: Aviation Department Conference Room, 3rd Floor,
Administrative Offices

Date: July 17, 2025

Attendees

Board Members

Marc Limmany, Chair
(Zoom)
Nalleli Reyes Garcia, Vice
Chair
Fred DeGuio
Dayan Hochman Vigil
(absent)
George Slad
Jon Word (Zoom)

Aviation Department

Gary Gilliard
Brian Boyd
Yvette Garcia
Matthew Montoya
Jonathan Small
Jeanette Whittaker
Manny Manriquez
John Stephens

Other

Tim Gorman
Matt Olguin (Cutter Aviation)
Scott Sikel
Josh Omandam (Atlantic)
Commander Donovan Rivera

Minutes

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
Chair Limmany called the meeting to Order at 9:03 a.m. He then determined that a quorum was present.
2. Approval of Agenda or Changes/Additions
Chair Limmany requested a motion to approve the agenda for the July 17, 2025, meeting. Member Word moved, and Member DeGuio seconded. The motion passed
3. Approval of Minutes
Chair Limmany requested a motion to approve the minutes from the April 17, 2025, meeting. Member DeGuio moved, and Vice-Chairman Reyes Garcia seconded. The motion passed.
4. Director's Report
 - Announcements

- Sunport was ranked by the Washington Post as the 7th best airport among 350 others.
 - For May, Kirtland Air Force hosts the 2025 Airshow. Over 42,000 attended the show. A huge turnout.
 - FAA approved Sunport for two more electric vehicles.
- Sunport Revenue – Year-to-date comparison of FY25 to FY24 for the February reporting period.
- Concessions Program
 - Retail
 - Year to Date – Down -34.2%
 - Food & Beverages
 - Year to Date – Down -5.6 %
- Other Non-Aeronautical
 - On-Airport Parking
 - Year to Date – Up 2%
 - Off-Airport Parking
 - Year to Date – Up 6.9%
 - Rental Car
 - Year to Date – Up 2%
 - Rideshare
 - Year to Date – Up 2.3%
- Landside Project Updates
 - Passenger Boarding Bridges Project
 - Phase B, B3 is still in progress. B4 and B6 bridges are complete.
 - Cell Phone Lot Relocation – The new location will be on Sunport Loop, adjacent to the Sheraton Hotel.
 - In the final stages of fiber and electrical service.
 - Monument Signage – Sunport Blvd., I-25/Yale Blvd / Girard.
 - 90% complete.
 - Sunport Blvd. Pavement
 - 100% drawings to submit to permitting.
 - Centralized Baggage System - \$55 Million Project
 - Concept recommended submitted to TSA for the east and west facilities
 - CMAR RFP posted with proposal conference.
 - Old Terminal Exterior Renovation – Underway
 - Repainting, Stucco work, window glazing, vigas replacement, and sidewalk/entrance walkway work.

- The portal walkway change order is being processed to replace the portal.
- Concessions Storage Support Expansion \$2M
- Construction is underway, and the completion timeline is mid-June.

5. Department Updates

- **Brian Boyd, Deputy Director of Airfield Operations**, reports on air traffic and Sunport updates.
 - Total operations at DEII for May were 4700, below 4.2% of the 5-year rolling average for the month.
 - DEII Operations is 21072, 6.5x% below the 5-year rolling average.
 - DEII GA Terminal Design underway
 - DEII Tower Upgrades will start May 26th.
 - DEII TWY A Upgrades start 1st week of August
 - Run the Runway has been postponed till Sept. 6th.
 - TWY B Seal and Edge drains complete.
 - Total Operations at Sunport for May were 13819, which is 16.9% above the 5-year rolling average for the month.
 - Year to Date, Operations are at 60917, 8.1% above the 5-year rolling average.
 - ABQ Sunport Runway 8/26 Lighting Project has been completed. Runway Closed Daily through July 25th.
 - Runway 3/21 Lighting Project will start in August.
 - KAFB Airshow was a success- 42000 visitors during 2 days.
- **Manny Manriquez, Deputy Director of Innovation & Commercial Development**,
 - Updates on DEII Mesa Film Studios are still ongoing. The appellants who opposed the EPC decision approving the site plan filed an appeal in the district court regarding the city's process and zoning of the property. More details will be provided at the next meeting.
 - In progress is the GA Terminal design process at DEII, as well as a siding study of the helicopter campus to deconflict rotorcraft aircraft operations, where we have two hangar developments happening.

