

SAN DIEGO COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD
THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2025
SAN DIEGO COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Cabrera called the meeting of the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority Board to order at 9:01 a.m. on Thursday, January 9, 2025, at the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority, Administration Building, 2417 McCain Road, San Diego, CA 92101.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chair Cabrera led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Board Members: Benzian, Cabrera (Chair), Fox (Ex-Officio), Herrmann (Ex-Officio), Martinez, Perez, Sanchez, Sly (Vice Chair), Vaus, von Wilpert

ABSENT: Board Members: Montgomery Steppe, Perrault (Ex-Officio),

ALSO PRESENT: Scott Brickner, Vice President/CFO; Amy Gonzalez, General Counsel; Annette Fagan Ortiz, Authority Clerk; Sonja Banks, Assistant Authority Clerk I

PRESENTATIONS: Maria Mangan, Senior Regional Planner, SANDAG, provided a presentation regarding Airport Transit Connection, Regional-Level Considerations, Modes Considered included Automated People Mover, Light Rail Trolley Extension, and Enhanced Bus Service. She also provided feedback from Fall 2024 Airport Travel Survey, Intercept Survey, Stakeholder Engagement Outlook, and Near-Term Activities.

REPORTS FROM BOARD COMMITTEES, AD HOC COMMITTEES, AND CITIZEN COMMITTEES AND LIAISONS:

- **AUDIT COMMITTEE:** Board Member Sanchez reported the committee last met on November 18 and that the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 10, 2025.
- **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE:** Board Member von Wilpert reported that the committee has not met since the last Board meeting on December 5th. She reported that the committee is expected to receive updates on the New Terminal 1 construction and logistics, a budget and contingency status on the project and a presentation highlighting a non-NT1 capital project and tenant project at the next meeting, January 16.

- **EXECUTIVE PERSONNEL AND COMPENSATION COMMITTEE:** Chair Cabrera reported that the committee has not met since the last Board meeting and that the first meeting of the year is scheduled for May 29.
- **FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Board Member Sly reported that the committee met on December 19, 2024, and reviewed the Unaudited Financial Statements for the five months ended November 30, 2024, and the Authority Investment Report as of the same date. He reported that the next meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2025.

ADVISORY COMMITTEES:

- **AUTHORITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE:** Board Member Martinez reported that the committee has not met since the last Board meeting and the 2025 schedule is being developed.
- **ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE:** Board Member Martinez reported that the next meeting will be on January 28, 2025, 3 to 5 p.m.

LIAISONS:

- **CALTRANS:** Board Member Fox reiterated the public service announcement regarding SDG&E power shutdown. She reminded motorists to be vigilant and to treat lights in blackout mode as a stop sign. She reported that the San Diego Coronado Bay Bridge Suicide Deterrent Project is a primary project that has moved into design and pre-construction work activity.
- **INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS:** Chair Cabrera reported that before the conclusion of the 118th U.S. Congress, on January 3, Congress passed a stopgap funding package, ensuring federal agencies remain funded through March 2025. He also reported that the 119th U.S. Congress convened its new session on January 3. He reported that in Sacramento, the Legislature reconvened for the new two-year session on January 6. He reported that legislative committee assignments were announced with many San Diego legislators taking on key leadership roles. He reported that as Governor Newsom prepared his 2025-26 budget proposal, the Legislative Analyst's Office has projected a \$2 billion deficit, despite revenue exceeding expectations. He also reported that the Governor's budget is expected to outline proposals for utilizing state climate bond revenues and introductory tax incentives across various sectors.

- **MILITARY AFFAIRS:** Board Member Herrmann reported a fire east of the runway and Interstate 15; approximately 2 acres burned, but no impact to Air Station Miramar. He reported that they are prepared to provide aviation assets, if called by CalFire to help with the fires in the Los Angeles and San Diego areas. He reported that as a result of the domestic terrorism events in New Orleans and Las Vegas on January 1, changes and random-access measures have been put in place as the physical security posture is reviewed. He reported that construction on Miramar Airfield continues on timeline. He reported that the conversation continues with military partners regarding the common course rules for the regions to provide guidance to aid with the congestion in the region. Lastly, he reported that the 2025 Airshow will be held September 26 through 28.
- **PORT:** None.
- **WORLD TRADE CENTER:** None

BOARD REPRESENTATIVES (EXTERNAL):

- **SANDAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** Chair Cabrera reported that the SANDAG Board of Directors has met twice since the last Board meeting. He reported that at the first meeting, staff presented updates on the advanced planning and outreach for the Airport Transit Connection project. At the second meeting, the Chief Executive Officer provided an update on the delivery of key projects and programs in 2024. He reported that the next scheduled meeting is on January 10.
- **SANDAG TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:** Board Member Sanchez reported the committee has not met since the last Board meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for January 17.

CHAIR REPORT: Chair Cabrera shared great sentiments as we enter into a new year on what is to come for the Airport Authority team, especially the opening of New Terminal 1. He expressed excitement in regard to new construction projects, economic development opportunities, and new air service routes. He stated that it is a goal of the Authority to provide an exceptional airport experience and to do that we rely heavily on the airport volunteers. He encouraged the search for new volunteer ambassadors, especially with the opening of the new Terminal 1. Lastly, he congratulated Mayor Esther Sanchez on her re-election.

