

LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (LAX)
AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AAC)
Meeting Minutes -- Thursday, April 10, 2025
at LAX BOAC Board Room, Clifton A. Moore Administration Building
1 World Way, Los Angeles, CA 90045
Approved May 8, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Luciano Nocera at 7:00 p.m.

1. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Roll call was taken by Mr. Nocera. Eight of the 14 Committee Members were present: Jim Evans (Westchester/Playa Del Rey); Guido Fernandez (Hawthorne); Beth Hyatt (Culver City); David Mannix (Westchester/Playa Del Rey); Adam Moore (Culver City); Luciano Nocera (Culver City) (Chair); Sergio Paz (Lennox); and Jim Withrow (Inglewood). Jonathan Loewenberg (Westchester/Playa Del Rey) arrived later. Five Committee Members were absent: William Cumming (Marina Del Rey) (excused); Angie Reyes English (Hawthorne) (unexcused); Katrina Manning (Hawthorne) (excused); Lance Giroux (El Segundo) (unexcused); and Carol Pirsztuk (El Segundo) (unexcused). Per the LAX AAC Bylaws, six Members representing the communities shall constitute a quorum, therefore, a quorum was present. Also attended: Trey Grogan, LAX Airport Liaison for L.A. City District 11 Councilmember Traci Park (310-568-8772; Trey.Grogan@LACity.org; <https://CouncilDistrict11.LACity.gov/about/Traci-Park>).

Committee Member Jon Loewenberg arrived at this time (7:07), making nine Committee Members present (the LAX AAC quorum is six).

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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No corrections or amendments were made.

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Paz, seconded by Mr. Mannix, to approve the March 13, 2025 meeting Minutes. The **MOTION** was unanimously **APPROVED** by all nine voters present; zero opposed; zero abstained.

4. OFFICER'S REPORT – LUCIANO NOCERA, CHAIR

Mr. Nocera reported that he contacted the City of Inglewood to replace former Member Henry Brown. Mr. Nocera also contacted the City of El Segundo for them to appoint a Member for their vacant third seat, reminding them that recently appointed members Lance Giroux and Carol Pirsztuk should be attending the LAX AAC monthly meetings.

5. LAWA REPORT – CHARLES PANNUNZIO, PRINCIPAL PUBLIC RELATION[S] REPRESENTATIVE.

Mr. Pannunzio [ofc. 424-646-5044, CPannunzio@LAWA.org] presented slides outlining the future CTA (Central Terminal Area) Curbside Improvement Plan, which Mr. Mannix requested at the March meeting. The project, which is expected to get underway in the summer of 2026 and wrap up at the end of 2027 at a cost of \$300 million, includes upgrades on the Lower/Arrivals Level, the redesign and reconfiguration of sidewalks, landscaping and façade updates to the CTA Parking Garages. Mr. Mannix asked about the timing of the project's start vs. the FIFA World Cup, and several members asked about long-term plans for the inner lanes. Mr. Pannunzio will get further information and share it at the May meeting.

Mr. Pannunzio answered additional questions about the current construction in the CTA and the Automated People Mover. Mr. Nocera asked if there is data available on the areas of the CTA with the most pedestrian traffic. Mr. Mannix asked about the future of the LAX-it lot, and Mr. Pannunzio noted that rideshare and taxi pickup will move to the new Auxiliary Curbs adjacent to the LAX Economy Parking Lot and APM station. Additional APM-related questions included about back-up plans in case of power loss and medical emergency response. Mr. Pannunzio said he would ask for additional information to bring back to Committee Members.

Mr. Pannunzio also noted that the Community Relations Division has been busy giving airfield tours in recent weeks, with the most recent recipients including eighth-graders from the Angel City Aerospace Foundation; members of the life-long learning program at Cal State Fullerton; and the Los Angeles chapter of the International Facilities Maintenance Association.

Mr. Pannunzio also shared that LAX's final passenger count for 2024 was approximately 76.5 million, which is up from 75 million in 2023. The airport will find out where it ranks internationally based on that number in the next few months.

6. LAX AAC SUBCOMMITTEE PANEL REPORTS (Noise, Ground Transportation, Environmental, and Public Safety).

There were no formal Subcommittee reports. Mr. Loewenberg, on behalf of the Noise Subcommittee, shared information that he received, from a member he met at the Noise Symposium in Las Vegas, about the Bay Area Noise Roundtable at San Francisco International Airport (SFO). Mr. Nocera had asked for information on how that group was able to work with SFO and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) on flight paths around Santa Cruz.

Committee members asked again for clarification on whether the Subcommittees can meet informally. Mr. Pannunzio said the City Attorney's Office had not yet responded to the question posed at the previous meeting, but he would reach out again. Members expressed a desire to be able to hold those Subcommittee meetings via teleconference. The current meeting location here in the BOAC

meeting room was discussed regarding whether it is an impediment to public attendance or participation. Members discussed the possibility of meeting at the Los Angeles Airport Police Facility community room. Mr. Mannix suggested better promotion of the meetings, and members discussed ways that could be accomplished.

7. MEMBERSHIP

Members discussed absences and the vacant seats in light of the new Bylaws. Several recently appointed Members have not yet attended a meeting. Mr. Nocera said he'll make a note to revisit the question at the May meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Loewenberg reported recently seeing lights from three planes "uncomfortably close" and did not know if this is something for one of the Subcommittees to further discuss as a point of public safety. Mr. Withrow and Ms. Hyatt noted that LAX only has jurisdiction when planes are on the ground; while in the air they are under FAA control. Recent high-profile incidents were discussed. Members asked if LAWA gets FAA reports and whether the reports can be shared with the Committee.

Mr. Nocera asked about plans for security on the APM. Mr. Grogan said the CD11 office works with the agency that provides services to persons experiencing homelessness in the area. Mr. Mannix asked whether persons who do not have airport business would be able to ride the APM for an extended time or must passengers exit the trains at their end points. Mr. Nocera requested that LAWA provide an update on APM security plans.

9. MOTION TO ADJOURN

A **MOTION to ADJOURN** was made by Ms. Hyatt, seconded by Mr. Withrow. The **MOTION to ADJOURN** was unanimously **APPROVED** by all nine voters present; zero opposed; zero abstained.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.