



# AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMISSION 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

City of Long Beach

## LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Mayor and City Council,

Please accept the enclosed summary of the Airport Advisory Commission's activities during 2021. We continued to navigate the challenges of conducting business safely and effectively during the pandemic and I am pleased with what we have accomplished together.

I was honored to be nominated by my colleagues as the Commission Chairperson in June 2021. I maintained the Commission's three focus priorities, as first outlined in 2020:

- Simplifying financial presentation provided by Airport staff to the Commission;
- Hosting presentations that will improve understanding of the Airport's complex land use portfolio; and
- Creating additional opportunities for commissioners to increase their overall awareness of Airport-related issues and challenges.

We continue to make strides on these goals, including hosting a virtual tour of John Wayne Airport that focused on their sustainability efforts, and regular educational presentations by Airport staff during Commission meetings.

Of course, we also continue the important work of our two ad hoc committees, Sustainability and Public Viewing Area, where our commissioners and staff collaborate to ensure our airport responds to the needs of the community and broader industry.

Sincerely,

Miles Nevin

Chair, Long Beach Airport Advisory Commission

## BACKGROUND

The purpose of this report is to provide the Long Beach Mayor and City Council with a summary of the Airport Advisory Commission activities during the reporting period January 2021 - December 2021.

Additionally, its purpose is to provide recommendations regarding the Commission's future operation, pursuant to Section 2.18.090(9) of the Long Beach Municipal Code.

## COMMISSION ROLE

Pursuant to City Code, the role of the Airport Advisory Commission is to:

- Consult with and advise the City Council in formulating City policies regarding the development and operation of Long Beach Airport;
- Study and analyze, for the purpose of evaluation and recommendation of policy, issues which have been referred to it by the City Council. This may include, among other topics, rates/fees, lease and land use policies, standards of service, facility requirements and environmental standards.



## OFFICERS | DATES OF SERVICE



**Miles Nevin**  
June 2019 – Present  
Chair, June 2021 – June 2022



**Katie Larson**  
June 2019 – Present  
Vice Chair, June 2021 – June 2022



**Robert L. Allarte**  
September 2020 – Present



**Jeffrey Anderson**  
January 2016 – Present  
Vice Chair, June 2017 – June 2019  
Chair, June 2019 – June 2020



**Christine Bos**  
March 2021 – Present



**Alvaro Castillo**  
July 2017 – September 2021  
Chair, June 2020 – September 2021



**Wayne Chaney Sr.**  
January 2016 – Present  
Chair, June 2017 – June 2019  
Vice Chair, June 2019 – June 2021



**Rita Nayak**  
December 2017 – September 2021



**Geetanjali Reuben**  
July 2018 – Present

## MEETINGS, MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

During the reporting period, the Commission held eight regular meetings. There are no regular meetings scheduled in April, August or December.

All meetings were duly noted and open to the public.

Following is the attendance roster for the reporting period.

All Commissioners continue to meet the Commissioner's Standing Rule Requirement of no more than two unexcused absences during a term.

Out of pocket costs incurred by the Airport Enterprise Fund for Commission support are typically limited to those expended for room rentals for scheduled public meetings, refreshments and commissioner attendance. In 2021, this totaled \$6,659.67.

### 2021 AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING ATTENDANCE

Commissioner	1/21/21	2/18/21	3/18/21	5/20/21	6/17/21	9/16/21	10/21/21	11/18/21	Meetings Attended
Robert L. Allarte	€	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	7
Jeffrey Anderson	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	8
Christine Bos			X	X	X	X	X	X	6
Alvaro Castillo	X	X	X	X	X	X			6
Wayne Chaney Sr.	X	X	X	€	X	X	X	€	6
Katie Larson	X	X	X	X	X	X	€	X	7
Rita Nayak	X	X	X	X	X	€			5
Miles Nevin	X	X	€	X	X	X	X	X	7
Geetanjali Reuben	X	X	X	X	X	€	€	€	5

**X** = Attended Meeting    **€** = Excused Absence

## CONSIDERATIONS, EFFORTS AND ACTIONS

### January 21, 2021

Received report on Business Partner Spotlights: Pacific Gateway Workforce Innovation Network and ABM Industries.

### February 18, 2021

Received report on Phase II Terminal Area Improvement Program.

Received presentation from Aeroplex Aerolease Group on solar power installation at Long Beach Airport.

Received report on Business Partner Spotlight: Long Beach Flying Club.

### March 18, 2021

Received report on Business Partner Spotlight: Anthelion Helicopters.

### May 20, 2021

Received report on Phase II Terminal Area Improvement Program.

Received report on Business Partner Spotlights: Paradies Lagardere Dining and Aeroplex/Aerolease Group Program.

### June 17, 2021

Elected Chair and Vice Chair.

Received report on Business Partner Spotlight: Paradies Lagardere Retail.

### September 16, 2021

Elected vacated Vice Chair position.

Received report on Business Partner Spotlights: Hawaiian Airlines and Long Beach Fire Department.

