



palm springs  
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

## **AIRPORT COMMISSION**

### **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE AIRPORT COMMISSION OF THE PALM SPRINGS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

**Wednesday, October 15, 2025 – 4:00 P.M.**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Corcoran called the Airport Commission meeting to order at 4:00 P.M. The meeting was held in-person and via videoconference.

Chairman Corcoran asked Commissioner Schoeffler to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. POSTING OF AGENDA:** Agenda posted on October 9, 2025.

**3. ROLL CALL:**

**Commissioner's Present:**

Dave Banks (Palm Springs)	Margaret Park (Riverside County)
Todd Burke (Palm Springs)	Christian Samlaska (Cathedral City)
Daniel Caldwell (Palm Springs)	Timothy Schoeffler (Palm Springs)
Kevin Corcoran (Palm Springs) - Chairman	Phil Valdez (Indian Wells)
Bryan Ebensteiner (Palm Springs)	Dirk Voss (Desert Hot Springs)
J Craig Fong (Palm Springs)	Rick Wise (Indio)
Ken Hedrick (Palm Springs)	Kevin Wiseman (Palm Desert)
Geoffrey Kiehl (La Quinta)	Keith Young (Rancho Mirage)
Samantha McDermott (Palm Springs)	

**Commissioners Absent:** Denise Delgado (Coachella), Tracy Martin (Palm Springs)

**Staff Present:**

Harry Barrett, Jr., Executive Director of Aviation

Jeremy Keating, Assistant Airport Director

Victoria Carpenter, Assistant Airport Director

Daniel Meier, Deputy Director of Aviation, Marketing and Air Service

Ryan Kaspari, Deputy Director of Capital Development

Edward Graff, Operations Manager

Lowell Valencia - Miller, Executive Program Administrator

Harman Singh, Project Manager

Christina Brown, Executive Program Administrator

Mariana Anguiano, Executive Administrative Assistant  
Tanya Perez, Administrative Specialist  
Jeremy Holm, City Attorney

**Others Present:**

Joel Ericson, RS&H California, Inc.

**4. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:**

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VOSS, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HEDRICK, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, to approve the agenda as presented.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**6.A** Minutes of the Airport Commission Regular Meeting of September 17, 2025.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VOSS, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KIEHL, CARRIED 16 – YES AND 1 - ABSTAIN, to approve the minutes of September 17, 2025.

**7. INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

**7.A** Thomas Woodard – Airport Emergency Planning Administrator

Thomas was introduced to the Airport Commission.

**8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:**

**8.A** Noise Committee Update

Commissioner Fong provided an update.

**8.B** Marketing and Business Development Committee Update

Deputy Director of Aviation, Marketing and Air Service Meier provided an update.

Commissioners discussed trends in Canadian travel declines, domestic visitor increases, and the positive economic impact of marketing efforts.

**8.C** Budget and Finance Committee Update

Commissioner Hedrick provided an update.

Airport staff to continue evaluating bond payoff and runway rehabilitation plan.

Executive Program Administrator Valencia - Miller and Commissioner Valdez presented analysis on implementing General Aviation Landing Fees using Vector ADS-B tracking.

Airport Staff to develop revenue models and potential policy for Airport Commission review.

#### **8.D Parking Rates Update**

Assistant Airport Director Carpenter provided an update and introduced Operations Manager Graff.

Airport staff to finalize public communications and coordinate with parking operator on transition logistics.

#### **8.E Taxicab Fee Increase**

Assistant Airport Director Carpenter provided an update.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HEDRICK, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER YOUNG, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, to recommend to the City Council the Approval of an Increase in Ground Transportation Fees for Taxicabs at Palm Springs International Airport from \$3.25 to \$4.00.

#### **8.F Escalators Update**

Assistant Airport Director Keating and Deputy Director of Capital Development Kaspari provided an update.

#### **8.G Paradies Lagardere Update**

Assistant Airport Director Carpenter provided an update.

Airport staff to ensure all concessionaires comply with early opening requirements prior to the next meeting and to provide the Airport Commission with an update on revised concession operating hours at the November 2025 meeting.

#### **8.H Projects and Airport Capital Improvement Program Update**

Project Manager Singh provided an update.

#### **8.I Future City Council Update**

Assistant Airport Director Carpenter provided an update.

**9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Executive Director of Aviation Barrett provided an update.

**10. COMMISSIONERS REQUESTS AND REPORTS**

Chairman Corcoran reviewed details of the upcoming Airport Commission Special Meeting and confirmed that information will be provided to Commissioners as the date approaches.

Commission Kiehl suggested that future Airport Commission meetings be scheduled one week later to allow Airport staff additional time to complete agenda preparations. Executive Director of Aviation Barrett noted that meeting timelines are often compressed due to Council and Commission scheduling but will continue to prioritize items requiring Council action.

**11. REPORT OF COUNCIL ACTIONS:**

**11.A** Past City Council Actions

**12. RECEIVE AND FILE:**

**12.A** Airline Activity Report September 2025

**12.B** Airline Activity Report Fiscal Year Comparison

**12.C** Request For Proposal (RFP) and Invitation For Bid (IFB) Update

**13. COMMITTEES:**

**13.A** Future Committee Meetings

**13.B** Committee's Roster

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Airport Commission adjourned at 5:19 P.M. to the Regular Meeting on November 19, 2025, at 4:00 P.M.

  
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Tanya Perez  
Administrative Specialist

APPROVED BY AIRPORT COMMISSION: 11/19/25