

# Aspen/Pitkin County Airport Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes January 16, 2025

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- Call Meeting to Order: 3:00PM
- Roll Call:  
In Person: Jacque Francis, Meg Haynes, Valerie Braun, Auden Schendler, Bruce Gordon, Howie Mallory, Mike Solondz, Barry Vaughan, Andrew Doremus, Clint Kinney  
Virtual: Catherine Christoff  
Absent:
- Public Comment (1:26):  
-(1:40) Brandon Gonzales lives at the North Forty and he spoke about jet exhaust in his neighborhood and APU's running for long periods of time. He hopes that all of this will be addressed through lease negotiations and the modernization project. Several Board members made follow up comments and asked that the conversation be placed on a future agenda.  
-(7:23) Ellen Anderson spoke about her presentation to the Board of Public Health asking them to get involved with monitoring air quality at the airport. She also talked about the jet blast towards Buttermilk and getting a report on the Nano particles that as she has been asking for it since 2018.
- Approval of the Meeting Minutes (9:37):  
**Meg made a motion to approve the minutes as is, Mike was the second. Jacque abstained as she was absent.**
- Board Comments (9:56):  
-(10:00) Valerie stated that she had not received the information she requested on Curfew Violations and that the Board need sot come up with a protocol that they can handle and report out. Dan said he would speak to Ry the following day.  
-(11:47) Howie asked who replaced John Bauer at the FAA. Dan let him know that it is Jesse Lyman and he is very familiar with our airport and we have a great relationship with him. Howie then commented on the North Forty complaints and that it should be addressed in the lease and Atlantic should take the appropriate corrective action. (13:28) Dan responded to his statement.  
-(14:49) Barry spoke about his experience in Santa Monica with airplane idling issues.  
-(16:10) Dan added that there is also an educational program requirement in the lease for both noise and emissions.  
-(16:30) Jonathan Jones added that Atlantic had already purchased and began using electrified GPUs in 2024.  
-(17:11) Mike asks if it is already in the lease why can't they come up with a recommendation today that says APUs will be restricted to 30 minutes or GPUs will be used

on the airfield. (17:38) Dan responded that it is supposed to come in through the Emissions Program and the Fly with Integrity Program and how we would manage it.

-(17:52) Clint said that it had to be an agenized item for the Board to act on it

-(18:25) Andrew commented on the APUs from the pilot/crews perspective. Also, he asked that the Board be kept up to date on Atlantic's progress on electrification and the different phases.

-(19:56) Andrew adds a philosophical comment about emissions

**-(20:41) Rich gives a summary of the meeting that happened the day before –**

**Airport Project Planning Meeting (with slides)** Board questions and comments follow

- Priority Item(s):
  - **(34:34) Fly with Integrity Update (Noise Component) – Mead & Hunt**  
Presentation/Slides. Board questions/comments follow (48:44)
  - **Airport Modernization Update**
    - (56:16) Supplemental EA – Dan
    - (58:23) RAISE Grant – Rich
    - (1:03:39) Runway Design RFQ – Dan
    - (1:04:28) Terminal Design RFQ – Dan
  - **Other Airport Updates – Dan**
    - (1:05:07) Closure Update
    - (1:05:29) E175 Parking
    - (1:07:20) Airport Parking Update
    - (1:11:32) Airport Ops Tracking Application
- Old Business
  - **(1:16:00) SAF Feasibility Study Update – Rich**
  - **(1:17:34) Wind Study Update – Rich**
  - **(1:18:31) DC Visit Update – Dan**
- New Business
  - **Holiday Update – Dan**
    - (1:25:22) Aircraft Prioritization Discussion  
Jacque ask Dan to do an op-ed or an ongoing conversation about this in the media.  
Barry asks if this information can be put on the website.
- Standing Items:
  - Subcommittee Updates (as needed)
    - (1:43:43) Noise Subcommittee – Valerie gave a quick update and asked about the status of the Safety Task Force
    - (1:46:17) Safety Task Force – Barry responds to Valerie's question about the status of STF.
  - Communications Team Update (as needed) – none
  - (1:49:56) Commercial Passenger Update – Bill Tomcich
- Public Comment: none
- Board Follow Up Comments: none
- Adjourn (1:54:06)