



**COLORADO SPRINGS
AIRPORT**

Colorado's small airport

**MINUTES
Airport Advisory Commission
Wednesday, May 24, 2023
3:00PM – 5:00PM
Colorado Springs Airport Conference Room B
(Public Via Teleconference)
Teams Meeting**

VOTING

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Bill Nichols – Interim Chairman
David L. Couch – Commissioner
Al Peterson – Commissioner
Mark Volcheff – Commissioner
Michelle Ruehl – Commissioner (via TEAMS)
John Buckley – Commissioner (via TEAMS, late)
Danny Mientka – Commissioner (via TEAMS, late)

VOTING

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

NON-VOTING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Randy Helms – City Council Representative

NON-VOTING

MEMBERS ABSENT: George Mentz – Alternate Commissioner
Brian Risley – City Council Representative
Dave Elliot – Meadow Lake Airport Liaison
County Commissioner Longinos Gonzalez, Jr. – Liaison
Commissioner (via TEAMS)
County Commissioner Stan VanderWerf – Liaison
Commissioner

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Greg Phillips – Director of Aviation
David Andrews – Senior Attorney
Jennifer Cook – Executive Assistant
Joe Nevill – Air Service Development Manager
Troy Stover – Business Park Development Director
Deanna Stoddard – Design and Construction Manager
Chris Padilla – Senior Airport Planner
Kristine Andrews – Environmental Health & Safety
Specialist
Ivette Rentas – Airport Customer Relations Coordinator
(via TEAMS)
Josh MacCammon – Air Service Development Analyst II
(via TEAMS)

GUESTS PRESENT:

Amy Kelley, United States Air Force
Jessica Van Dyne, Gazette (via TEAMS)
Other attendees via phone were unknown

I. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 3:00PM MAY 24, 2023, by INTERIM CHAIRMAN NICHOLS**

II. **APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 26, 2023 MEETING MINUTES**

Commissioner Peterson made a motion to approve the April 26, 2023 meeting minutes. Commissioner Volcheff seconded.

Discussion: None

VOTE: **APPROVED (Unanimous, Roll Call Passes 5 Yes)**

III. **COMMUNICATIONS**

- **None**

IV. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Randy Helms, City Council Representative, spoke to Yemi Mobolade's election to Mayor of Colorado Springs. Mayor Mobolade will be sworn-in on Tuesday, June 6, 2023. Brian Risley, City Councilmember, will now be the second City Council Representative for the AAC replacing Wayne Williams.

V. **NEW BUSINESS AND REPORT ITEMS**

A. **Land Use Review** – Kris Andrews

Kris Andrews presented nine (9) Land Use Items.

Commissioner Volcheff made a motion to recommend approval of Land Use Items #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, #7, #8, and #9 as presented by airport staff. Commissioner Couch seconded.

Discussion: None

VOTE: **APPROVED (Unanimous, Roll Call Passes 5 Yes)**

B. **Director's Airport Business Report**

- **Project Status Report**
 - Airport/Airfield construction report presented by Deanna Stoddard.
 - Airport Master Plan – No Change. Jviation has submitted revised ALP and Exhibit A to FAA for final review and approval.

- TSA Queuing Area Expansion – NTP issued; construction began 5/14 with first phase focused on Hudson retail space. Hudson will have temporary kiosks in place.
 - Taxiway Bravo Rehabilitation Schedule II Construction – FAA secured additional funding: awaiting grant award in May. Request for additional compensation from RS&H.
 - Taxiway Alpha Realignment – 95% design review meeting held in April with FAA. Construction sub-phasing will likely be required due to levels of FAA funding; construction postponed until 2025.
 - RAC Parking Lot Rehab Construction – Awaiting GMP revisions.
 - Inline Baggage System – TSA OTA received, awaiting execution of OTA and Task Order.
 - Concourse Modernization – Permit set for first construction package submitted to PPRBD. Ongoing coordination with designers and contractor; construction to begin Q3 2023.
- **Traffic Trend Report**
 - The airline data analysis was presented by Joe Nevill.
 - In the month of April, the Colorado Springs Airport (COS) saw a total of 168,073 passengers travel through the terminal, with 84,162 of those passengers enplaning at COS.
 - April 2023 enplanements were down 3.6 percent compared to April 2022 due to the exit of Frontier Airlines at COS in November 2022, and up 43 percent when compared to the industry’s 2019 pre-pandemic benchmark.
 - Year-to-date (January-April) enplanements at COS are up 0.8 percent in comparison to 2022 and 51 percent when compared to the same period in 2019.
 - The month of April saw a load factor average of 78.1 percent, representing a 2.9 percentage point increase versus 2022.
 - On June 5, 2023, Delta Air Lines will add nonstop Atlanta (ATL) daily service, along with daily nonstop service to Minneapolis/St. Paul (MSP) launching on June 6.
 - New carrier, Sun Country Airlines, will begin nonstop seasonal service to Minneapolis/St. Paul (MSP) on June 8, 2023.
 - Southwest Airlines announced it will serve Long Beach (LGB) nonstop daily beginning July 11, 2023.
 - **COS Financial Report**
 - COS financial report presented by Greg Phillips.
 - **Airport Business Development Report**
 - Airport business development report presented by Troy Stover.

C. General Business – Director Greg Phillips

- COS is moving forward with a Common-use system for ticket counters and gates and have selected a contractor; equipment, hardware and software are currently being installed.

- Colorado Airport Operators Association (CAOA) 2023 Spring Conference, hosted by COS, will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton beginning June 21st through the 23rd. Invitation extended to the Commission.
- Thank you to those who could attend the annual GA Pancake Breakfast.
- New Mayor Yemi Mobolade will be sworn-in June 6, 2023.

D. Chairman's Report – Interim Chairman Nichols

- None

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

- Washington Update – Commissioner Ruehl
 - None

VII. COMMISSION MEMBERS' COMMENTS

- Councilmember Helms spoke to the Air Force Academy graduation on June 1, 2023, which includes a fly-over by the Thunderbirds.

VIII. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

- Interim Chairman Nichols announced that he and Commissioner Couch will end their time with the Commission in August.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- Interim Chairman Nichols adjourned the meeting at 4:23PM.

The next meeting date is Wednesday, June 28, 2023