



Airport Advisory Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes

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

Date: October 16, 2025

Time: 9:00 am – 10:00 am

Attendees

Board Members

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

Aviation Department

Manny Manriquez
Brian Boyd
Yvette Garcia
Matthew Montoya
Jeanette Whittaker
John Stephens
Randi Guthrie
Myrna Marquez
Dan Jiron
Lisa Abeyta

Other

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

Minutes

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
Chair Limmany called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. He then confirmed that a quorum was present.
2. Approval of Agenda or Amendments/Additions
Chair Limmany requested a motion to approve the agenda for the October 16, 2025, meeting. Member DeGuio moved, and Member Word seconded. The motion passed.
3. Approval of Minutes
Chair Limmany requested a motion to approve the minutes from the August 21, 2025, meeting. Member Word moved, and Member DeGuio seconded. The motion passed.
4. Director's Report
 - Announcements

- The pavement project on Sunport Blvd. began on October 13, 2025.
- A government shutdown has been declared. Sunport has not observed any notable call-outs from the FAA or TSA at this time.
- Balloon Fiesta was a great success. Numbers from the third to the thirteenth at Sunport exceeded 150,000 passengers.
- John Stephens has been promoted to Aviation's Revenue & Finance Officer. He has been with the department for 7½ years.
- Roman Montoya has recently been hired as Aviation Training Administrator.
- One Albuquerque Fall Clean-Up took place on Wednesday, October 1 and 2. The cleanup focused on the entranceways to the Sunport, with all city departments collectively collecting several tons of garbage.
- Manny provided a short background & Leadership approach on who he is:
 - Manny was born in Santa Cruz, CA- raised in Oakland, CA & Albuquerque, NM
 - BA in Political Science & Asian Studies (UC Berkeley); MA in National Security Studies (Georgetown University)
 - Trained in Bok Fu/Kenpo Karate – Discipline & kaizen
 - Student of Zen Buddhism, the Tao Te Ching, and the South Valley way.

5. Department Updates

- **Brian Boyd, Deputy Director of Airfield Operations**, reports on air traffic and Sunport updates.
- Total operations at DEII for August were 4490, 2.1% below the 5-year rolling average for the month.
- DEII Operations is 34944, 8.2% below the 5-year rolling average.
- DEII GA Terminal Design underway

- DEII Tower Upgrades will start May 26th.
- DEII TWY A Upgrades start at the end of October.
- New ramp markings on the south ramp
- Total Operations at Sunport for August were 13544, which is 6.4% above the 5-year rolling average for the month.
- Year to Date, Operations are at 103468, 10.9% above the 5-year rolling average.
- ABQ Sunport Runway 3/21 Lighting Project to start at the end of October.
- Runway 3/21 will become Runway 4/22 when reopened.
- Balloon Fiesta is down roughly 1% from 2024.

- **Gary Gilliard, Deputy Director of Landside,** and Dan Jiron provide an update on Gary's behalf.
- Dream of Flight Concessions Program Map was shared with a total of 31 Units, with 17 of them completed. Little over 55% for all units.
- All nine Ascend Retail shops are now open, and they are all local small businesses, making it the largest in the country.
- Arriving in October, Retail shops Nob Hill, Roadrunner Express, and Globo Mercado.
- Upcoming openings in November/December: Specialty Retail Shops and Restaurants.
- Introducing the Sunport FlySide Pass, a one-day pass to access the gate departure area of the Sunport. Targeting launch late November/December 2025.

- **Dan Jiron, Associate Director of Strategic Planning,** provides updates on Air Service. The number of seats has decreased by 5% from last year. There has been a 2.4% increase in flights, accompanied by the addition of new destinations, including three previously unserved markets. Passenger traffic continues to grow year over year. Enplanements and deplanements are up 3.1% year-to-date compared to the same period last year. Southwest Airlines will completely exit Kansas City and Long Beach by March 2026. Nashville will be on an indefinite pause starting March 2026 (now returning June 4). There will be an increase of one to LAX and Houston as of March 2026. Spirit Airlines ceased operations at ABQ on October 2, 2025. Sun Country Airlines has discontinued its seasonal service and Balloon Fiesta service. Two members of the network team visited the Sunport

for Fiesta. It is unlikely they will return seasonally next summer.

- Member DeGuio has reported on air service updates for Fall/ Winter 2025. (Please see attachment.)
- **Lisa Abeyta, Associate Deputy Director of Innovation and Strategic Development**, provided updates on three key projects: Rail Spur Easement Acquisition has been finalized at a cost of \$500,000 for the Sunport. This will support economic development efforts and generate additional sustainable revenue for the Sunport. BNSF Multimodal Planning is in progress. The Sunport team toured two existing multimodal facilities in San Antonio, Texas, and Huntsville, Alabama, to gain insights from those teams. Post-RFI engagement is underway with two qualified respondents, AFCO and AZO Fund. The team is in the early stages of discussions.

6. Subcommittee Updates

- No updates.

7. Old Business

- a. No updates.

8. New Business

- a. New to the Advisory Board Sara R. Collins and Daniel R. Wald
- b. Board to vote to hold a meeting on December 18, 2025.

9. Board Input:

The chair asked about the TSA call-outs. Brian stated that they don't see any more call-outs than on a regular workday. The chair also asked about communications through the Tower. Brian said they will share information to a limited extent.

Member Wald asked Manny to explain his interim role and the city's process for filling the position permanently. The Acting Director stated he has been appointed as Acting Director, effective October 4th, 2025. The job for a permanent director is posted on the city's website. Manny cannot predict the outcome but hopes to remain as the director of aviation.

Member Hochman Vigil suggested including a question on the survey about how many people had a good impression of Sunport and intended to return and catch a flight out of there.

How are we promoting the FlySide Pass? How does the public learn about events at the Sunport? Will there be limits on the number of passes issued? Manny has stated there is no limit to the number of passes at this time, and when we launch, the team and he will have a clearer idea of the process and what works.

10. Next Meeting Date: Thursday, December 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. The motion passed
Meeting Adjourned at 10:19 a.m.