

**SAN DIEGO COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD
MINUTES
THURSDAY, MAY 1, 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 9:02 a.m. on Thursday, May 1, 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: Cabrera (Chair), Herrmann (Ex-Officio),
Martinez, Montgomery Steppe, Perez, Sly
(Vice Chair), Vaus

ABSENT: Board Members: Benzian, Fox (Ex-Officio), Perrault (Ex-Officio),
Sanchez, von Wilpert

ALSO PRESENT: Kimberly Becker, President/CEO; Amy Gonzalez, General Counsel; Arely Valenzuela, Assistant Authority Clerk II; Sonja Banks, Assistant Authority Clerk II

PRESENTATIONS:

A. REVIEW OF THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2025:

Scott Brickner, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, provided a presentation on the Review of the Unaudited Financial Statements for the Nine Months, Ended March 31, 2025, and 2024, which included, Operating Revenues; Operating Expenses; Non-Operating Revenues and Expenses; Financial Summary; Statement of Net Position as of March 31, 2025; Assets and Deferred Outflow of Resources; Liabilities, Deferred Outflow of Resources and Net Position.

Board Member Herrman (Ex-Officio) arrived at the meeting at 9:11 a.m.

Chair Cabrera announced that Committee Reports will be heard after the Consent Agenda and New Business Item.

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

- **AUDIT COMMITTEE:** Board Member Vaus reported that the committee last met on February 10 and that the next meeting is Monday, May 5 at 10 a.m.
- **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE:** Board Member Perez reported that the committee met on April 17 to review NT1 construction progress and a proposed CIP program, which includes seven new projects for the next fiscal year. NT1 remains on schedule for its September 22 opening. The next CIPOC meeting is set for July 10, following the July Board meeting.
- **EXECUTIVE PERSONNEL AND COMPENSATION COMMITTEE:** Chair Cabrera reported that the committee met last month to review the 2026 Annual Benefits Renewal, which has been placed on today's agenda for approval. The next committee meeting is scheduled for May 22, immediately following the Executive and Finance Committees Meeting.
- **FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Board Member Sly reported that the committee met on April 21, 2025. He reported that the committee reviewed the Unaudited Financial Statements for the Nine Months ended March 31, 2025, and reviewed the Authority Investment Report as of March 31, 2025. The next meeting is scheduled for May 22, 2025.

ADVISORY COMMITTEES:

- **AUTHORITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE:** Board Member Martinez reported that the committee has not met since the last Board meeting and that the next scheduled meeting is July 24.
- **ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE:** Board Member Martinez reported that the next scheduled committee meeting will be on June 26, 2025, from 2-4 p.m. She also announced the installation of two public art pieces: *Sandcast* (1996) by local artist Charles Faust has been relocated from existing T1 to above the main entry/exit stairway and *Torrey Pines* (2025) by Nova Jiang, hanging in the ticketing lobby in the new Terminal 1.

LIAISONS:

- **CALTRANS:** None.
- **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS:** Chair Cabrera reported that in Washington, the House and Senate have passed identical budget resolutions, advancing reconciliation for the President's priorities, and has begun the FY 2026 appropriations process. In Sacramento, the Governor and Legislature are focused on the May budget revision amid cost pressures and a volatile revenue forecast. Thousands of legislative proposals are still being debated, with a May 2 deadline for policy committees to refer bills with new state spending to the fiscal committee.
- **MILITARY AFFAIRS:** Board Member Herrmann reported Miramar's runway 24L is under repair, hence the base will operate as a single runway for a period of time.
- **PORT:** None.
- **WORLD TRADE CENTER:** Board Member Sly reported that the World Trade Center Board of Directors has not met since the last board meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 4, at the Port of San Diego office.

BOARD REPRESENTATIVES (EXTERNAL):

- **SANDAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** Chair Cabrera reported that the SANDAG Board of Directors met twice since the last Board meeting, discussing General Counsel hiring methods and policy amendments following the 2024 audit. The board retreat is scheduled for today and tomorrow.
- **SANDAG TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:** Board Member Perez reported that the SANDAG Transportation Committee met twice since the last board meeting, discussing outreach findings for updating the region's transit plan and reviewing preliminary audit findings from the Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee. The next meeting is on May 16.

