



# ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA AIRPORTS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Conference Call Meeting  
11:00 am, Wednesday, July 8, 2020

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## BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rayvon Williams, President  
Mary Hansen, Secretary/Treasurer  
Andy Swanson, Vice President  
Brendan O'Reilly, Past President  
Benny Stuth, Board Director  
Gary Engel, Board Director  
Ashley Whitmore, Board Director  
Cody Roggatz, Board Director  
David Decoteau, Board Director  
Carol Ford, Board Director  
Gary Gosliga, Board Director  
Justin Castagna, Board Director  
Cory Hazlewood, Board Director  
John Pfeifer, Board Director  
Richard Smith, Board Director  
Charlie Broadbent, Board Director

## BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jeff Crechriou, Board Director  
Chuck McCormick, Board Director

## Guests:

Melissa McCaffrey, Member  
Gill Wright, Member  
Mark Bautista, Member

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 am by President Rayvon Williams. It was attempted to hold the meeting through the software "go to meeting," but there were several challenges in getting all of the Board up in the conversations.

## Confirmation of Quartum

A quorum was confirmed.

## Approval of Agenda

*There were no additional items to add to agenda. The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.*

## Approval of Minutes

*There were no corrections to the minutes of June 10, 2020. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.*

### Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report is noted on the "Agenda Key Summary Points." No additional report was provided.

### Reports

See attached "Agenda Key Summary Points." Prior to the agenda, each of the key committee chairs send a brief statement, report, or general comments on committee activity to the Secretary/Treasurer. This becomes part of the "agenda packet" that each Board Member receives to prepare for the meeting.

a. 2020 Conference Update

The majority of the Board meeting concentrated on the 2020 Conference and what direction it should be taken. Benny Stuth and Richard Smith went over the various options the committee has been discussing. A general outline that could be accomplished through a software like "Go to Meeting," "Zoom," or something similar was presented that included a membership meeting, presentation of the toolbox, a question and answer period, and a round table discussion at the end. Another option was to have a series of specific utube presentations through pre-recorded messages. With mixed opinions, it appeared that the majority of the Board felt something should be done. Rather than the last option to totally cancel the conference until 2021. Benny and Richard, with help from Cory was tasked with coming up with an outline.

b. Legislative Update

A report was previously provided to the Board prior to the meeting and made a part of these minutes. No additional information provided related the report. Rayvon brought up another task he has been working on to make sure that the Aviation Caucus encompasses at least one Senator and one Assembly members in each ACA district. Rayvon has been working with Mary Hansen to determine the alignment. Rayvon will work with Carol, John, and Melissa in refining the group and determine where additional legislative members would be effective.

c. Emerging Technologies Committee

No updated report to provide. The committee has a meeting coming up and will provide more information on their activities at the next meeting.

d. Leadership Development Committee

No additional information provided. Gary Engel will send out a link to the Board to a website that will enable us to get him information he needs for the toolbox project. Gary will continue to work with the Conference Committee on options for the virtual activities proposed as a replacement to the "in-person" conference setting.

e. Nominating Committee

As Nominating Committee Chair, Brendan O'Reilly sent out a request to the Board members up for re-election to determine if they wanted to run for re-election. Current members have indicated they will run again. Rayvon and Brendan will confirm with corporate members Cory Hazlewood and Chuck McCormick on their re-election plans.

Unfinished Business

- a. COVID-19 Discussion/Airport Impacts  
No additional discussions under this subject.

New Business

- a. None.

Announcements

There were no announcements. A new business item for next meeting was requested concerning an ACA Mentorship Program.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:20 pm.

