

# Aspen/Pitkin County Airport Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes April 16, 2026

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- Call Meeting to Order: 3:00PM
- Roll Call:  
In Person: Meg Haynes, Mike Solondz, Howie Mallory, Ann Mullins  
Virtual: Bruce Gordon, Evan Marks  
Absent: Jacque Francis, Jim Light, Andrew Doremus, Lara Whitley, Gloria Kaasch-Buerger, Clint Kinney
- Public Comment:  
-(4:14) Ellen Anderson spoke about a statement that was made at the P & Z Meeting on 4/14 that she characterized as misinformation. She made a second comment about the ASE Vision Process and its voting members.
- Approval of the Meeting Minutes (7:20):  
**Howie Mallory made a motion to approve the March meeting minutes with an addition, and Mike Solondz was the second. Approved.** (Howie asked that the names of the members of the Pilot Safety Committee be added to the March Meeting Minutes. This was completed.)
- Board Comments:  
-(8:40) Howie asks what it would take to add Nano Particle testing to the testing already being conducted by Mead & Hunt. He requested that the Board be briefed on this sooner rather than later. He also asks about SAF fuel and how it performs in reference to the emissions standards. Diane said she would have Mead & Hunt add that to their presentation.
- Priority Item(s):
  - **Program Updates**
    - (11:08) Location and Extents Update – G.R.
    - (12:58) Terminal / Comms Update – Melissa
    - (17:36) Transition from Schematic Design to Design Development – Joe & Ryan.  
Board questions follow.
    - (26:04) Runway Update / CMAR Introductions – Joe G.R. & Kiewit  
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- Old Business:
  - (31:54) **Airport Advisory Board Role** – Ryan  
(37:36) Board questions and discussion follows. Ann requested a quarterly presentation of the budget at a high level – maybe the dashboard goes into the packet quarterly
- New Business:
  - (55:30) **Triennial Presentation** – Andrew & Perrin

- Standing Items:
  - (1:16:41) **FBO Update** – Jonathan Jones
  - (1:20:42) **Staff Update** – Diane & Nora
  - (1:22:00) **Communications Team Update** – Kelsey
  - (1:26:09) **Commercial Passenger Update** – Bill Tomcich
- Public Comment:
  - (1:38:33) Ellen Anderson first complimented ARFF and Operations Staff. She also stated that the reports from Bill are the minority because most flights at ASE are private. Next Ellen touched on the roles and responsibilities of the AAB and being a public servant. Ellen distributed a document illustrating what Aspen Fly Right is measuring at ASE.
  - (1:42:14) Toni Kronberg first asked about the construction workers and where they would be housed. Next, she asked Captain Treat if mutual aid partners included Flight for Life as well as Mountain Rescue. The third question was whether the AAB reviewed the application for the L & E and she added her thoughts on the P & Z Committee.
- Board Follow Up Comments:
  - (1:45:29) Howie asks if staff can respond to Toni's question about separating out the runway from the terminal and the FBO. Ryan responds explaining the process and a short discussion follows.
  - (1:47:28) Bruce complimented the airport staff on the handling of the DAV group.
  - (1:48:11) Ann asks Joe for a discussion at a future meeting about traffic mitigation for all the equipment and subcontractors. She is also curious if community businesses will be involved in the runway project. Joe gives a quick response that this is all just getting started but more to come.
- Adjourn (1:51:06)