

# Aspen/Pitkin County Airport Advisory Board

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Date: February 20, 2025

Time: 3PM – 5PM

Location: 1001 Owl Creek Rd – Airport Operations Center

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87932066115?pwd=oakgJcPRsjwKAGCuKC0wmgxmnj2wzo.1>

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### **Agenda Items**

- Call Meeting to Order
- Roll Call
- Public Comments (3 minutes per speaker, unless otherwise advised by the Chair for non-agenda items)
- Approval of Meeting Minutes
- Board Comments
  - Staffing Changes
  - ASE Noise Program Email (attached)
- Priority Item(s)
  - FAA Tour – Dan
  - Subcommittee Formation Process – Rich
    - Flight Op's Safety Taskforce
- Old Business
  - Environmental Assessment Update – Jacobsen/Daniels
  - SAF Feasibility Study Update – Rich
  - Wind Study Update – Dan
  - Airport Parking Management Update – Dan
- New Business
  - RFQ Status Update Runway – Dan
  - RFQ Status Update Terminal – Rich
  - Update on RAISE Grant - Rich
- Standing Items
  - Subcommittee Updates (as needed)
    - Noise Program Update – Valerie and Bruce
    - Terminal - Meg
  - Communications Team Update (as needed) - Mavis
  - Commercial Passenger Update – Bill Tomcich

- FBO Update – Jonathan Jones
- Public Comment (3 minutes per speaker on agenda topics)
- Board Follow-up Comments
- Adjourn



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## ASE Noise Program

1 message

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Mon, Jan 20, 2025 at 8:52 AM

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Dear Colleagues,

Here you will find an article about the discussion of our noise program at our recent meeting. [https://www.aspendailynews.com/news/data-being-collected-for-ase-noise-study/article\\_bbb1287e-d70f-11ef-8015-735c14a3f4cf.html](https://www.aspendailynews.com/news/data-being-collected-for-ase-noise-study/article_bbb1287e-d70f-11ef-8015-735c14a3f4cf.html)

I would like to suggest that we agendaize for discussion how the AAB and Pitkin County can best, i.e., most effectively, engage with the aviation community on actually doing something to reduce aviation noise associated with our airport in addition to collecting noise data through the "Fly with Integrity" program. "Shaming" I believe would be a counter-productive mistake, and instead of antagonizing our potential aviation partners we should engage with them in a spirit of cooperation.

We should be thinking about positive, not negative, forms of voluntary incentivization. And we should educate ourselves about noise abatement programs that the aviation community already has in place.

NBAA has had a noise abatement program since 1967.

<https://nbaa.org/aircraft-operations/environmental-sustainability/noise-abatement-program/>.

AOPA has several initiatives on noise abatement. E.g.,

<https://www.aopa.org/news-and-media/all-news/2000/august/flight-training-magazine/flying-quiet>; <https://www.aopa.org/-/media/Files/AOPA/Home/Advocacy/AOPANoiseSteps.pdf>.

SkyWest "actively participates in noise abatement air traffic procedures across the country." <https://inc.skywest.com/assets/2024-ESGReport-FINAL-DIGITAL.pdf>.

And at home, Atlantic Aviation has already undertaken noise abatement steps on its own initiative. <https://www.atlanticaviation.com/news/atlantic-aviation->

[goes-all-in-on-electric-at-aspen-pitkin-county-airport/](#).

It is my personal opinion that without such a discussion, our noise program runs the risk of being a white elephant. If ASE has no recommended noise abatement procedures endorsed by the aviation community, then there is no reasonable prospect of making any progress towards the aspirational Common Ground Goal of 30% noise reduction. And all the data in the world, no matter how skillfully collected and analyzed, isn't going to change that. Whether we start looking at positive, voluntary noise abatement incentives and procedures now, or wait for three years while the county's consultants do their work, is something that I believe merits more than a brief discussion sandwiched into an overpacked monthly meeting agenda, and the sooner the better.

Respectfully,

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