

Aspen/Pitkin County Airport Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes March 19, 2026

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- Call Meeting to Order: 3:00PM
- Roll Call:
In Person: Jacque Francis, Meg Haynes, Andrew Doremus, Bruce Gordan, Jim Light, Ann Mullins, Lara Whitley, Evan Marks, Clint Kinney
Virtual: Mike Solondz
Absent: Howie Mallory, Gloria Kaasch-Buerger
- Public Comment: none
- Approval of the Meeting Minutes (1:26):
Andrew Doremus made a motion to approve the January meeting minutes as is, and Bruce Gordon was the second. Approved.
- Board Comments:
 - (2:42) Ann spoke about flying out of Eagle and that it is similar to Bozeman but there are not enough concessions. She then asks the consultants about the design for our airport regarding capacity. She is interested in gate/seating space and circulation. Charles Cunniffe replies.
 - (4:47) Jacque asks Diane for an update on TSA nationally and if there are any issues at the Aspen Airport. Diane replies with an update on our local staff.
 - (6:35) Lara asks if there has been any community response. Diane replied that PC is working with TSA on how to support while staying within their strict regulations.
- Priority Item(s):
 - (8:27) **Program Updates** – Joe with Jacobsen Daniels
Board questions included
(20:57) Ryan speaks about the scope of the AAB
Board questions follow
 - (26:17) Terminal Update – Charles Cunniffe
Board questions follow
 - (41:48) BoCC Administrative Updates – Diane
 - (44:30) Communications Team Update – Meg and Miles
 - (50:00) **Noise Presentation** – Mead & Hunt
 - (1:06:55) **Spring Construction / Parking Update** - Diane
- Old Business:
- New Business:
 - (1:11:42) **Pilot Safety Committee Formation** – Jacque
Informal thumbs up or down from Board. Unanimous thumbs up. Applicant names and the selected will be given to the BoCC. The members are Andrew Doremus, Michael Waters, Michael Gottdenker, Robert Rubey, Douglas Kinsley and Hawk Greenway.

- (1:14:50) **Task Force / Subcommittee Discussion** – Jacque, Ryan and the Board
- Standing Items:
 - (1:25:23) **FBO Update** – Jonathan Jones
 - (1:28:46) **Staff Update** – Diane & Nora
 - (1:30:04) **Communications Team Update** – Kelsey
 - (1:34:42) **Commercial Passenger Update** – Bill Tomcich
- Public Comment:
 - (1:45:08) Ellen Anderson said that she filed recent Noise Complaint and it was not the first time for that plane. Also, she stated that she is being crucified for not respecting Federal Law 427573. She added all she is asking is for us to measure what we are breathing. Finally, Ellen wanted to answer a question she got from Andrew – why she keeps talking about the kids from Powder Pandas. She replied that the negative health effects of breathing ultra fine particles can happen from both short term and long-term exposure.
- Board Follow Up Comments:
 - (1:48:17) Evan Marks gives Jacque, as head of the Emissions Subcommittee, an email he sent to the Board in response to Ellen’s email about monitoring Nano Particles.
 - (1:48:50) Clint asks that there be more time on the agenda for the terminal discussion and questions.
 - (1:49:55) Mike asks the Board to start considering the question of jet bridges or no jet bridges. Ryan explains the role of the AAB with regard to this.
 - (1:53:16) Ann added that she would also like to see more time focusing on the multimodal and deicing.
 - (1:54:25) Lara said that she agrees that there needs to be more time on the agenda for the project. Also, she attended the Task Force meeting, and it was fascinating and informative.
 - (1:54:55) Evak felt it important that the Board know there is no other choice but to have 4 jet bridges on the south side because of the elevation.
- Adjourn (1:55:52)