



**COLORADO SPRINGS
AIRPORT**

Colorado's small airport

**MINUTES
Airport Advisory Commission
Wednesday, June 28, 2023
3:00PM – 5:00PM
Colorado Springs Airport Conference Room B
(Public Via Teleconference)
Teams Meeting**

VOTING

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Bill Nichols – Interim Chairman
David L. Couch – Commissioner
Al Peterson – Commissioner
Mark Volcheff – Commissioner
Danny Mientka – Commissioner
Michelle Ruehl – Commissioner (via TEAMS)
John Buckley – Commissioner (via TEAMS, late)

VOTING

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

NON-VOTING

MEMBERS PRESENT:

George Mentz – Alternate Commissioner (via TEAMS)
Randy Helms – City Council Representative (via TEAMS)
Dave Elliot – Meadow Lake Airport Liaison
County Commissioner Stan VanderWerf – Liaison
Commissioner

NON-VOTING

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Brian Risley – City Council Representative
County Commissioner Longinos Gonzalez, Jr. – Liaison
Commissioner (via TEAMS)

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Greg Phillips – Director of Aviation
Michael Gendill – Senior Attorney
Jennifer Cook – Executive Assistant
Joe Nevill – Air Service Development Manager
Dana Jackson – Airport Properties Manager
Deanna Stoddard – Design and Construction Manager
Chris Padilla – Senior Airport Planner
Jeremy Owings – Airport Operations Manager
Ivette Rentas – Airport Customer Relations Coordinator

GUESTS PRESENT:

Jessica Van Dyne, Gazette (via TEAMS)
Other attendees via phone were unknown

I. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 3:00PM JUNE 28, 2023, by INTERIM CHAIRMAN NICHOLS**

II. **APPROVAL OF THE MAY 24, 2023 MEETING MINUTES**

Commissioner Couch made a motion to approve the May 24, 2023 meeting minutes. Commissioner Volcheff seconded.

Discussion: None

VOTE: **APPROVED (Unanimous, Roll Call Passes 5 Yes)**

III. **COMMUNICATIONS**

- **None**

IV. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- **None**

V. **NEW BUSINESS AND REPORT ITEMS**

A. **Land Use Review – Chris Padilla**

Chris Padilla presented eight (8) Land Use Items.

Commissioner Couch made a motion to recommend approval of Land Use Items #1, #3, #4, #5, #6, #7, #8, and #9 as presented by airport staff. Commissioner Volcheff seconded.

Discussion: None

VOTE: **APPROVED (Unanimous, Roll Call Passes 5 Yes)**

B. **Director’s Airport Business Report**

- **Project Status Report**
 - Airport/Airfield construction report presented by Deanna Stoddard.
 - Airport Master Plan – ALP and Exhibit A are being circulated for signature.
 - Taxiway Bravo Rehabilitation Schedule II Construction – FAA AIP/Discretionary grant received and executed.
 - Taxiway Alpha Realignment – 100% design received. Construction postponed until 2025.
 - Concourse Modernization – Permit set for first construction package submitted to PPRBD. GMP for Package A received and is under negotiation.

- RAC Parking Lot Rehab Design – Executing GMP; NTP will be issued shortly. Kickoff meeting June 29, 2023.
- Inline Baggage System – TSA OTA received; OTA and Task Order executed. Kickoff meeting scheduled for later in June.
- **Traffic Trend Report**
 - The airline data analysis was presented by Joe Nevill.
 - Colorado Springs Airport (COS) welcomed a total 190,233 travelers through the airport last month.
 - In the month of May, COS enplaned 94,906 passengers, which is a decrease of 2.8 percent from the same time last year.
 - Average passenger load factor at COS was 84.5 percent, 3.8 percentage points higher year-over-year.
 - Year-to-date, load factor has averaged 78.6 percent, while summer load factors are expected to exceed 80 percent.
 - Effective July 11, Southwest Airlines will begin service to Long Beach (LGB).
 - Transportation Security Administration (TSA) throughputs were up 15 percent year over year.
- **COS Financial Report**
 - COS financial report presented by Greg Phillips.
- **Airport Business Development Report**
 - Airport business development report presented by Dana Jackson.

C. **General Business** – Director Greg Phillips

- Air Service at COS is shaping up to be a great month and summer.
- COS has signed an agreement with Turo; carsharing company.
- Food and beverage concessionaire contract signed with SSP begins July 4, 2023.
- The National AAIE conference was held in Denver the beginning of June 2023. Director Phillips was elected as National Chair of the Industrial Aviation Military Relations Committee
- COS hosted the statewide Colorado Airport Operators Association (CAOA) conference June 21st through the 23rd. This conference saw record setting numbers in sponsorship and attendees from all over Colorado.
- Jeremy Owings spoke to C-band 5G and airline radar altimeters.

D. **Chairman’s Report** – Interim Chairman Nichols

- None

VI. **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Washington Update – Commissioner Ruehl
 - None

VII. COMMISSION MEMBERS' COMMENTS

- Councilmember Helms spoke to City Council approving the lowering CSU utilities, Stephannie Fortune's passing, and Land Use items coming in front of City Council.
- County Commissioner VanderWerf spoke to El Paso County's emergency declaration, county redistricting, August 5th Angel Flight Fly-in, and the passing of Randy Stratton.
- Dave Elliot, Meadow Lake Airport Liaison, updated the Commission on the various projects and activities at Meadow Lake Airport (FLY).

VIII. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

- Interim Chairman Nichols mentioned that we are looking for candidates for the open seats on the commission.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- Interim Chairman Nichols adjourned the meeting at 4:28 PM.

The next meeting date is Wednesday, July 26, 2023