

Aspen/Pitkin County Airport Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes June 18, 2026

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- Call Meeting to Order: 3:00PM
- Roll Call:
In Person: Jacque Francis, Meg Haynes, Bruce Gordon, Jim Light, Andrew Doremus, Evan Marks
Virtual: Mike Solondz, Ann Mullins, Lara Whitley, Clint Kinney, Gloria Kaasch-Buerger
Absent: Howie Mallory
- Public Comment:
-(7:25) Suzanne Pfister, daughter of Betty Haas Pfister, spoke in support of the initiative to name the new Aspen Airport terminal in honor of her mother. The proposed name is The Betty Haas Pfister Terminal at Sardy Field.
-(11:05) Toni Kronberg spoke about the new RFTA bus route, the Flyer, and also the use of the mass transit lane is not for right turns as it is technically the light rail corridor. She spoke about the Brush Creek Park and Ride management plan as well.
- Approval of the Meeting Minutes (13:57):
Bruce Gordon made a motion to approve the April meeting minutes, and Andrew Doremus was the second. Approved.
- Board Comments:
-(14:38) Jacque stated that she is in favor of the Board putting Suzanne Pfister on a future agenda. All agreed.
-(15:15) Andrew spoke about the noise abatement topic. He said the website had useless information and needed to be updated. He also stated the Fly with Integrity Program really needs to get on it. Board and staff discussion follows. Andrew said he would like to be included in any progress made.
- Priority Item(s):
 - **Program Updates**
 - (21:03) Runway/Airfield Update – G.R Fielding and Joe Christie
Board questions follow and discussion with staff.
 - (37:29) Communications Update – Miles
 - (41:30) Terminal SD/Phase 1 Recommendation – Carter and ZGF Tea
 - **(59:30) Board Discussion/Public Comment/Vote**
(1:44:00) Meg Haynes made a motion to recommend to the BOCC that the ASE – Terminal Schematic Design Concept be approved and that the phase 1 solution, as presented at the 6/16/26 joint work session, be forwarded through design development. This recommendation includes a request that, preferably within 90 days or before the end of Design Development, the design team gives emphasis on defining specific proposed solutions or explanation for:

- to define a specific proposed solution or explanation for the current employee, guest and locals' adequate Opening Day parking,
- the requests to provide an eighth gate, which is critical to maintain current levels of airline service and provides enough square footage in the hold area to accommodate eight gate's worth of passengers,
- the perceived too tight holding areas,
- the non-climate controlled baggage areas,
- the lack of exceptional views and a possible third story penthouse, gathering area, restaurant, etc.,
- future proofing Phase 1 to enable the remaining portions of the approved schematic design,
- a beautiful, stunning and unique looking and functioning terminal.

I further clarify that any future phases reflecting the remaining portions of the approved schematic design would move forward to the design development phase and would not be required to start over at the programmatic design phase.

The second was made by Mike Solndz

(1:48:00) Further Board Discussion on Motion

(2:01:38) Public Comment

-(2:01:41) Toni Kroneberg said that Jim Light's ideas are right regarding being prepared for opening day and future proofing. She said that Meg's summery is everything that the public is concerned about. Toni spoke about the top items that were discussed during the Visioning Process.

-(2:05:16) Patrick Hunter spoke about flight troubles he had recently. He asked Diane who controls the number of planes sitting on the airport apron at one time. Jacque asks Diane to respond.

(2:07:40) Further Board Discussion on Motion

(2:15:25) Vote

Jacque Francis -yes

Meg Haynes - yes

Bruce Gordon - yes

Mike Solondz - yes

Andrew Doremus - yes

Jim Light - yes

Ann Mulins – yes

Unanimous

- Old Business:
- New Business:
- Standing Items:
- Public Comment:
- Board Follow Up Comments:
- Adjourn