

**LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE (LAXAAC)**

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 08, 2022 VIRTUAL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting began at approximately 4:06 p.m. by John Wahlert. A Quorum was not reached.

1. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

A. ROLL-CALL (IN ATTENDANCE):

- John Wahlert, Chair (Culver City);
- Luciano Nocera, Vice Chair (Culver City);
- William Cumming (Marina del Rey);
- Carl Jacobson (El Segundo);
- Henry Brown (Inglewood);
- Sergio Paz (Lennox)

B. ROLL-CALL (ABSENT):

- Guido Fernandez (Hawthorne) – Excused Absence
- Kevin Klowden (Culver City) – Excused Absence
- Danna Cope (Westchester/Playa del Rey)
- Lance Giroux (El Segundo)
- Jim Withrow (Inglewood)
- Corrie Zupo (El Segundo)

C. LAWA STAFF:

- Amy Imamura
- Darcy Driscoll
- Diana Sanchez

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from previous meetings of June 9, 2022 and July 14, 2022 were not approved due to lack of a Quorum.

4. OFFICER’S REPORT – JOHN WAHLERT, LAXAAC CHAIR

Chairperson Wahlert inquired about whether public meetings can begin taking place in-person. Amy Imamura, LAWA Community Relations, confirmed that public meetings can transition to in-person meetings since the Board of Airport Commissioners have begun meeting in-person. Wahlert stated that he believes attendance at LAXAAC meetings would be helped by meeting in-person instead of virtual. He also said that holding meetings at 7 p.m. might prove more convenient than meeting at 4 p.m. Wahlert requested that Darcy Driscoll work to arrange the next LAXAAC meeting in October to be held in-person. She confirmed accordingly.

5. MANAGEMENT REPORT – DARCY DRISCOLL, LAX COMMUNITY RELATIONS

The following updates were announced:

Flight Destinations and Traffic

- Delta announced nonstop from LAX to Tahiti International Airport
- Cayman Airways, a new airline to LAX and the national carrier of the Cayman Islands, is beginning nonstop flights between LAX and Grand Cayman this fall
- American Airlines added nonstop flights to Haneda Airport in Tokyo to its fall schedule
- Norse Atlantic Airways celebrated the Scandinavian airline's inaugural flight from LAX to Oslo, Norway. The new nonstop route will operate three flights weekly between LAX and Oslo in an environmentally friendly, two-cabin class (economy and premium) Boeing 787 Dreamliner aircraft
- Norse will add additional service three times per week to Berlin, Germany, starting Aug. 18

Van Nuys Airport Opened Newly Reconstructed Runway

- VNY Airport reopened the newly reconstructed Runway 16L/34R, completing part of a \$13.1 million project
- The six-month project included rebuilding the runways base of 100% recyclable materials and installing 167 new LED lights
- The ceremonial first flight included a VNY-based Hot Shot Aviation flight school pilot using a 1979 Cessna 152 aircraft

Bob Hope USO Celebrates Four Years at LAX

- July 27 marked four years of serving the troops at the flagship Bob Hope USO at the LAX Theme Building
- Four years ago, the center moved from trailers in an airport parking lot to a beautiful, 7,100-square-foot facility on the ground floor of the iconic Theme Building
- Since its grand opening in 2018, the Bob Hope USO at LAX has served 236,846 service members and their families

LAX Economy Parking Wins Design-Build Achievement Award

- The LAX Economy Parking facility has won a National Award of Merit from the Design-Build Institute of America (DBIA)
- It is a sustainable facility, in alignment with LAWA's Sustainability Action Plan, "Boldly Moving to Zero"
- The building incorporates infrastructure for nearly 1,600 parking stalls to have EV charging capabilities in the future

LAWA Security Badging Office Nearing Completion

- With more than 48,000 badged employees, a new badging office enhances the way LAWA employees are credentialed and onboarded
- It will be located on the ground floor of the LAX Economy Parking facility

LAX Becomes Second U.S. Airport to Launch Drone Detection

- LAX TSA was selected as the second US airport to test technology designed to detect, track, and identify unmanned aircraft systems (drones)

Girl Scout's Heart of the Valley Service Unit Visits Van Nuys Airport (VNY)

- VNY Public and CR Staff welcomed 21 Girl Scouts for a behind-the-scenes tour
- This included VNY's sustainability efforts, air rescue, and emergency management operations

Labor Day Passenger Traffic

- Very successful Labor Day holiday weekend at LAX, with passenger traffic reaching our projections for a busy last surge in summer travel.
- LAX had 467,253 departing passengers over the holiday period, which is about 79% compared with Labor Day weekend in 2019.
- Thursday, September 1 was LAX's busiest day of the five-day travel period, nearly reaching 103,000 departing guests at the security screening areas.

LAWA Airport Police Facility Wins Award

- LAWA CEO Justin Erbacci announced that the beautiful new Airport Police Facility has been awarded the coveted Regional Award in the annual Design-Build Awards from the Design-Build Institute of America – Western Pacific Region. This is a prestigious award from a national organization, recognizing the incredible work that went into designing and building the most modern airport police facility in the nation.

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

No Quorum in place for actionable items.

7. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS

Wahlert confirmed that there are four created subcommittees within the LAXAAC:

- 1) Environmental Issues
- 2) Transportation Issues
- 3) Health and Safety Rules, and
- 4) LAX Master Plan and Expansion

8. NEW BUSINESS

Chairperson Wahlert indicated that he would like to send out an email to assess the level of interest from the current LAXAAC members relative to remaining on the Committee. He also stated that there needs to be a more active push to fill existing vacancies.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 13, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. (in-person)

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:43 p.m.