Submitted by

Mary A. Hansen  
Secretary

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Agenda Key Summary Points

### VI Treasurer's Report:

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| ACA General Account  | \$ 27,653     |                  |
| Aviation Day Account | <u>14,639</u> |                  |
| Total ACA Funds      |               | <u>\$ 42,292</u> |

### VII Reports

- a. 2020 Conference Update  
Status of virtual conference options to be provided at meeting.
- b. Legislative Update  
Update to be provided at meeting; Legislative Committee is working to determine which California Aviation Caucus members align with Board Districts to provide another avenue of getting aviation information to the legislature. The Caucus membership continues to grow with both Assembly and Senate representatives participating.
- c. Emerging Technologies Committee  
No update.
- d. Leadership Development Committee  
Update to be provided at meeting in conjunction with Conference Committee
- e. Nominating Committee

District Board positions up for election:

District 2 – Gary Gosliga  
District 4 – Benny Stuth  
District 6 – David Decoteau  
District 8 – Jeff Crechriou

Corporate Director – Cory Hazlewood  
Corporate Director – Chuck McCormick

### VIII Unfinished Business

- a. COVID-19 Discussion/Airport Impacts/ACA Conference  
Current updates will be provided during meeting discussions.

### IX New Business

- a. None

### X Announcements

The next ACA Board meeting is scheduled for 11 am, Wednesday, August 12, 2020.

## Legislative Update - July 8, 2020

California Legislation: The Legislature convened on January 6, 2020, for the second year of the 2019-2020 session. However, the Legislature was in recess through April due to the COVID-19 crisis. It is now back in session but holding abbreviated sessions. *The Legislature is scheduled to recess at end of session July 2 and return on August 3. Updates in italics.*

- **AB 245 (Muratsuchi): California Aerospace and Aviation Commission:** This bill is a reintroduction of AB 427 reported in 2018. The bill would create a California Aerospace and Aviation Commission to foster the development of activities in the state related to aerospace and aviation, commercial and governmental space travel, unmanned aerial vehicles, aerospace education and job training, infrastructure and research launches, manufacturing, academic research, applied research, economic diversification, business development, tourism, and education. AB 245 was introduced on January 22, 2019. Initially, the bill was supported by SWAAAE, ACA, AOPA, CalPilots, and several aerospace companies. Extensive amendments over the course of the bill have given rise to concerns by aviation stakeholders and those concerns are under discussion at this time. The bill passed the Assembly on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019. It is now in the Senate and was referred to the Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development, where it passed on June 17, and ended the session awaiting hearing in the Committee on Governmental Organization. The bill remains in committee and became a two year bill. It may be heard not later than July 12, 2020. Given the abbreviated session schedule, it is unlikely that this bill will be taken up. *No change.*
- **AB 1190 (Irwin): Unmanned aircraft: state and local regulation: limitations.** The bill would prohibit a state or local agency from adopting any law or regulation that bans the operation of an unmanned aircraft system, as well as other provisions as specified. The bill passed the Assembly on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019, and ended the session awaiting hearing in the Senate Rules Committee. The bill remains in committee and became a two year bill. It may be heard not later than July 12, 2020. Given the abbreviated session schedule, it is unlikely that this bill will be taken up. *No change.*
- **SB 648 (Chang): Unmanned aircraft systems: accident notification:** The bill would require the operator of an unmanned aircraft system involved in an accident resulting in injury to an individual or damage to property to immediately land the aircraft, as specified, and provide certain information to the injured individual or the owner or person in charge of the damaged property. The bill passed the Senate on May 9 and is now in the Assembly, where it passed in the Committee on Privacy and Consumer Protection on June 26, 2019, and ended the session awaiting hearing in the Committee on Transportation. The bill remains in committee and became a two year bill. It may be heard not later than July 12, 2020. Given the abbreviated session schedule, it is unlikely that this bill will be taken up. *No change.*
- **SB 988 (McGuire): Aviation fuel:** This bill is a first step legislatively to bring the state into compliance with the FAA aviation fuel tax revenue policy. It would require the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (the department) to collect and disseminate information and calculate the amount of revenue collected from the sale, storage, use, or consumption of aviation fuel in the state. The bill was introduced on February 12 and was scheduled to be heard in the Senate Committee on Governance and Finance on March 18. The hearing was postponed indefinitely due to the Legislature's COVID-19 recess. ACA,

SWAAAE, and CalPilots have sent letters of support. Discussion with the author and staff is needed to determine why only jet fuel and not avgas is included in the bill. Given the abbreviated session schedule, the President pro Tempore requested that Senators voluntarily reduce their bill loads and this bill was withdrawn. *No change.*

