

**LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (LAX)  
AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AAC)**

**Discussion notes -- Thursday, January 11, 2024**

at LAX BOAC Board Room, Clifton A. Moore Administration Building  
1 World Way, Los Angeles, CA 90045

\* Note: this event did not have a quorum; the City Attorney designated such events as “discussions,” not “Meetings” and the record of them as “notes,” not “Minutes.”

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Chair Luciano Nocera.

**1. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS**

Roll call was taken. Six Committee Members were present and introduced themselves: Angie Reyes English (new Member from Hawthorne); Guido Fernandez (Hawthorne); Luciano Nocera, (new) Chair (Culver City); Sergio Paz (Lennox); and Jim Withrow (Inglewood). Katrina Manning (new Member from Hawthorne) arrived later. Absent: Jorge Alvarez (Culver City) (unexcused); Henry Brown (Inglewood) (unexcused); Dana Cope (Westchester/Playa del Rey) (unexcused); William Cumming (Marina Del Rey) (excused); Lance Giroux (El Segundo) (unexcused); Carl Jacobson (El Segundo) (unexcused); Kevin Klowden (Culver City) (excused); and John Wahlert, (Culver City) (excused). Per the LAX AAC Bylaws, seven Members representing the majority of the communities shall constitute a quorum, therefore, no quorum was present.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no comments at this time.

**3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

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There was no quorum, so no Motion was made, or vote taken to approve the Minutes. Ms. Carcel explained that previous and future approved written meeting records are, if there was/is no quorum, “discussion notes”; when there was/is a quorum, the records are “meeting Minutes.”

**4. OFFICER’S REPORT** – LUCIANO NOCERA, CHAIR

Mr. Nocera updated about Mr. Wahlert’s potential appointment through L.A. County Supervisor Holly Mitchell. Mr. Nocera will reach out to newly appointed member Jorge Alvarez of Culver City (not present at this meeting) regarding attendance. BOAC [Board of Airport Commissioners; <https://www.lawa.org/en/lawa-governance/lawa-view-boac-meetings>] will advise Mr. Nocera of their upcoming meeting schedule.

*Committee Member Katrina Manning arrived at this time (7:19), making six Committee Members present, one short of the quorum of seven.*

**5. LAWA REPORT – NICOLE CARCEL, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS**  
Nicole Carcel, LAWA Director of Community Relations, [424-646-8102, [NCarcel@LAWA.org](mailto:NCarcel@LAWA.org)] gave the following report:

**MSC South Construction Underway**

Construction is now underway for the Midfield Satellite Concourse (MSC) South at LAX, with the assembly of structure framework at the project's site located south of Westchester Pkwy. Work will occur during weekdays from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., with the exception of holidays. To ensure minimal community disruption, the following impact mitigation measures will be in place throughout the project's construction:

- Use of watering trucks and street sweepers to reduce dust;
- Adherence to Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and Erosion Control Plan;
- Noise monitoring and adherence to noise ordinance guidelines;
- Traffic control measures to safely direct drivers and minimize traffic disruptions during occasional truck entry and exit; travelers shall obey all flaggers and posted signage.

With the placement of MSC South's final construction beam next week, construction on the project's core and shell will proceed, with significant project completion planned for 2025.

**Santa Flies in to Visit Communities at LAX and VNY**

On December 9th, LAX and VNY hosted community Santa Fly-In events that were a great success — each attracting over 500 enthusiastic attendees of all ages for a day filled with celebrations, entertainment and giving back to the community. The events were made possible by partnerships with the Westchester Family YMCA and the Mid Valley Family YMCA and helped support the organizations' annual holiday toy drives. Families enjoyed up-close views of different aircraft and participated in ornament decorating activities, before waiting for Santa to greet them on the ground. Santa made a thrilling entrance by landing directly on the airfield, then read Clement Clarke Moore's "Twas the Night Before Christmas" to the crowd of excited guests.

**Los Angeles City Council Confirms New CEO of LAWA**

On December 12th, on the one-year anniversary of Mayor Karen Bass's first day in office, the City Council unanimously confirmed her appointment of John Ackerman as the next CEO of LAWA. Mr. Ackerman's official start date as the head of LAWA will be Feb. 5, 2024. The LAWA team is excited by Mr. Ackerman's appointment and looks forward to welcoming him to Los Angeles and continuing to deliver world-class airports under his leadership.

Ackerman brings decades of experience in the aviation industry. He previously held senior executive roles with Dallas Fort Worth International Airport (DFW) and Denver International Airport (DEN). He is currently serving as Executive Vice President of

Global Strategy and Development for DFW, where he expanded the airport's global footprint by driving the first-ever cargo strategy, a multi-year program focused on Asia-Latin America trade flows, among other accomplishments. Prior to his time at DFW, Ackerman served as the Chief Commercial Officer at DEN, where he led teams that transformed the customer experience at every touchpoint. He is also a trained pilot and veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces.

### **Winter Holiday Travel Wrap Up**

January 3rd marked the end of the busy Winter Holiday travel period at LAX, with over 4.3 million passengers coming through the airport since December 14, 2023. Airport parking facilities kept up — maintaining good occupancy rates throughout the travel period — with Budget Parking at maximum capacity for three consecutive days from December 24th to December 26th, and Economy Parking completely full on December 25th and 26th. And other than a few rainy days in Los Angeles, overall weather was good locally and across the county, resulting in minimal delays and flight cancellations.

### **Construction Advisory**

To facilitate roadway work for the Consolidated Rent-A-Car (ConRAC) facility, a 24/7 full closure of Arbor Vitae St. between Bellanca Ave. and Aviation Blvd. will remain in place through Monday, February 5, 2024. Flaggers and detour signage will be in place to assist with the maintenance of traffic, including access to local businesses. Please plan ahead and always observe posted signage, remain alert and use caution when traveling near construction areas.”

Ms. Carcel answered questions regarding parking at budget and economy lots. She noted that there are approximately 4,400 economy lot parking spaces, with 300 EV (electric vehicle) spaces at a maximum cost per space of \$35 per 24-hour time period. The economy lot has a shuttle bus every 15-20 minutes to and from the central terminal area, and an APM (Automated People Mover) station. The newer budget lot has 2,600 spaces at a maximum cost per space of \$20 per 24-hour time period.

Trey Grogan, LAX Airport Liaison for L.A. City District 11 Councilmember Traci Park (310-568-8772; [Trey.Grogan@LACity.org](mailto:Trey.Grogan@LACity.org)); described his background and introduced himself. Ms. Carcel explained Mr. Grogan's role.

Ms. Carcel spoke about LAX operations. Ms. Carcel presented, since there were new Committee Members, the same presentation she previously had given.

## **6. LAX AAC SUBCOMMITTEE PANEL REPORTS**

- Discussion and Possible Action

There were no reports, and no Motion was made or vote taken.

## **7. MEMBERSHIP**

- 2024 Recruitment Plan Update

Recruitment work was noted, including with Supervisor Mitchell's Office. The Committee's role "as advisor to BOAC" was explained.

- Discussion and Possible Action  
No Motion was made or vote taken.

## **8. MOTION TO ADJURN**

The discussion ended at 8:22 p.m