

# Aspen/Pitkin County Airport Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes May 21, 2026

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- Call Meeting to Order: 3:00PM
- Roll Call:  
In Person: Jacque Francis, Meg Haynes, Bruce Gordon, Mike Solondz, Howie Mallory, Jim Light, Andrew Doremus, Clint Kinney  
Virtual: Ann Mullins, Lara Whitley, Evan Marks, Gloria Kaasch-Buerger  
Absent:
- Public Comment:  
-(3:41) Ellen Anderson shared a graph with data on Aspen Fly Rights April and May testing of UFPs and gave details of that information.
- Approval of the Meeting Minutes (6:32):  
**Andrew Doremus made a motion to approve the April meeting minutes, and Bruce Gordon was the second. Approved.**
- Board Comments:  
-(6:55) Jacque stated that the Board does have a plan for UFPs and it will be discussed in the future. Board discussion follows on this topic. Jacque agrees to do more research on it and give the Board a report.  
-(9:21) Jacque stated that she got an email from someone about future electric aviation and she would like to put this on a future agenda with experts in attendance.  
-(9:56) Andrew spoke about the Pilot Safety Committee's first meeting held earlier that day.  
-(10:33) Howie gave a shout out about the airport tour he took the day before and stated it was super helpful.  
-(11:18) Ann asked about her voting status for the meeting.  
-(11:48) Mike Solondz spoke about the resolution written and sent to the Board by Evan Marks. He asked that it be added to the agenda.
- Priority Item(s):
  - **Program Updates**
    - (12:23) Location and Extents Update – G.R.
    - (13:53) Runway Design and Construction Update – G.R.
    - (17:45) Terminal Transition from Schematic Design to Design Development- Joe. (23:33) Board questions follow. (25:11) Task Force process discussion. Task Force Charter to be brought to Board for review.
    - (37:07) Communications Update – Miles
  - **Noise Presentation – Mead & Hunt (37:45)**  
-(59:03) Board Questions Follow
- Old Business:

New Business:

- **Budget Update** – Liz Woods (1:06:58)
- **Construction Update** – Diane (1:18:52)
- Standing Items:
  - (1:25:41) **FBO Update** – Jonathan Jones
  - (1:26:54) **Staff Update** – Diane & Nora
  - (1:27:29) **Communications Team Update** – Kelsey
  - (1:29:57) **Commercial Passenger Update** – Bill Tomcich
- **Board/Staff Discussion on the Resolution written by Evan Marks urging the BoCC to override the P & Z Commission (1:39:13)**  
(2:04:40) **Howie Mallory made a motion advancing the RESOLUTION OF THE ASPEN/PITKIN COUNTY AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD ADVISES THE PITKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO EXERCISE ITS STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO OVERRULE THE PITKIN COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION’S FINDING OF NON-CONFORMANCE REGARDING THE ASPEN/PITKIN COUNTY AIRPORT MODERNIZATION PROGRAM. Mike Solondz was the second.**  
**Yes – 6 (Meg Haynes, Mike Solondz, Andrew Doremus, Howie Mallory, and Bruce Gordon)**  
**Abstained – 1 (Jacque Francis)**
- Public Comment:  
(2:05:43) Patrick Hunter spoke about his and Amory Lovins commentaries in the paper regarding their issues with the recent votes taken. There was never mention about moving the runway and making it larger and the last time that was discussed was in 1995.
- Board Follow Up Comments:
- Adjourn (2:07:59)