- **SB 1044: (Allen): Firefighting equipment and foam: PFAS chemicals:** This bill was introduced on February 18. The bill would prohibit a manufacturer of class B firefighting foam from manufacturing, or knowingly selling, offering for sale, distributing for sale, or distributing for use class B firefighting foam to which PFAS chemicals have been intentionally added, and would provide for civil penalties for doing so. The bill contains an exemption for firefighting foam, containing PFAS chemicals, that are required by federal law, specifically including section 139.317 of CFR 14. The bill was referred to multiple Senate Committees: Environmental Quality, Governmental Organization, and Judiciary. Hearings pending return of the Legislature. Recommend no position on the bill. The bill was heard in the Senate Committee on EQ & GO on May 18, amended, and re-referred to EQ & GO. *The bill passed in the Senate on June 26 (38-0). It is currently in the Assembly Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials. No hearing date posted.*
- **SB 939: (Wiener and Gonzalez): Emergencies: COVID-19: commercial tenancies: evictions:** This bill was introduced on February 6. However, it appears that the bill as introduced was a different topic and the “gut and amend” version came out of committee on March 12. The bill would prohibit a person, business, or other entity from evicting tenants of commercial real property, including businesses and nonprofit organizations, from taking specified other actions relating to the eviction of tenants of commercial real property, during the pendency of the state of emergency proclaimed by the Governor on March 4, 2020, related to COVID-19. The amended bill passed the Senate Committee on Judiciary on May 22 and is now in the Senate Committee on Appropriations. No hearing date set as of May 29. The National Air Transportation Association sent a letter of opposition to the authors on May 29 and has requested support in opposition from ACA, CAC, and SWAAAE. *The bill is currently on suspense in the Senate Appropriations Committee.*

#### FAA Fuel Tax Revenue Policy

- The Department of Finance continues its position that the state is in compliance and the FAA continues to wait for the Department to provide additional information. The compliance deadline of December 17, 2017, has come and gone with no apparent movement by the state or the FAA. The status of the state compliance plan is listed on the FAA website as “Qualified,” which is defined by the FAA as “The FAA requires further clarification or adjustment to satisfy the policy requirements.” In a letter dated May 17, 2019, from the FAA to the Director of the California Department of Finance, the FAA stated that the State’s plan for compliance was nonresponsive and requested immediate action by the State. It was reported at the Association of California Airports conference September 11-13, 2019, that the FAA continues to consider the State nonresponsive. The Association of California Airports and the California Airports Council have collaborated on a joint letter, along with the California Pilots Association and the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, to the Associate Administrator of Airports of the Federal Aviation Administration, urging action on the State’s noncompliance. That letter was sent on January 14, 2020. No new information. *No change.*

### State Airports Funding:

- The CalTrans Division of Aeronautics reports that the 2019-20 FY airports funding is anticipated to be similar to recent years, at about \$6 million. They expect full funding of the general aviation airport annual credits, partial funding of AIP matching grant requests, and no funds for the Acquisition and Development Program. The Division recently announced that it is limiting AIP matching grants this fiscal year due to lack of funds.
- The current loan program fund balance is approximately \$29 million. It is reported that the Department of Finance is considering transferring \$2.5 million per year for four years from the loan fund to the Aeronautics Account.. However, the Governor's May budget revision projects an approximately \$54 billion deficit due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The revision proposes a loan from the Small Airports Loan Fund to the General Fund of \$21 million. If this occurs there may be no funds to transfer to the Aeronautics Account. The proposal states that the loan is to be repaid but does not specify interest rate or schedule for repayment. *The FY 2020-2021 approved budget includes the fund transfer.*

### California Aerospace and Aviation Days

- The 8<sup>th</sup> annual California Aerospace and Aviation Days was held February 24-26 at the Capitol.

### Tax Initiative

- The California Tax on Commercial and Industrial Properties for Education and Local Government Funding Initiative has qualified to be on the ballot in November 2020 as a constitutional amendment. The initiative, if passed, would require commercial and industrial properties, except those zoned as commercial agriculture, to be taxed based on their market value, rather than their purchase price, and allocate revenue from the change to local governments and school districts. This may have as yet undisclosed impacts on privately owned public use airports.