



**COLORADO SPRINGS  
AIRPORT**

Colorado's small airport

**MINUTES  
Airport Advisory Commission  
Wednesday, June 22, 2022  
3:00PM – 5:00PM  
Colorado Springs Airport Conference Room B  
(Public Via Teleconference)  
Teams Meeting**

**VOTING**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Bill Nichols – Interim Chairman  
Mark Volcheff – Commissioner  
Al Peterson – Commissioner  
Danny Mientka – Commissioner  
Dr. Brian Erling – Commissioner (via TEAMS)  
Michelle Ruehl – Commissioner (via TEAMS)  
David L. Couch – Commissioner (via TEAMS)

**VOTING**

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:**

**NON-VOTING**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Randy Helms – City Council Representative  
Wayne Williams – City Council Representative (via  
TEAMS)  
County Commissioner Stan VanderWerf – Liaison  
Commissioner  
County Commissioner Longinos Gonzalez, Jr. – Liaison  
Commissioner (via TEAMS)

**NON-VOTING**

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Dave Elliot – Meadow Lake Airport Liaison

**CITY STAFF PRESENT:**

Greg Phillips – Director of Aviation  
Michael Gendill – Senior Attorney  
Jennifer Cook – Executive Assistant  
Troy Stover – Assistant Director of Aviation  
Deanna Stoddard – Design and Construction Manager  
Jeremy Owings – Operations Manager  
Kristine Andrews – Environmental Health & Safety  
Specialist  
Chris Padilla – Senior Analyst

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Bob Sedlacek – Paradies  
Jessica Snouwaert – The Gazette  
Dave Ulane, CDOT Aeronautics Director  
Hilary Fletcher – Aviation (via TEAMS)  
Tony Davis – Aviation (via TEAMS)  
Jesse Erickson – Aviation (via TEAMS)  
Elliot Sulsky – Aviation (via TEAMS)  
Other attendees via phone were unknown

I. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 3:00PM JUNE 22, 2022, by INTERIM CHAIRMAN NICHOLS**

II. **APPROVAL OF THE MAY 25, 2022 MEETING MINUTES**

Commissioner Volcheff made a motion to approve the May 25, 2022 meeting minutes. Commissioner Peterson seconded.

Discussion: None

VOTE: **APPROVED (Unanimous, Roll Call Passes 7 Yes).**

III. **COMMUNICATIONS**

- Interim Chairman Nichols shared with the Commission the Colorado Springs Airport's (COS) 2021 Annual report as prepared by the airport's marketing team.
- Interim Chairman Nichols shared Director Phillips article write-up and cover page photography in the North magazine.
- "2022 Colorado Aviation Professional of the Year" Award presentation by David Ulane, CDOT Aeronautics Director; recipient Troy Stover

IV. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- None

V. **NEW BUSINESS AND REPORT ITEMS**

A. **Land Use Review** – Kris Andrews

Kris Andrews presented sixteen (16) Land Use Items.

Commissioner Volcheff made a motion to recommend approval of Land Use Items #1 through #16 as presented by airport staff. Commissioner Mientka seconded.

Discussion: Interim Chairman Nichols asked that Kris Andrews provide to the Commission clarification of the term Minor (Amendment) used in the project description of Land Use Item #8.

VOTE: **APPROVED (Unanimous, Roll Call Passes 7 Yes)**

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

- **Project Status Report**
  - Airport/Airfield construction report presented by Deanna Stoddard.
  - Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup> was the start of ninety days of construction on the Taxiway Bravo rehabilitation project.

- Master Plan is in the final rounds of airport review and public outreach scheduled for June, with the anticipation of an Airport Layout Plan (ALP) submittal to the FAA in July.
- The TSA queue area remodel to begin in early July 2022, with a completion date in October 2022.

- **Master Plan**

- Tony Davis, Planning Project Manager with Aviation, provided an update of the Colorado Springs Airport (COS) Master Plan to the Airport Advisory Commission.
- Public and user group meetings will be held virtually on Wednesday, June 29, 2022. Meeting links listed on [www.coloradospringsairportmasterplan.com](http://www.coloradospringsairportmasterplan.com)

- **Traffic Trend Report**

- The airline data analysis was presented by Joe Nevill.
- Colorado Springs Airport (COS) had 97,656 enplanements for the month of May 2022, 17.7 percent from the same time last year.
- May load factors averaged at 80.6 percent, which is 13.3 percent higher than last May's average load factor.
- Southwest Airlines will begin seasonal nonstop service to Houston Hobby (HOU), San Antonio (SAT) and San Diego (SAN) from COS for select dates.
- Delta Airlines has canceled direct flights to Atlanta, that were to begin in August, due to pilot shortage.

- **COS Financial Report**

- COS financial report presented by Chris Padilla.

- **Airport Business Development Report**

- Airport business development report presented by Troy Stover.
- Negotiations and discussions of project growth continue throughout the Corporate and General Aviation development and Peak Innovation Park.

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

- Marriott Residence Inn had their groundbreaking in Peak Innovation Park on Wednesday, June 22, 2022.
- Copies of the COS 2021 Annual report were provided to the Commission.
- Concourse modernization grant request was submitted to the FAA, projects will commence as monies permit.
- Hudson Group was selected as the new COS retail concessionaire. They will begin their service at the airport September 1, 2022.

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

- None

**VI. OTHER BUSINESS**

- Washington Update – Commissioner Ruehl
  - None

**VII. COMMISSION MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

- City Councilmember Randy Helms inquired to the possibility of a USO lounge at COS.

**VIII. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

- None

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

- Interim Chairman Nichols adjourned the meeting at 5:23 P.M.

**The next meeting date is Wednesday, July 27, 2022**