



Airport Advisory Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Location: Aviation Department Conference Room 3rd Floor

Administrative offices

Date: September 19, 2024

Attendees

Board Members

Anthony Gallegos, Chair
Marc Limmany, Vice Chair
Joseph Grasso
Nalleli Reyes Garcia
(absent)
Fred DeGuio
Dayan Hochman Vigil
(absent)
George Slad
Jon Word
Mary Weinburg (remote)

Aviation Department

Richard McCurley
Brian Boyd
Gary Gilliard
Manny Manriquez
Myrna Marquez
Daniel Jiron
Yvette Garcia
Leah Black
Jonathan Small
David Galdony
Joshua Castellano-
Gonzalez
Hartwell Briggs
(remote)
Tracy Perea

Other

Commander, Rivera(remote)
Steven Marruffo, Atlantic
(remote)
Matt Olguin, Cutler Aviation
Scott Sikel, HDR(remote)
Tim Gorman(remote)

Minutes

1. Call to Order/Roll Call – Anthony Gallegos, Chair
Meeting Called to Order at 9:00 a.m.
Chair determined a quorum was present.
2. Changes/Additions to Agenda.
Approval of the September 19, 2024 Meeting Agenda.
3. Chair Gallegos asked for a motion to approve the August 15, 2024 meeting minutes. Member DeGuio moved and Member Grasso seconded.
4. Director's Report

- Sunport announced on September 3rd, they hosted Congressman Gabe Vasquez with State and County representatives on a tour of DEII airport and a discussion on our developments.
- On September 12th, in continuing our DEI training, the Sunport team was provided Indigenous peoples training as it relates to the Pueblo tribes, Navajo nation, and other tribes.
- On September 17th, we sponsored the Taste of the Sunport. The event was a success by Fresquez and Tailwind to showcase the future offering that will be provided to the travelling public.
- Sunport Revenue year to date comparison of FY25 to FY24 for July.
 - On-site Airport Parking is up 18.1%.
Off-site Airport parking is up 12.4%.
Rideshare is up 17.1% as well as cargo is up 28.0%
 - Retail is down -39% with closures due to the construction. Food and Beverage is up 6.18%
- Landside Projects
 - Director McCurley provided updates to the following projects. Passenger Boarding Bridges, Cell Phone Lot Relocation, Monument sign project, Parking Garage Lighting, Old Terminal renovations, Sunport Pavement Rehab, Rideshare Lot buildout, Sunport ADA Improvement project, Service Animal Relief Area, Centralized Baggage Inspection System, Concessions Storage Inspection System and the Overflow Parking Lot.

5. Department Updates

- Gary Gilliard gave a brief update on the Concessions Program Milestones, highlighting new concession opening timelines over the next 12 months. The grand opening of New Mexico Fiesta Bar end of September. Black Mesa will open the beginning of October located in the Great Hall.

- Sunport will have 5 new restaurants opening around mid-November, with a grand opening event to follow in early December.
- Taste of Sunport – The airport will host a reception titled “Taste of Sunport” showcasing 15 new restaurants/bars at the Old Terminal, on the date of Tuesday, September 17, 2024 from 4p-7p. The Advisory Board will receive invitations soon.
- Ascend ABQ Program was updated, announcing that the new RMU Mgr. is now on board, with interviews planned for some 50 applicants this fall. The new program is scheduled to start in January 2025, with training program for 9 concessionaires. The grand opening of the new program is targeted for March or April 2025.
- Ascend Advisory Board is in recruitment, targeting a final group of 10 board members, who will hold the first board meeting on October 2, 2024.
- Brian Boyd reports on air traffic. Total operations at DEII for July was 4589, which is above .10%. Year to date, DEII Operations is at 38191, which is up 4%
- Runway at DEII 17/35 is now open.
- DEII Table Top Exercise was a success.
- Total Sunport operations for July was 13,543, which is up by 12%. Year to date, Sunport Operations are at 92289, which is up by 14.1%.
- Runway 8/26 at Sunport lighting project has started with install of RGLs. Runway will be closed after Balloon Fiesta.
- Planning continues for KAFB Airshow May 30th - June 1, 2025
- Manny Manriquez provided a brief update on Mesa Film Studios: City Council has approved of \$6 million in LEDA Funds on September 16th.

