

**Airport Advisory Commission
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 20, 2022
3:30 PM**

Alamo Area Council of Governments, Large Conference Room

Members Present

Ron Bright
Jeff Fair
Mark Fessler, Chairman
Pat Garrison

John Grisell
Marsha Hendler, Secretary
Earl Jackson, Jr., Vice Chairman

Deborah Omowale Jarmon

Jeremy Roberts
Amy Shaw

Members Absent

Marco Barros
Charnelle Chin
Frank Cruz
Roger Dillard

Mayra Levy
Rami Motawea
Ed Onwe

Aurelina Prado

Diane Rath

Staff Present

Nicole Fowles, Board Liaison
Katinka Howell, Assistant City Attorney
Steven Southers, Sustainability Manager
Josh Heiss, Noise Abatement and
Sustainability Officer

Visitors

Robert Moncada, South Central/El Paso Texas
Deputy Regional Director for Senator John
Cornyn
Shari Biediger, Development Beat Reporter,
San Antonio Report

Call to Order / Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Mark Fessler, Chairman at 3:58 p.m. The roll call was taken by the Board Liaison. A quorum of 10 was present.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion: Commissioner Marsha Hendler moved to approve the meeting minutes from the meeting held on August 16, 2022. Commissioner Amy Shaw seconded the motion. Motion Passed unanimously by those present.

Items for Briefing and Possible Action:

2. Noise Program Overview at the San Antonio International Airport

Public Comments:

There were no public comments on this item.

Discussion and Motion: Noise Abatement and Sustainability Officer Josh Heiss briefed the Airport Advisory Commission on the recently completed Residential Acoustical Treatment Program (RATP); updates to the Noise Exposure Maps, and the upcoming Performance-Based Navigation Program (PBN) at the San Antonio International Airport. The commission members asked questions about how the process is handled at San Antonio International

Airport and Stinson Municipal Airport. Mr. Heiss spoke of the different approaches for noise at both airports including how airport staff worked with other City Departments to ensure that zoning or land use that were incompatible to airports were not approved. He also noted that he handles noise calls for both airports. Commissioner Amy Shaw asked how weather incidents were handled in the update in the Noise Exposure Maps (NEMs). Mr. Heiss explained that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requires the NEMs to be developed using modeling data. As part of this modeling, weather information is inputted including cold fronts and southwest winds in spring and summer. Commissioner Ron Bright asked why military base information was not included in the NEM update. Mr. Heiss noted that the military bases perform their own noise studies. Commissioner Jeff Fair added that the military bases are responsible for questions on flights and noise around their bases. Mr. Heiss added that the military will refer commercial aircraft questions to him and he will send military aircraft to them. Mr. Bright also asked how the construction of extended runways [which are in the Strategic Development Plan] will impact noise. Mr. Heiss noted that the FAA requires an environmental impact study before any major runway/taxiway extension project. He also noted the forecast work performed by the Strategic Development Program consultant did not indicate noise impacts with the increased air service as most airlines are using larger planes with more seat capacity. Mr. Commissioner Mark Fessler asked about the response time to constituents asking noise questions which Mr. Heiss said was within 48 hours. Mr. Fessler asked how residents responded to the answers and Mr. Heiss shared that the responses can range, but most were appreciative of the data provided. Other questions from commissioners included specific incidents, the anticipated impact of the implementation of PBN and how larger aircraft may impact residents.

Vote: This item was for briefing purposes only and no action was taken by the Commission.

3. Commission Member Announcements

Public Comments:

There were no public comments on this item.

Discussion and Motion: Commissioner Jeff Fair invited Airport Advisory Commission members to join the San Antonio Chamber's Aerospace Committee meeting on October 13 at 3 p.m. at Stinson Municipal Airport which will include a briefing on the airport layout plan, which is being updated, and a tour of Stinson. Commissioner Deborah Omowale Jarmon shared that the San Antonio African American Community Archive and Museum

Adjournment

This meeting was adjourned on 4:55 p.m.