

**AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
FOR MARCH 16, 2021
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE**

MEMBERS PRESENT

1. Marco Barros
2. Vaugh Caudill
3. Charnelle Chin
4. Frank Cruz
5. Mark Fessler, Chairman
6. Marsha Hendler, Secretary
7. Earl Jackson, Jr., Vice Chairman
8. Maureen McCann
9. Deborah Omowale Jamon
10. Ed Onwe
11. Diane Rath
12. Tripp Riedel

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

1. John Grisell
2. Les Hobgood
3. Valerie Peak
4. Aurelina Prado

VISITORS

1. Customs and Border Protection Director
William Trevino

CITY STAFF

- Jesus H. Saenz, Jr. IAP, Director of Airports
- Nicole Fowles, Sr. Special Projects Manager/Board Liaison
- Mark Triesh, City Attorney
- David Robbins, Chief Development Officer
- Thomas Bartlett, Deputy Director

Chairman Mark Fessler called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m. After a quorum was established, roll call was taken on the videoconference. Mr. Fessler asked the Board Liaison if there were any Public Comments to share with the Commission. It was noted that no comments were received.

Mr. Fessler asked the Commission members if they had reviewed the minutes from the January 19, 2021 teleconference meeting. No changes were noted and a motion to approve the minutes was made and seconded. The Commissioners voted to accept the approval of the minutes.

Mr. Fessler introduced Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Director William Trevino, who thanked the Commissioners for the opportunity to speak to the group. Port Director Trevino gave a brief biography of his more than 20 years with the CBP, including his previous experience with the Port of Laredo. He arrived at the San Antonio International Airport in July 2020 when the return of air service to Mexico had been reinitiated but limited. He shared that the Mexican carriers, and other domestic carriers, were returning service and were currently experiencing four to seven daily flights. The CBP at San Antonio International is comprised of Airport includes 23 officers. Port Director Trevino spoke of his successful working relationship with the Aviation Department.

Mr. Fessler thanked the Port Director for speaking to the Commission and highlighted the positive customer experience he had experienced from the CBP and had heard from others. Mr. Fessler asked the Commissioners to communicate with their neighbors and co-workers on the work of the CBP, so more

individuals are knowledgeable of their operations. Commissioner Marco Barros added that he was a strong proponent of the Global Entry Program and the work of the CBP. Airport Director Jesus Saenz informed the Commission members that Port Director Trevino and the CBP have been an asset to the Airport System. He described a Black History Event that the Port Director organized for his team that he attended.

Mr. Saenz introduced the next topic, the Strategic Development Program update, which was given by Chief Development Officer David Robbins. In his introduction, Mr. Saenz noted that he had given a similar presentation to City Council earlier in the month during a B Session presentation. Mr. Robbins described the airfield alternative and its associated safety enhancement and potential growth projects. He shared the three alternatives under consideration for the terminal facility to address several challenges currently experienced:

- Undersized terminals (based on 2018 passenger numbers)
- Separate security checkpoints and no connection between existing terminals
- Inadequate concession space and undersized baggage handling system.

Mr. Robbins's presentation also included two potential roadway options under consideration to increase decision-making distances for motorists and increase vehicle flow.

Commission members offered the following comments or questions:

- Requested a copy of the presentation shared to the Commission members.
- Thank you for sharing, as you are planning for 2040, does the plan anticipate for aircraft changes based on design or fuel type?
 - Yes. Our consultants are researching future design changes not only in aircraft but terminals and other future innovations such as driverless automobiles or drones and other changes.
- Was this information presented to City Council?
 - Yes. We wanted to present this information to you and other groups for your opinions and input.
- What comes first, the building of a new Terminal C or renovations to the existing terminals?
 - It is still too early to tell. Our consultants are working on implementation plans, phasing and costs. We need to review those recommendations for feasibility, especially in how we will fund these projects.
- San Antonio International Airport has one of the most difficult areas for motorists; motorists often will just stop in front of the terminal building and its difficult to maneuver around them.
 - It is important for us to extend the driving distance to the terminal buildings to allow motorists more time to make decisions. We have an underserved ramp from Highway 281.
- Are we anticipating more parking facilities under the Strategic Development Plan?
 - We anticipate the need for more parking facilities, including those that serve both the electric and fuel-based vehicles.
- The new Salt Lake International Airport is beautiful but is difficult to navigate as a traveler.
 - We want to ensure our plan takes care of all passengers at all levels of accessibility.

Mr. Fessler asked the Commission members if they had any questions on the monthly reports. No questions were asked. Mr. Barros mentioned that he was appreciative of the report Chief Air Service

Officer Brian Pratte had shared on March passenger levels. Mr. Fessler thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

This meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m.