- Dream of Flight and Cavalcade of Wings move has been scheduled for September 27th.
- Manny stated the Request for Information (RFI) Master Plan is underway. Mid-October we are looking to release the RFI to the developer communities for feedback.
- Jonathan Smalls announced a hot air balloon will be present in the Great Hall during Balloon Fiesta. Also, the Sunport Serenade performances scheduled from the Thursday before Balloon Fiesta and everyday of the Fiesta. Live demonstration from a local Tin Artist who makes Christmas ornaments to give away. Jonathan passed out a map that shows all Restaurants/Bars that will be present in the new Food Court.
- Daniel Jiron gave a brief update. Flights are at average, destinations down due to one less destination, and traffic trends up. Enplanements and Deplanements are up. American Airline has added 2 flights to Austin and Delta is adding JFK flights. ABQ's October seat capacity trends Record year with 11,698 for 2024 the highest its ever seen. Dan has continued dialogue with Mexican and Domestic carriers on Mexico service. Fred DeGuio reports that Alaska and Hawaiian Airlines they will be merging however they will be operating separately. JetBlue is going into hibernation towards the end of October and returning in May. Spirit will add the most service during Balloon Fiesta.
- Tracy Perea, Strategic Program Administer. Tracy meet with Kelsey Molo who is UNM's Employer Outreach Manager. They discussed looking into an Intern through UNM possibly Mid-January is when Aviation looks to bringing an Intern on. More details to come. Tracy also works with the City of Albuquerque on the Mayors' select Intern program.
- Marc Limmany provided an update on the GA Subcommittee meeting held from August. Discussions on FBO's. The Group has meet with Cutter and Atlantic about providing information about Visit Albuquerque for welcoming visitors passing through. Had several discussions on Hangers at DEII. The group expressed needs and wants for items at the GA Terminals for example a

24-hour restroom. Also looking into the ramp conditions over at DEII.

- Leah Black invited the Advisory Board to attend DEII Land of Enchantment Fly In. Event is Saturday, September 21st starts 8:00am.
- Leah was asked to take part in a local show call “Absolutely Albuquerque” Amanda Machon, meets with different quest on each episode who shows of their favorite spots in Albuquerque. [Watch Absolutely Albuquerque on the Very Local app](#)

6. Old Business

- a. None

7. New Business

- a. Aviation Advisory Board additions or changes to Aviation Advisory Board Subcommittee Chairs or project volunteering.
- b. Airport update on est. project starts for planning Aviation Advisory participation.

8. Board Input:

- Member Joe Grasso would like a diagram that shows the location of all the restaurants/bars that are set to be in the Food Hall.
- Anthony Gallegos, Chair called on Manny if any feedback was provided from the folks that attended the Taste of Sunport. Manny stated the department received an overwhelming positive response.
- Member, George Slad asked if we had further information regarding the ratio between nationwide chains that populate airport restaurants verse local chains or restaurants. Manny stated the Sunport has much of a higher local brand chain and is well over 50%. Richard also stated the team can take a look in Airport Minority Advisory Council (AMAC) to see into further survey or reports.

- Anthony Gallegos, Chair has asked Manny if the Board is available to review the RFI Master Plan. Manny stated yes.
- Member, George Slad asked if Boutique has pulled out of the market? Dan stated yes, they have and Advance Airlines picked up their routes.
- Dan Jiron added Advanced Airlines has no potential money to add flights to Roswell at this time.
- Fred DeGuio would love to see flight to Roswell and Farmington eventually. Dan will look into other options.

9. Next Meeting Date: Thursday, October 17, 2024 at ABQ Sunport Aviation Large Conference Room

10. Adjourn at 10:08 a.m.