

**LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (LAX)  
AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AAC)  
Meeting Minutes -- Thursday, October 12, 2023  
LAX Airport Police Facility, 9160 S. Loyola Blvd., Community Room  
Los Angeles, CA 90045**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Nicole Carcel.

**1. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS**

Roll call was taken by Nicole Carcel. Four Council Members were present: William Cumming (Marina Del Rey); Guido Fernandez (Hawthorne); Kevin Klowden (Culver City); and Jim Withrow (Inglewood). Luciano Nocera, Vice-Chair (Culver City), arrived later. Absent: John Wahlert, Chair (Culver City) (excused); Henry Brown (Inglewood) (unexcused); Dana Cope (Westchester/Playa del Rey) (unexcused); Lance Giroux (El Segundo) (unexcused); Carl Jacobson (El Segundo) (unexcused); and Sergio Paz (Lennox) (excused). Per the LAXAAC Bylaws, seven Members representing the majority of the communities shall constitute a quorum, so no quorum was present. Two guests attended.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no comments at this time.

**3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

- December 8, 2022, January 12, 2023, April 13, 2023, June 8, 2023, July 13, 2023, August 10, 2023 and September 14, 2023.

No quorum was present, so no Motion was made or vote taken. Ms. Carcel noted that no Minutes have been approved since November 2022.

**4. OFFICER'S REPORT – LUCIANO NOCERA, VICE-CHAIR**

*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #5.* Mr. Nocera reported for Mr. Wahlert that Ms. Cope and Mr. Jacobson didn't reply to his (Mr. Wahlert's) letters. Ms. Carcel said the AAC's election will be agendaized for the next meeting; she described the election procedure. Mr. Withrow reported that Ms. Cope has had health challenges. Mr. Klowden relayed that Mr. Jacobson said he (Mr. Jacobson) can't attend in-person AAC meetings anymore. Ms. Carcel added that Mr. Wahlert sent letters to many local governments asking for AAC recruiting help.

**5. LAWA REPORT – NICOLE CARCEL, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

Ms. Carcel [424-646-8102, [NCarcel@LAWA.org](mailto:NCarcel@LAWA.org)] reported that the AAC will not be able to meet here on the next second Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>; the next meeting and location, at which AAC elections will be held, is to be determined. Ms. Carcel will email AAC Members regarding their availability.

Now-former LAWA CEO Justin Erbacci will be the new CEO of NEOM Airports in Saudi Arabia. BOAC President Emeritus and 10-year veteran Beatrice Hsu is LAWA's Interim CEO while a search for a permanent CEO is conducted.

*Committee Member Luciano Nocera arrived at this time (7:14), making five Committee Members present, two short of the quorum of seven.*

The full closure of 96th St. between the bus center and Airport Blvd. will be in place until Sunday, March 24th.

On Saturday, September 9th LAWA's Lulu's Place Community Open House was hosted at the LAX Airport Police Facility. Over 200 attendees learned about the plan to transform a portion of LAX Northside into new public sports and recreation facilities for the community. Lulu's Place has received overwhelming support from residents, especially families who welcome the facilities.

On Saturday, September 23rd the Community Relations team joined hundreds of Neighborhood Council Members at the 2023 Los Angeles Congress of Neighborhoods and answered questions about LAX and VNY. That same afternoon, the team sponsored the annual Westchester Arts & Music Block Party, a free day-long family-friendly community celebration with live music, art, vendors and community booths, kid's activities, garden tours, food trucks and more. Proceeds from this year's event — which gathered over 7,000 attendees — will support the Westchester Family YMCA. The team discussed LAX's transformation projects, community updates and the LAWA Residential Sound Insulation (RSI) Program — which assists in mitigating the impacts of aircraft noise for eligible homes near LAX — with community members.

On Saturday, September 30th the Community Relations team participated in the Main Street Fair a 30-year-old tradition celebrated along the main corridor of El Segundo. The event brings out school groups, local eateries, and over 3,000 people to eight city blocks with 120+ artist & craft booths, street vendors, kid games, food court, community resources and a main stage of local performers. The Main Street Fair is produced by the El Segundo Kiwanis Club as a fundraiser that benefits children's needs throughout El Segundo and the South Bay. The team chatted with fairgoers about LAX transformation projects, the RSI Program and upcoming Aviation Career Day.

LAWA will host its LAX Aviation Career Day on Wednesday, October 25th. Students from across the community will meet aviation professionals on the airfield to learn more about exciting careers, and have the opportunity to check out aircrafts and meet pilots and crews. This will be some students' first time on an airplane. Approximately 1,100 students are expected to participate. The next Aviation Career Day will be at Van Nuys Airport; 700 students are expected to participate.

Ms. Carcel spoke with L.A. City Council District 11 staff about them helping recruit AAC Members. Members will be invited to join Ms. Carcel at events to show LAWA's appreciation for Members' work and to help recruit potential Members. As many as six people at a time can join her for an LAX drive-around.

The Airport Police Department team will host a free trunk or treat on Saturday, October 28th from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in this parking lot.

Jorge Alvarez, of Culver City, will attend the next AAC meeting and may be voted in as a Member. She reminded Committee Members that the AAC must comply with the State Brown Act regarding AAC business communications.

**6. LAXAAC SUBCOMMITTEE PANEL REPORTS**

- Discussion and Possible Action

Mr. Klowden reported that some LAX water stations need repair.

**7. MEMBERSHIP**

- 2023 Recruitment Plan Update

Mr. Nocera referred to the above discussions.

**8. LAXAAC STRATEGIC PLAN**

- Discussion and Possible Action

Mr. Nocera reported that Mr. Paz had reported at the last meeting on items to consider. Ms. Carcel indicated that those items and a presentation about the RSI program will be agendaized for the November AAC meeting. Mr. Nocera will follow up with Mr. Paz regarding analysis results.

**9. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

A Motion to Adjourn was made by Mr. Withrow, seconded by Mr. Cumming. The Motion was unanimously approved by a hand vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

The Meeting was **adjourned** at 8:01 p.m.