

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Luciano Nocera at 7:02 p.m.

1. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Charles Pannunzio (LAWA Community Relations Principal PR Representative, CPannunzio@lawa.org, 424-646-5044) took the roll. Six of the 14 Committee Members were present: William Cumming (Marina Del Rey); Jim Evans (Westchester/Playa Del Rey); Guido Fernandez (Hawthorne); Adam Moore (Culver City); Luciano Nocera (Culver City) (Chair); and Sergio Paz (Lennox). Beth Hyatt (Culver City) (7:20) and Jonathan Loewenberg (Westchester/Playa Del Rey) (7:11) arrived later. Six Committee Members were absent: Lance Giroux (El Segundo) (unexcused); Katrina Manning (Hawthorne) (unexcused); David Mannix (Westchester/Playa Del Rey) (excused); Carol Pirsztuk (El Segundo) (unexcused); Angie Reyes English (Hawthorne) (excused); and Jim Withrow (Inglewood) (excused). Henry Brown (Inglewood) had been removed. Per the LAX AAC Bylaws, six Members representing the majority of the communities shall constitute a quorum, therefore, a quorum was present. Seven of the 21 Seats were vacant. 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>).

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Grogan noted that a Community Service Day would be held at Westchester Community Park on May 24th, as part of LA Fleet Week, with about 100 sailors planting trees and a full military band present, including a flag-raising ceremony.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Paz, seconded by Mr. Evans, to approve the April 10, 2025 meeting Minutes with no changes. The **MOTION** was **APPROVED** with five in favor; zero opposed; one abstained (Cummings).

4. OFFICER'S REPORT – LUCIANO NOCERA, CHAIR

Mr. Nocera said he will contact El Segundo now that Lance Giroux and Carol Pirsztuk have not attended any meetings since they were appointed in January, and have missed three consecutive meetings with unexcused absences. The letter would ask that the El Segundo City Council make new appointments because the current appointees have not attended meetings.

5. **LAWA REPORT** – COMMUNITY RELATIONS DIVISION

Mr. Pannunzio [ofc. 424-646-5044, CPannunzio@LAWA.org] reported.

REAL ID

The Transportation Security Administration began enforcement of REAL ID on Wednesday, May 7, and over the first two days reported no major issues at LAX. Passengers without REAL ID compliant identification were subjected to additional screening and given a card with information on the new standards and how to meet them.

Committee Member Jon Loewenberg arrived at this time (7:11), making seven Committee Members present (the LAX AAC quorum is six).

MATOC

Mayor Karen Bass, Councilwoman Traci Park and leaders at Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) celebrated the latest round of investments at LAX to prioritize local businesses and jobs, including 13 first-time prime contractors who are local small businesses. This investment, through the \$5 billion Multiple Award Task Order Contract (MATOC), ensures that small, local and minority-owned businesses will be contracted to work on projects in LAWA's multi-billion dollar Capital Improvement Program.

AIREX

Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) successfully conducted its triennial full-scale emergency response exercise last Wednesday at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). The exercise, known as AIREX, simulated an aircraft emergency incident to test the airport's emergency plan and operational readiness as required by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

More than 400 participants came together to respond to a simulated aircraft emergency, including first responders, law enforcement, airline personnel, airport staff and volunteers who portrayed passengers.

Airport Carbon Accreditation Program

Airports Council International Europe announced the continued accreditation and advancement of LAX in its Airport Carbon Accreditation (ACA) program. LAX earned "Level 4 – Transformation" accreditation, recognizing Los Angeles World Airports' (LAWA) continued commitment to meeting its bold sustainability goals, including carbon neutrality from airport operations by 2045. Van Nuys Airport also received the same level accreditation. LAX is only one of six commercial airports in the nation to be accredited at Level 4 or higher.

