

Date: May 20, 2025

To: Thomas B. Modica, City Manager 

From: Cynthia Guidry, Director, Long Beach Airport 

For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: **Airport Advisory Commission 2024 Annual Report**

On May 15, 2025, in accordance with Long Beach Municipal Code 2.18.090, the Airport Advisory Commission approved a recommendation to transmit the Commission's 2024 Annual Report (attached) to the Mayor and City Council.

If you would like further information regarding this report, please contact Juan López-Rios, Deputy Director, at (562) 570-2608, or by email at juan.lopez-rios@longbeach.gov.

ATTACHMENT

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AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMISSION 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

City of Long Beach

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Mayor and City Council,

Enclosed is a summary of the Airport Advisory Commission's activities in 2024.

Long Beach Airport wrapped up its year long 100th anniversary campaign, and it was an honor for our Commission to celebrate the milestone with Airport and City officials, as well as the community. Highlights included one of the largest Festival of Flight events to date and the grand reopening of the Historic Terminal, featuring a 1940s-themed celebration and centennial time capsule.

Meanwhile, the Commission remains committed to understanding airport operations and addressing community concerns about aircraft noise and operations in an urban setting. We look forward to continuing our service in the year ahead.

Sincerely,

Geetanjali Reuben

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 2024 - December 2024.

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



Geetanjali Reuben
July 2018 – Present
Chair, July 2023 – Present



Mark Christoffels
July 2023 – Present



Phyllis Arias
July 2023 – Present



Kenneth Brown
July 2022 – Present



Wayne Chaney Sr.
January 2016 – July 2024
Chair, June 2017 – June 2019
Vice Chair, June 2019 – June 2021



Mireya La Farga
October 2021 – Present



Katie Larson
June 2019 – Present
Chair, June 2022 – June 2023
Vice Chair, June 2021 – June 2022
and July 2023 – June 2024



Dede Rossi
October 2021 – July 2024



Randy Zarn
June 2023 – Present

MEETINGS, MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

During the reporting period, the Commission held nine 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 2024, this totaled \$12,937.28.

2024 AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING ATTENDANCE

Commissioner	1/18	2/15	3/21	5/16	6/20	7/18	9/19	10/17	11/21	Meetings Attended
Phyllis Arias	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	E	8
Kenneth Brown	X	X	X	X	X	X	E	X	X	8
Wayne Chaney Sr.	X	E	E	X	E					2
Mark Christoffels	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	9
Mireya La Farga	E	X	E	X	X	E	X	X	E	5
Katie Larson	X	X	X	E	X	X	X	X	X	8
Geetanjali Reuben	X	E	X	X	X	X	E	X	X	7
Dede Rossi	X	E	X	E	X					2
Randy Zarn	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	9

X = Attended Meeting **E** = Excused Absence **C** = Meeting Cancelled

CONSIDERATIONS, EFFORTS AND ACTIONS

January 18

- Referred 2022 Annual Report to the City Council

February 15

- Received presentation on Long Beach Airport and Southern California: A Brief New Aviation and Aeronautics History

May 16

- Referred 2023 Annual Report to the City Council

June 20

- Elected Chair and Vice Chair

July 18

- Received presentation for recognition of service to the Commission by Wayne Chaney Sr.
- Established the 2024 Festival of Flight Event Committee

September 19

- Received report from the Historical Society of Long Beach, regarding recommendations for historical displays and interpretation at Long Beach Airport

November 21

- Established Wings of Fame Program Committee

FESTIVAL OF FLIGHT COMMITTEE EFFORTS

- Identified goals to increase attendance and to raise sponsorship dollars to offset costs for the 2024 Festival of Flight
- Reviewed Airport's "Festival of Flight Sponsor Guide," which included donor recognition levels
- Introduced Airport staff to organizations that may be interested in potential sponsorships; provided additional suggestions
- The final results for the 2024 Festival of Flight: more than 12,000 attendees and \$10,000 in sponsor dollars received

SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE EFFORTS



- The Sustainability Committee advises and supports staff on goals and initiatives that help to make LGB a sustainability leader among airports.
- The Sustainability Committee held meetings every other month during 2024 and received regular updates about LGB sustainability efforts and ongoing processes. The committee received presentations regarding the following topics: a progress update on the Sustainability Action Plan and the 2024 Airport Carbon Accreditation process, a presentation from World Energy regarding Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF), an update on the Airport's solar array installations on parking lots A and B and an update on the Airport's efforts to procure Zero Emission Vehicles for its operations team.
- During 2024, LGB renewed and completed the third-party verification process for the Airport Carbon Accreditation Level 2 program. The Airport was recognized at the 2024 Airports Council International – North America Annual Conference and Exhibition.
- The Sustainability Committee was also briefed by Airport staff on its ongoing collaboration with the South Coast Air Quality Management District to lower Ground Support Equipment (GSE) carbon emissions.

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. Pursuant to Municipal Code Section 2.18.090 (A9), it is recommended that the Airport Advisory Commission continue in its current capacity.

ABOUT LONG BEACH AIRPORT

Founded in 1923, Long Beach Airport (LGB) is the oldest airport in California. Among its many awards, LGB was named one of the 2022 Top Ten airports in the country by readers of Condé Nast Traveler magazine. LGB offers nonstop service to several U.S. cities while supporting a healthy general aviation community with more than 300,000 annual operations. The Airport is also a source of substantial economic activity and employment, with the LGB Aviation Complex generating \$9 billion in economic impact and supporting 42,000 jobs. LGB is a self-supporting enterprise of the City of Long Beach and does not receive local tax dollars. The Airport prides itself in preserving its esteemed historic legacy and maintaining a safe, sustainable and environmentally responsible operation. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and X @LGBAirport.



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