

Aspen/Pitkin County Airport Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes August 20, 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, Mike Solondz, Ann Mullins, Lara Whitley, Evan Marks, Clint Kinney
Virtual: Howie Mallory, Gloria Kaasch-Buerger
Absent:
- Public Comment: none
- Approval of the Meeting Minutes (3:48):
Meg Haynes made a motion to approve the June meeting minutes, and Jim Light was the second. Approved. (Evan had requested something be added that Kara has stated at a Task Force Meeting, not an AAB Meeting - so it was not included.)
- Board Comments:
 - (6:57) Meg noted that the AAB received a request from Peter Weiland asking the AAB to support connecting Bustang to Eagle Airport during the closure. Diane responded that there is a group already working on this.
 - (9:49) Evan added that this connectivity between Aspen and EGE and DEN is a particular concern to the community and anything that can be done would be appreciated.
 - (10:15) Michael asked for updates on this.
 - (11:10) Jim requested full candor from the consultants regarding budget during the meeting.
 - (10:53) Evan spoke about the Air Quality Measurements Presentation on the agenda and requested it be tabled in the interest of time. Jacque and Bruce disagreed but asked that it be condensed a bit. Clint stated that priority items should not feel rushed before moving to the second item.
 - (15:44) Andrew mentioned that the parking section only had 10 minutes with no Q & A and there will be a lot to discuss, Also, for his Pilot Safety Update was only allotted 5 minutes.
- Priority Item(s):
 - **(16:33) Terminal SD Update / Alignment Progress**
 - (17:06) Comms update – Ryan
 - Board Questions (28:45)
 - (34:20) Kiewit/FCI, a Joint Venture Introduction
 - (36:14) ASE Terminal Modernization Presentation – ZGF/CCA
 - Board Q & A (57:08)
 - **(1:50:50) Air Quality Measurements / Q1 Reporting (including Update on BoCC Workshop on Ultra Fine Particles) - Roher Wayson & Jen Wolchansky**
 - (2:16:36) Q & A
 - (2:23:40) Ultra Fine Particles Update – Jen Wolchansky and Ryan

(With Board Questions)

- Old Business:
- New Business:
 - (2:30:05) Interim Airport Deputy Director (David Schneider) and Interim Operations Manager (Tim Ritcey) Introductions
 - (2:31:58) Parking Update – Diane
(With Board Comments/Questions)
- Standing Items
 - (2:41:30) Staff Update – Diane
 - (2:44:37) Pilot Safety Committee Update – Andrew
- Public Comment: none
- Board Follow Up Comments:
 - (2:54:42) Mike Solondz said that he believes the amount of parking in the Alignment Phase is not adequate. He also said that it is imperative that the Task Force have a meeting sooner rather than later to review the current design. Meg stated that she had made this request to Ryan.
 - (2:56:26) Ann Mullins stated that she is in agreement to raise the parking prices but she likes the validation process as an option. Also, she agrees there need to be a Task Force Meeting soon.
 - (2:57:26) Jim Light brought up the question of what do we do if we need more money?
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