



palm springs  
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

## **AIRPORT COMMISSION**

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

**Wednesday, April 15, 2026 - 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 lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. POSTING OF AGENDA:** Agenda posted on April 09, 2026.

**3. ROLL CALL:**

**Commissioner's Present:**

Kevin Corcoran (Palm Springs) - Chairman	Christian Samlaska (Cathedral City)
Todd Burke (Palm Springs) -Vice Chair Via Zoom	Timothy Schoeffler (Palm Springs)
Daniel, Caldwell (Palm Springs)	Dirk Voss (Desert Hot Springs)
Bryan Ebensteiner (Palm Springs)	Kevin Wiseman (Palm Desert) Via Zoom
J Craig Fong (Palm Springs)	Rick Wise (Indio) Via Zoom
Ken Hedrick (Palm Springs)	Keith Young (Rancho Mirage)
Geoffrey Kiehl (La Quinta)	Margaret Park (Riverside County)
Tracy Martin (Palm Springs)	
Samantha McDermott (Palm Springs)	

**Commissioners Absent:** Phil Valdez (Indian Wells) Voss (Desert Hot Springs)

**Staff Present:**

Scott Stiles, City Manager

Harry Barrett Jr. Executive Director

Victoria Carpenter Assistant Airport Director

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Jeremy Keating, Assistant Airport Director  
Daniel Meier, Deputy Director of Aviation, Marketing and Air Service  
Ryan Kaspari, Deputy Director of Capital Development  
Lowell Valencia - Miller, Executive Program Administrator  
Christina Brown, Executive Program Administrator  
Harman Singh, Project Manager  
Ramon Sanchez, Operations Manager  
Ed Graff, Operations Manager  
Andrew Crider, Civil Engineer, Senior  
Liz Granillo, Accountant  
Jake Ingrassia, Marketing and Communications Specialist  
Jason Hodges, Strategy and Innovation Administrator  
Mariana Anguiano, Executive Administrative Assistant  
Jeremy Holm, City Attorney

**Others Present:**

Pamela Brown Paradies Lagardère Travel Retail  
Samantha White Paradies Lagardère Travel Retail  
Danielle LaClair Paradies Lagardère Travel Retail

Jennifer Mckinney Gensler Architects  
Veronica Chavez Gensler Architects  
Neil Mclean Gensler Architects

**4. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:**

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER CALDWELL, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER SAMLASKA, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, to approve the agenda as presented.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Iain Parsons gave a public comment on Item 8.D Noise Committee Update.

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**6.A** Minutes of the Airport Commission Meeting of March 18, 2026.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HEDRICK, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KIEHL, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY approve the minutes of MARCH 18, 2026.

**7. 7.0 City Manager Update:**

City Manager, Stiles provided a brief update highlighting a successful community meeting on the airport master plan and expressed appreciation for outgoing leadership. He announced the appointment of Victoria Carpenter as Interim Executive Director, noting continuity of operations and ongoing projects will remain on track. He also shared that a national recruitment effort for a permanent director will begin, with additional staffing considerations underway to support airport operations.

#### **7.A Executive Director Report**

Executive Director, Barrett, gave a verbal update to the Airport Commission.

### **8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:**

#### **8.A Bono and Courtyard Restroom Renovation Update**

Staff and project consultants provided a design and status update on the airport restroom renovation project, highlighting enhanced capacity, modern amenities, and incorporation of sustainability and smart technology features. The project remains in design and permitting, with updated cost estimates trending lower than previously reported. Next steps include plan review, bidding, and anticipated construction following the 2027 peak season.

#### **8.B Paradies Summer Ramp Down Schedule**

Airport concessionaire Paradies Lagardère presented an operational and financial update, noting strong year-over-year revenue growth and increased passenger spending. Seasonal adjustments to hours and offerings were outlined for the summer period, with continued service enhancements at key locations. Additionally, a planned concept space will not move forward due to infrastructure constraints; alternative uses for the space will be explored.

#### **8.C Operations, Properties, and Facilities Committee Update**

Civil Senior Engineer Crider, and Operations Committee Chairman Wiseman reviewed vendor's proposals for new Bono Concourse seating and agreed with staff's recommended option, including layout and materials, based on durability and warranty considerations. Installation is anticipated by late summer.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER PARK, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HEDRICK, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, to approve the DARKER COLOR PALETTE FOR THE BONO CONCOURSE SEATING.**

#### **8.D Noise Committee Update**

Commission Chairman, Fong provided an update.

**8.E** Financial Update

Accountant, Granillo provided an update.

**8.F** Projects and Capital Improvement Program Update

Project Manager, Singh provided an update.

**8.G** Marketing Update

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

**8.H** Future City Council Update

Assistant Airport Director, Carpenter provided an update.

**9. COMMISSIONERS REQUESTS AND REPORTS**

No Requests No Reports

**10. REPORT OF COUNCIL ACTIONS:**

**10.A** Past City Council Actions

**11. RECEIVE AND FILE:**

**11.A** Airline Activity Report March 2026

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

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

**12. COMMITTEES:**

**12.A** Future Committee Meetings

**12.B** Committee's Roster

**13. ADJOURNMENT:**

The Airport Commission adjourned at 6:25 P.M. to the Regular Meeting on May 20, 2026, at 4:00 P.M.

*Mariana Anguiano*

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