- The DEII Master Plan update: we have had several stakeholder meetings and are reaching out to several tribal outreach groups.
- Sunport/ DEII purchased 138 acres north of the Sam's building and north of the runway 1735.
- **Jonathan Small, Customer Experience Manager,**
- The Albuquerque Journal published a special insert on Dream of Flight on June 15, 2025. If you'd like to pick up a copy, we now have distribution racks in the Great Hall and Food Hall.
- Advertising operator RFP is now closed and in the evaluation process, and we hope they will take over in February.
- The Sunport is partnering up with Visit Albuquerque to do a signage campaign in our jet bridges to promote Albuquerque's local neighborhoods.
- Jonathan is working with a local digital Art Company to develop content for a new open embedded LED glass wall in the exit corridor
- **Gary Gilliard, Deputy Director of Landside,** provides an update on the Concession Program opening Timelines and performance measurements.
- The new Food Hall with New Restaurants has been open since December 16, 2024. We aim to have all restaurants open by the Balloon Fiesta. New Mexico Pinon Coffee and Indian Pueblo Kitchen will open in August.
- Ascend ABQ Retail Kiosks will arrive on July 4, 2025, and hopefully open by Labor Day. Business Shower will be held at the Old Terminal Building on Tuesday, August 29th, for tenants who have completed training and been selected to participate in the Ascend program. Please RSVP by Tuesday.
- **Dan Jiron, Development Manager,** who reviewed Air Service. The number of seats is up 7.5% from last year. 8.8% increase in flights and two additional destinations. Passenger traffic has continued to grow year over year. Enplanements and Deplanements are down 2.2% year to date compared to the same period last year. Southwest Airlines' inaugural service at BNA was a success. Curbside check-in contractor is now in place. No more free bags after May 28th. Assigned seating is coming sometime next year. United Airlines ' Washington Dulles service begins May 22, 2025.

Delta Air Lines' MSP pausing two months earlier (Nov vs Jan). Announced two new destinations for the balloon fiesta, DET and SEA. American Airlines' New station manager in ABQ, Hayden Nedd. Announced two new destinations for the balloon fiesta, CLT and PHL. Spirit's schedule currently shows twice-weekly service (Th and Sun) through the summer. The load factor has much improved with the change. Sun Country Airlines has a seasonal service to MSP that resumed on June 20, 2025. Marketing campaign underway. Alaska Airlines is expanding its international footprint after the Hawaiian merger. JetBlue has resumed seasonal service on April 30, 2025. Seems to be performing well. The Advanced Air EAS contract with Carlsbad is ending. Awarded to Contour Airlines.

- Dan provided some air service news: FAA Air Traffic Controller staffing shortages: FAA is experiencing a critical shortage of certified air traffic controllers and is operating below 85%.
- Member DeGuio has reported on air service updates for Fall 2025. (Please see attachment.)

6. Subcommittee Updates

- Chair Limmany provided an updated spreadsheet of the subcommittee to the Board and the current projects.
- Last meeting held was April 17th, discussion entail:
 - Flight training availability at DEII and Sunport is an attraction for other providers.
 - To schedule a flight to visit other GA airports. Member Jon volunteered.

7. Old Business

- a. None.

8. New Business

None.

9. Board Input:

- Member DeGuio gave a big shout-out to the Sunport team for being ranked #7 in all airports.
- Member Word asked Dan about JSK about possibly servicing some flights from their hub. Dan responds that he spoke with them about bringing in more flights during the balloon fiesta

- Member Word would like FBOs from Cutter Aviation about the fueling and new hangars. Matt Olguin from Cutter responded and was waiting on contractors to install the gas tanks. He will provide more information at the next meeting.

10. Next Meeting Date: Thursday, August 21, 2025, at ABQ Sunport Aviation Large Conference Room

11. Chair Limmany requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Word moved, and Member DeGuio seconded. The motion passed
Meeting Adjourned at 9:57 a.m.