### October 21, 2021

Received report on Business Partner Spotlight: Long Beach Airport Valet

### November 18, 2021

Received report on Phase II Terminal Area Improvement Program.

Received report on Business Partner Spotlight: Aces High Aviation

## PUBLIC VIEWING AREA COMMITTEE EFFORTS

- The viewing area project was incorporated into Kilroy Realty Corporation's (Kilroy) overall improvements to the business park and its rebranding efforts as Aero Long Beach.
- Kilroy prepared construction drawings based on the site plan reviewed by the Public Viewing Area Committee and went into plan check with the City's Development Services Department.
- Construction drawings were approved by Development Services in November 2021.
- Staff continued to work with Kilroy on the timing for the construction of the viewing area, which is slated for completion in Q3 2022.

# SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE EFFORTS

## Overview

Through regular meetings, the Sustainability Committee advises and supports Airport staff on the Mayor and City Council's goal for LGB to become a sustainability leader among airports.

## Airport Carbon Accreditation Program

The Sustainability Committee supports continued efforts by Airport staff to collect sustainability data to gain a better understanding of the Airport's carbon footprint. This sustainability data was used to quantify LGB's emissions inventory in preparation for Level 2 of Airport Carbon Accreditation (ACA) in 2021. In September 2021, in its first year applying to the ACA program, LGB achieved Level 2 accreditation. Based on the Airport's review of recent GHG emissions and an understanding of how renewable energy use by utility providers will impact emissions, in addition to developing and implementing ambitious sustainability projects and measures, the Airport has set targets to reduce GHG emissions (on a per passenger basis) by 20 percent below the 2016 baseline by 2025 and by 40 percent below the 2016 baseline by 2030.

## MOU with South Coast Air Quality Management District

The Sustainability Committee supports the continued efforts by Airport staff to meet the emission reduction targets associated with the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD). Due to the need to reduce NOx emissions in the region, Long Beach Airport, along with four other airports in the South Coast Air Basin, entered into an MOU with South Coast AQMD in 2019. Through the implementation of this MOU, LGB is able to quantify the emissions reduction benefits at the Airport. In conjunction with the timing of the completion of the Ground Service Equipment (GSE) Chargers Improvement Project in February 2020, the airlines are incentivized more than ever to replace older ground support equipment with electric GSE. The Airport has provided annual reports to AQMD staff that have illustrated the Airport's progress on reducing emissions from GSE. The Airport is on course to meet the 2023 emissions reductions target set in the MOU and will continue to provide annual reports through 2031.

## Senate Bill 1383 and Organic Waste

The Sustainability Committee supports the efforts of the Airport to comply with California Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383). SB 1383 established statewide targets to achieve a 75 percent reduction of organic waste and recover at least 20 percent of edible food for human consumption by 2025. With assistance from the City's Public Works and Environmental Services Bureau, Paradies, Little Brass Café and Airport Building Services staff were trained on how to properly handle and divert food scraps from the landfill. The diverted organic waste is converted into a biogas, which is a renewable energy source, through anaerobic digestion. The biosolids from that process can be used as fertilizer.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Your Airport Advisory Commission appreciates the opportunity to serve the citizens of Long Beach. The Airport is an integral part of the City. A key goal of the Airport is to provide business opportunities, air travel services and economic benefits while respecting the quality of life of our communities. The Airport Advisory Commission is a key link in this process. It is important that the Airport maintain its compatibility with the surrounding community. The Commission recognizes the ongoing benefits from its continuing involvement in fulfillment of its mission as prescribed by City Code. The Commission reviews air carrier and total noise budget data to ensure compliance with Long Beach Municipal Code Chapter 16.43 quarterly. This independent oversight provides the public with assurance that Airport staff is adhering to the environmental commitments made to the community. This dedication to providing timely reporting on noise violations and noise complaint data, as well as exploring opportunities to reduce adverse noise events, is important to the public. Their continued commitment to reviewing this information regularly with the Commission ensures compliance with the Noise Compatibility Ordinance and assurance that the Airport is taking its environmental obligations to the community seriously.

As it has in the past, the Commission will continue to interface with the Mayor, Council members and the community to share its views and what it has learned. We encourage your Honorable Mayor and City Council to rely on our resources of knowledge and inter-organizational contacts, including through the referral of issues.

The Commission looks forward to working with the City and its representatives over the coming year(s). We hope to continue to actively engage the public through our outreach efforts on issues such as:

- Desired achievements of the Airport's sustainability plan;
- Green airport matters, including noise abatement and land use compatibility; and
- Regional, state and federal affairs, as well as special events.

## ABOUT LONG BEACH AIRPORT

Founded in 1923, Long Beach Airport is the oldest airport in California. Among its many awards, LGB was named a Top 10 airport in the 2020 USA Today 10Best Readers' Choice travel award contest for Best Small Airport. LGB offers nonstop service to 16 U.S. cities while supporting a healthy general aviation community with approximately 300,000 annual operations. The Airport is also a source of substantial economic activity and employment, with the LGB Aviation Complex generating \$8.6 billion in economic impact and supporting 46,000 jobs.



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