



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: Transportation and Mobility Committee Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Office of the City Clerk

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Debbie Racca-Sittre

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Consideration of At-Large Applicants to the Airport Advisory Commission (11 Seats) [Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk]

SUMMARY:

The Transportation and Mobility Committee will review and recommend applicants for 11 available seats to the Airport Advisory Commission (AAC). The Airport Advisory Commission (AAC) is comprised of 19 members appointed by City Council At-Large for staggered two-year terms. Currently, there are 18 members on the Commission, one vacant position, and 10 positions whose terms expired on March 18, 2023.

The action by the Transportation and Mobility Committee will consider all 10 positions whose terms expired on March 18, 2023 and one vacant Business Community position with a term expiration date of March 18, 2024.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The purpose of the AAC is to advise the Aviation Director on matters affecting the San Antonio Airport System and air transportation initiatives. The AAC membership includes representatives from the following categories:

- One Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG) Representative
- One Airport Business - Lessee
- Two Aviation Industry representatives
- Three Business Community Representatives
 - o 2 expiring in March 2023 (a 2-year term)
 - o 1 expiring in March 2024 (a 1-year term)
- Three Community Representatives
- One Travel and Tourism Industry Representative

The City issued an initial press release for openings for the AAC on January 23, 2023 followed by another one on February 2, 2023 and both were advertised on the City's website, the Airport and City's social media sites, and TVSA. The Office of the City Clerk continuously accepts applications for the AAC.

The City received a total of 33 applications for the 11 available seats and an Ad Hoc Committee was formed to recommend a shortlist of qualified applicants to be interviewed by the Transportation and Mobility Committee at its meeting scheduled for May 16, 2023. The Ad Hoc Committee was comprised of 2 appointed members of the Transportation and Mobility Committee and consisted of Councilmember Cabello Havrda, Chair, and Councilmember Jalen McKee-Rodriguez. The Ad Hoc Committee provided a shortlist recommendation of 17 candidates on May 10, 2023.

ISSUE:

AAC appointments require full City Council approval. The Transportation and Mobility Council Committee members will consider and recommend the following appointments and reappointments as follows:

AACOG – 1 position:

- Diane Rath

Airport Business Lessee – 1 position:

- Mark Provost

Aviation Industry – 2 positions:

- Marc Miller
- Vacant

Business Community – 3 positions:

- Ron Bright
- Marsha Hendler
- Juan Carlos Merlo
- Joshua Nash

- Charles Nuttall
- Srinivas Pulapaka
- Jeremy Roberts
- MaryAnne Schweers
- Roland Vasquez
- Melissa Williams

Community – 3 positions:

- Jennifer Haigh
- Juan Carlos Merlo
- Rami Motawea
- Jeremy Roberts
- James Velesky

Travel & Tourism Industry – 1 position:

- Marco Barros

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Committee can reject all or some of the applicants. If applicants are rejected, this would require the application process to start now.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Transportation and Mobility Council Committee's recommendations for the At-Large appointments to the Airport Advisory Commission will be forwarded to the full City Council for consideration at the June 1, 2023 A Session.