PRESIDENT/CEO REPORT: Scott Brickner, Vice President/CFO, reported during the holiday season, SAN experienced several flight delays, diversions and cancellations, due to the usually dense fog. He stated that it's estimated that from December 19 to January 5, 1.3 million passengers were served, which is about a 6 percent increase from 2023. In air service, he reported that preparations for the launch of service from SAN to Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport are underway to begin on March 17. He reported that Phase 1a of the new T1 is roughly 80 percent complete, and stage 2 of the Parking Plaza is over 75 percent completed, with the expectation to be ready to welcome travelers in September. He reported that in early December, we partnered with San Diego Convention Center to welcome the 66th Annual American Society of Hematology Meeting, assisting over 30 thousand attendees to receive conference materials in the terminals before leaving the airport. In closing, he reported that January is Human Trafficking Prevention Awareness month.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA (ITEMS 1 - 5):

ACTION: Moved by Board Member Vaus and seconded by Board Member Martinez to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried by the following votes: YES – Benzian, Cabrera, Martinez, Perez, Sanchez, Sly, Vaus, von Wilpert; NO – None; ABSENT – Montgomery Steppe (Weighted Vote Points: YES – 92; NO – 0; ABSENT - 8)

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the minutes of the November 7, 2024, regular meeting.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS WRITTEN REPORTS ON THEIR ATTENDANCE AT APPROVED MEETINGS AND PRE-APPROVAL OF ATTENDANCE AT OTHER MEETINGS NOT COVERED BY THE CURRENT RESOLUTION:

RECOMMENDATION: Accept the reports and pre-approve Board Member attendance at other meetings, trainings and events not covered by the current resolution.

3. AWARDED CONTRACTS AND APPROVED CHANGE ORDERS FROM OCTOBER 7, 2024, THROUGH NOVEMBER 7, 2024, AND REAL PROPERTY AGREEMENTS GRANTED AND ACCEPTED FROM OCTOBER 7, 2024, THROUGH NOVEMBER 7, 2024:

RECOMMENDATION: Receive the report.

CLAIMS:

4. REJECT THE CLAIM OF DINAH AMBEAU-SCOTT:

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 2025-0001, rejecting the claim of Dinah Ambeau-Scott.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS:

CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS AND/OR AMENDMENTS TO CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS EXCEEDING \$1 MILLION:

5. APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE PRESIDENT/CEO TO AWARD AN AGREEMENT FOR AN ATLASIED PAGING SYSTEM UPGRADE:

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 2025-0002 approving and authorizing the President/CEO to award an Agreement to Audio Associates of San Diego dba Audio Associates for a one-year term, in an amount not-to-exceed one million four hundred twenty-seven thousand eight hundred seventy-four dollars and fifty-seven cents (\$1,427,874.57) for the purchase and installation of AtlasIED microphone stations and Dante network infrastructure.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

6. JANUARY 2025 LEGISLATIVE REPORT AND 2025 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA:

Matt Harris, Director, Government Relations, Sam Whitehorn, Elevate Government Affairs and Steve Cruz, Cruz Strategies, provided a presentation on the 2025 Legislative Report and Legislative Agenda that included Legislative Advocacy Program, 2024 Federal Review, 2024 Election Recap, Infrastructure Funding, 2025 state of Play: Congress & the Trump Administration, Aviation Industry, 2025 Engagement Outreach Targets, Federal Legislative Priorities, 2024 State Review, 2025 State of Play, State Legislature, San Diego Delegation Members, 2025 Engagement Outreach Target, and State Legislative Priorities.

Matt Harris reported that DCA Washington National Airport has been on SAN's Legislative Agenda for twenty years and was excited to report that has now been removed.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 2025-0003, approving the January 2025 Legislative Report and 2025 Legislative Agenda.

ACTION: Moved by Board Member Vaus and seconded by Board Member Perez to approve the recommendation. Motion carried by the following votes: YES - Benzian, Cabrera, Martinez, Perez, Sanchez, Sly, Vaus, von Wilpert; NO - None; ABSENT - Montgomery Steppe (Weighted Vote Points: YES - 92; NO - 0; ABSENT - 8)

The Board recessed at 10:20 a.m. and reconvened at 10:22 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION: The Board recessed into Closed Session at 10:23 a.m. to hear items 7, 8, and 9.

7. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION:

Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Cal. Gov. Code §54956.9

Name of Case: San Diego County Regional Airport Authority v. AQ US SW Holding Co., et al., San Diego Superior Court Case No. 37-2023-00032124-CU-BC- CTL

8. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION:

Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Cal. Gov. Code §54956.9

Name of Case: Sara Mitchell v. San Diego County Regional Airport Authority, et al., San Diego Superior Court Case No. 24CU022992C

9. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION:

Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9

Number of potential Cases: 1

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION: The Board adjourned out of Closed Session at 11:01 a.m.

GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT:

BOARD COMMENT:

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD THIS 13th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025.

ATTEST:



ANNETTE FAGAN ORTIZ
AUTHORITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



AMY GONZALEZ
GENERAL COUNSEL