CHAIR REPORT: Chair Cabrera highlighted National Travel & Tourism Week (May 4-10) and National Small Business Week, noting the airport's \$12 billion economic impact and involvement of over 300 small businesses in NT1 construction. He, along with other board members, participated in the San Diego Chamber's 2025 Washington, D.C. mission.

PRESIDENT/CEO REPORT: Kim Becker, President/CEO, reminded that Real ID enforcement begins May 7. April highlights included a leadership retreat, multigenerational workforce webinar, Bring Your Kid to Work Day, Creek to Bay Cleanup, Honor Flight for 90 veterans, and the Take Flight program hosting 45 local students.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:

ALFRED BANKS, taxi driver, expressed concerns over passenger drop-off fees, driver seating and staff training.

CARELYN REYNOLDS, Transportation Alliance Group, spoke regarding identifying and working on solutions to make the ground transportation plaza effective.

JR RAZO, spoke regarding identifying and working on solutions to make the ground transportation plaza effective.

TONY HUESO spoke regarding identifying and working on solutions to make the ground transportation plaza effective.

CONSENT AGENDA (ITEMS 1 - 10):

ACTION: Moved by Commissioner Vaus and seconded by Commissioner Sly to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried by the following votes: YES – Cabrera, Martinez, Montgomery Steppe, Perez, Sly Vaus; NO – None; ABSENT – Benzian, Sanchez and von Wilpert (Weighted Vote Points: YES – 63; NO – 0; ABSENT – 27)

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the minutes of the April 3, 2025, 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 MARCH 7, 2025, THROUGH APRIL 3, 2025, AND REAL PROPERTY AGREEMENTS GRANTED AND ACCEPTED FROM MARCH 7, 2025, THROUGH APRIL 3, 2025:

RECOMMENDATION: Receive the report.

4. MAY 2025 LEGISLATIVE REPORT:

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 2025-0022, approving the May 2025 Legislative Report.

CLAIMS:

5. REJECT CLAIM OF JEAN JONES:

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 2025-0023, rejecting the claim of Jean Jones.

6. REJECT CLAIM OF MICHAEL HERBERHOLZ:

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 2025-0024, rejecting the claim of Michael Herberholz.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

7. ACCEPTANCE OF THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2025:

RECOMMENDATION: The Finance Committee recommends that the Board accept the report.

8. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AUTHORITY INVESTMENT REPORT AS OF MARCH 31, 2025:

RECOMMENDATION: The Finance Committee recommends that the Board accept the report.

CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS:

9. AUTHORIZE A REDUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF RETENTION WITHHELD ON PROGRESS PAYMENTS TO TURNER-FLATIRON, A JOINT VENTURE FOR WORK PERFORMED ON THE NEW TERMINAL 1 TERMINAL AND ROADWAYS PROJECT:

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 2025-0025, authorizing a reduction in the amount of retention withheld on progress payments to Turner-Flatiron, a Joint Venture for work performed on the New Terminal 1 Terminal and Roadways Project.

10. APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE PRESIDENT/CEO TO EXECUTE A FOURTH AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH OPTAVISE LLC:

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 2025-0026, approving and authorizing the President/CEO to execute a Fourth Amendment to the Agreement with Optavise LLC, extending the term for three months and increasing the compensation amount.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

11. RENEWAL OF HEALTH & WELFARE BENEFITS FOR 2026:

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 2025-0027, approving the renewal of the Health and Welfare Benefits Program for 2026.

Monty Bell, Director, Human Resources, provided a presentation on the Health and Welfare Renewal Benefits Program for 2026 that included Medical Renewal History, Current Program Overview, Market Solution, Ancillary Overview, and Additional Benefits.

ACTION: Moved by Commissioner Sly and seconded by Commissioner Vaus to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried by the following votes: YES – Cabrera, Martinez, Montgomery Steppe, Perez, Sly Vaus; NO – None; ABSENT – Benzian, Sanchez and von Wilpert (Weighted Vote Points: YES – 63; NO – 0; ABSENT – 27)

The Board recessed at 10:02 a.m. and reconvened at 10:03 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION: The Board recessed into Closed Session at 10:04 a.m. to hear item 13.

12. 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

13. 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 10:49 a.m.

GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT:

BOARD COMMENT:

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD THIS 5TH DAY OF JUNE 2025.

ATTEST:



ANNETTE FAGAN ORTIZ
AUTHORITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



AMY GONZALEZ
GENERAL COUNSEL