Auxiliary Curbs Working Group

More than 30 representatives of hotels, motels and ground transportation companies and the Gateway LA Business Improvement District met last week LAWA staff for the kickoff meeting of a working group that will review plans and make recommendations for the new Auxiliary Curbs area where courtesy shuttles will pick

up and discharge passengers. The new facility is being constructed adjacent to the Economy Parking Structure, and includes the former Avis Rent A Car space. It will be served by a new extension of 94th Street, Airport Boulevard and 96th Street. It is also co-located with one of the new Automated People Mover stops, and is expected to open in the first half of 2026. This group will meet monthly for now, and increase its frequency as the opening approaches.

A Taste of Culver City

The LAWA Community Relations and Guest Services teams operated a booth at A Taste of Culver City on May 4, answering attendees' questions and handing out branded items. This was a particularly good event to participate in because Culver City schools participate in Aviation Career Day.

Friends of the Ballona Wetlands

Community Relations and the LAWA Environmental Programs Group will be at the annual Migration Day celebration on May 31 at Ballona Discovery Park, 13110 Bluff Creek Drive in Playa Vista.

Mr. Moore asked about where the public can find out more about Community Relations activities; Mr. Pannunzio said he would explore possible avenues and report back.

Committee Member Beth Hyatt arrived at this time (7:20), making eight Committee Members present (the LAX AAC quorum is six).

Mr. Moore asked about the forthcoming concessions networking event, which was held at BMO Stadium on May 13. Mr. Pannunzio noted that the event was geared to help potential concessionaires meet with LAWA official to learn more about opportunities in Terminal 4.

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

- Discussion and Possible Action

There were no formal committee reports. Mr. Pannunzio reported on a meeting he had with City Attorney Hector Huezo regarding Ms. Reyes-English's question from March about converting the standing subcommittees to ad hoc to allow more flexibility for meetings. Mr. Huezo noted that, because the committees would still have jurisdiction of wide subject areas rather than working on a narrow, time specific project, they would still be subject to the public notice rules and other regulations set forth by the Brown Act. Mr. Huezo advised that the subcommittees could potentially meet the same night as the full Committee as a way to satisfy the Brown Act rules.

Mr. Nocera suggested that one subcommittee could possibly meet each month before the full Committee meeting to get the four subcommittees up and running again. Mr. Cumming suggested that the full Committee needs to get updates from

LAWA officials whose authority aligns with each subcommittee so they can understand what the issues are before starting to work on them. Mr. Lowenberg suggested the first place to start might be an update for the ad hoc Major Events subcommittee, and panel members indicated they would like that group to get an update from that division's leadership in June before the full LAXAAC meeting. Members also said they would like to hear an update on operational safety during the regular meeting.

Mr. Cumming said the Committee has not received updates from airport administration as often since the [COVID-19] pandemic. Mr. Hernandez recalled that, following a presentation to the Committee last year about the Automated People Mover, the Hawthorne City Council also received that presentation and enjoyed getting the update. Mr. Paz said each Member represents their individual communities; when Lennox brings him a concern, he collects information along with the other communities to see if there is a common thread and something that needs to be brought to the attention of the Board of Airport Commissioners [BOAC].

Mr. Moore said he would monitor BOAC meetings to provide some highlights at the Committee's meeting the following month.

7. MEMBERSHIP

- Discussion and Possible Action

Mr. Nocera said he'll review attendance and take action regarding the two El Segundo representatives who aren't attending meetings. He explained how excused absences would be reported. Mr. Pannunzio suggested that Members email him and Mr. Nocera before meetings when the Member knows they will miss a meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- Discussion and Possible Action
No new business was reported.

9. MOTION TO ADJOURN

A **MOTION to ADJOURN** was made by Mr. Paz, seconded by Mr. Loewenberg. The **MOTION to ADJOURN** was unanimously approved by all eight voters present; zero opposed; zero abstained.

The Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 8:08 p.m.

The first paragraph of some Items, Motions/Resolutions and other wording may have been copied from the Agenda. Minutes written by DL, possibly edited by LAX AAC. The LAX AAC Meeting Minutes page is <https://www.lawa.org/groups-and-divisions/community-relations/lax/laxaac>.