



## Airport Advisory Board Meeting

### Meeting Minutes

**Location:** Aviation Department Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor,  
Administrative Offices

**Date:** August 21, 2025

**Time:** 9:00 am – 10:00 am

### Attendees

#### Board Members

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

#### Aviation Department

Richard McCurley  
Gary Gilliard  
Brian Boyd  
Yvette Garcia  
Matthew Montoya  
Jonathan Small  
Jeanette Whittaker  
Manny Manriquez  
John Stephens  
Randi Guthrie  
David Galdony  
Hartwell Briggs

#### Other

Tim Gorman  
Matt Olguin (Cutter Aviation)  
Josh Omandam (Atlantic)  
Commander Donovan Rivera  
Anthony Gallegos  
Steven Marruffo

### Minutes

1. Call to Order/Roll Call  
Chair Limmany called the meeting to Order at 9:10 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 August 21, 2025, meeting. Member DeGuio moved, and Member Slad seconded. The motion passed
3. Approval of Minutes  
Chair Limmany requested a motion to approve the minutes from the July 17, 2025, meeting. Member DeGuio moved, and Member Slad seconded. The motion passed.
4. Director's Report
  - Announcements

- Pinon Coffee opened on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, and Indian Pueblo Kitchen opens August 29<sup>th</sup>.
- The Ascend inaugural class celebration was held on July 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Aviation participated in the National Night Out on August 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Team participated in the Runway Safety Action Team (RSAT) on August 11<sup>th</sup>
- Team attended the Zia Pueblo Feast Day on August 15<sup>th</sup> as a part of our outreach to continue strengthening our relationships.
- Sunport Revenue – Year-to-date comparison of FY25 to FY24 for the June reporting period.
- Concessions Program
  - Retail
    - Year to Date – Down -30.9%
  - Food & Beverages
    - Year to Date – Down -3.3 %
- Other Non-Aeronautical
  - On-Airport Parking
    - Year to Date – Up 3%
  - Off-Airport Parking
    - Year to Date – Up 3.0%
  - Rental Car
    - Year to Date – down -1% %
  - Rideshare
    - Year to Date – Up 16%
- Landside Project Updates
  - Cell Phone Lot Relocation – The new location will be on Sunport Loop, adjacent to the Sheraton Hotel.
    - In the final stages for a target date of September 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Monument Signage – Sunport Blvd., I-25/Yale Blvd / Girard.
    - Complete and now live.
  - Sunport Blvd. Pavement
    - Open for bids on August 19<sup>th</sup>.
  - Centralized Baggage System - \$55 Million Project
    - Concept recommended submitted to TSA for the east and west facilities
    - CMAR RFP posted with proposal conference held on May 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - 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 has been completed, and tenants have moved in.
  - Sunports' outdoor Observation Deck is in progress.

## 5. Department Updates

- **Brian Boyd, Deputy Director of Airfield Operations**, reports on air traffic and Sunport updates.
  - Total operations at DEII for June were 4667, 8% below the 5-year rolling average for the month.
  - DEII Operations is 25739, 6.8% below the 5-year rolling average.
  - DEII GA Terminal Design underway
  - DEII Tower Upgrades will start May 26<sup>th</sup>.
  - DEII TWY A Upgrades has been postponed- awaiting lights.
  - Run the Runway has been postponed till Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - NOTAM and Chart Supplements added- Vertical Lift Aircraft over 20,000lbs no Hover Taxi or run up in Non-Movement Areas.
  - Table Top Exercise scheduled Wed. Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9 am.
  - Total Operations at Sunport for June were 14579, which is 19.9% above the 5-year rolling average for the month.
  - Year to Date, Operations are at 75469, 10% above the 5-year rolling average.
  - ABQ Sunport Runway 3/21 Lighting Project has been delayed. Awaiting delivery of lights.
  - Runway 3/21 will become Runway 4/22 when reopened.
  - Active Shooter Tabletop Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 am.
- **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.

- The DEII Master Plan update: Currently, we are in the Tribal engagement phase process, and we have had several stakeholder meetings and are reaching out to several tribal outreach groups. The Sunport team attended the Zia Pueblo Feast Day on Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. Anyone and everyone is welcome to participate in Feast days; they open their arms to everyone.
- Dream of Flight updates: The Observation Deck is heading into design due to the new scope of work, which will push the project out to the end of late 2026 or early 2027.
- Sunport/ RFI Master Developer has been mentioned in previous meetings, but to give a current update: the team is looking at the bids and proposals, getting an idea, and getting together a strategy for the subsequent phases. More details to come.
- Please join us at the 2025 State of the City celebration on Saturday, August 23, 2025, at the ABQ BioPark Botanic Garden.

- **Jonathan Small, Customer Experience Manager,**
- New content on the T-Connector wall is now displaying some digital art from local artists. The Display of digital Art will be live on Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- 8 new display cases have been installed at the baggage claim area. The university will display various academic and/or admissions enrollment accolades. Mid-September cases will be loaded.

- **Gary Gilliard, Deputy Director of Landside,** provides an update on the Concession Program opening Timelines and performance measurements.
- Ascend ABQ Retail Kiosks, Nob Hill Express, and Globo Mercado Express are now open as of Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Indian Pueblo Kitchen is set to open on August 26<sup>th</sup>. Burque Brew is set to open before Balloon Fiesta.
- Gary gave thanks to the downtown Permitting department for a fast turnaround with all permits.
- The Team is set to open all 9 Ascend units on September 19<sup>th</sup>, and the grand opening ceremony will be on Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Invites will be sent by email for you all to attend.

- **Dan Jiron, Associate Director of Strategic Planning,** provides updates on Air Service. The

number of seats is up 0.3% from last year. 2.4% increase in flights and three additional destinations. Passenger traffic has continued to grow year over year. Enplanements and Deplanements are down 2.1% year to date compared to the same period last year. Southwest Airlines' complete exit of Kansas City and Long Beach as of March 2026. Indefinite pause of Nashville as of March 2026. Increase of one to LAX and Houston as of March 2026. Spirit Airlines has serious concerns regarding the airline's survival. It could go out of business within 12 months. Sun Country Airlines is done with its seasonal service, but will return for Balloon Fiesta.

- Member DeGuio has reported on air service updates for Fall 2025. (Please see attachment.)

6. Subcommittee Updates

- No updates.

7. Old Business

- a. No updates.

8. New Business

- a. No updates.

9. Board Input:

- Member Slad asked when Runway 3/21 is up for maintenance. Will Runway 3/21 be closed? Brian stated, "Yes, six to eight months."
- Member Slad asked when the last time the Runway numbers were changed? Brian stated It's been about 30 years.

10. Next Meeting Date: Thursday, September 18, 2025, at  
ABQ Sunport Aviation Large Conference Room

11. Chair Limmany requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Deguio moved, and Member Slad seconded. The motion passed  
Meeting Adjourned at 9:58 a.m.