

Aspen/Pitkin County Airport Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes September 18, 2025

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- Call Meeting to Order: 3:00PM
- Roll Call:
In Person: Meg Haynes, Andrew Doremus, Bruce Gordon, Howie Mallory, Mike Solondz, Jim Light, Ann Mullins, Evan Marks, Clint Kinney
Virtual: Catherine Christoff
Absent: Jacque Francis
- Public Comment:
-(2:07) Ellen Anderson stated her belief that the airport should release information to the public when there is an incident no matter the circumstances.
-(4:09) Toni Kronberg spoke about Highway 82 between Brush Creek and downtown Aspen and the preferred alternative. She handed out a document regarding a gondola aerial system.
- Approval of the Meeting Minutes (6:07):
Mike Solondz made a motion to approve the August Minutes as is, Jim Light was the second. Approved.
- Board Comments:
-(6:46) Andrew Doremus brought up the need for each member to respond in a voting situation so that there is an accurate record. Daine mentioned the handout that staff put together with accurate member/voting information.
-(7:42) Howie Mallory voiced his opinion about modernization information being accessible on the website. (Could not hear all as his mic was not on) He added that he thinks it is appropriate to let the community know what is happening at the airport. Daine responded that there is a delicate balance of how much information to give. She added that we could report back on what staff decides – papers, press release, social media?
-(10:04) Howie adds that he would like to thank Valerie Braun for service on the Board.
-(11:20) Bruce added that the community gets texts about road closures so he feels they should send out texts about airport closures.
-(12:33) Meg mentioned that the EA was passed which frees the airport up for more FAA grants. (12:57) Diane spoke a little further about what this approval means for the airport.
- Priority Item(s):
 - (13:57) **Resignation Valerie Braun** – Meg and Ryan
 - (15:59) **Terminal / Runway Management Team Introductions and Project Update** – Brad Jacobsen
Board Questions Follow
 - (31:32) **Terminal and Multimodal Task Force Update**
 - **Outreach and Communications** – Miles
 - **(42:08) Multimodal Study Discussion** – Brad

- (42:29) **Transportation Coalition Presentation** – George Newman
(50:59) Board Discussion/Questions
 - (1:05:25) **Airport Bonding Discussion** – Ryan
(Zoom technical issue during this discussion until 1:08:47)
Board Discussion /Questions follow
- Old Business:
 - (1:18:15) **Safety Task Force Update** – Diane
 - (19:15:55) **Local Pilot Lease Update** – Daine
(Sound lost during this as Jonathan has no mic)
- New Business:
 - (1:22:34) **Airport Closure 2026** – Daine
 - (1:24:26) **Targeted Dates for 2027 Closure** – Diane
Board Discussion/Questions Follow
- Standing Items:
 - (1:46:20) **FBO Update** – Jonathan Jones
SAF Fuel Update
 - Subcommittee Updates (as needed)
 - Emissions, Noise, Wind
 - Terminal – none
 - Communications Team Update (as needed) – none
 - (1:39:12) **Commercial Passenger Update** – Bill Tomcich
Board Discussion/Questions follow
- Public Comment:
 - (1:47:10) Toni Kronberg commented on George Newman’s presentation about getting 5 thousand cars off the road and what that would entail.
 - (1:50:40) Ellen Anderson spoke about the history and relevance of the E175 replacing the CRJ and whether we would have had a Vision Process and reconfiguration of the airfield had we known that it would happen. Several Board members respond to her statement.
- Board Follow Up Comments:
 - (1:53:18) Mike Solondz asks if Bruce will be picking up the Chair position of the Noise Committee since Valerie resigned. It was decided to put this on the next agenda.
- Adjourn (1:54:59)