LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Mayor and City Council,

Please accept the enclosed summary of the Airport Advisory Commission’s activities during 2022. I was honored to be nominated by my colleagues as the Commission Chairperson this year. In this role, I focused on collaborating with Airport staff to facilitate presentations and other learning opportunities to increase the Commission’s overall understanding of Airport-related issues and challenges, including such topics as sustainability, noise and the ongoing modernization efforts.

This past year was an exciting time for Long Beach Airport, particularly given the grand opening of the first two projects in the Phase II Terminal Area Improvements Program. I’m so pleased that so many of us, commissioners, could participate in the ribbon-cutting and dedications for the Ticketing Lobby and Consolidated Baggage Inspection System facility.

With even more improvements on the way, the future for Long Beach Airport looks very bright!

Sincerely,

Katie Larson
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 2022 – December 2022. 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

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

Robert L. Allarte
September 2020 – March 2023
Vice Chair, June 2022 – March 2023

Jeffrey Anderson
October 2014 – Present
Vice Chair, June 2017 – June 2019
Chair, June 2019 – June 2020

Christine Bos
March 2021 – Present

Kenneth Brown
July 2022 – Present

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

Mireya La Farga
October 2021 – Present

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

Geetanjali Reuben
July 2018 – Present

Dede Rossi
October 2021 – Present
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 2022, this totaled $10,450.89.

### 2022 AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING ATTENDANCE

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X = Attended Meeting   E = Excused Absence   C = Meeting Cancelled
CONSIDERATIONS, EFFORTS AND ACTIONS

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.

- Aero Long Beach began construction on the viewing area in Q1 2022, at which point LGB made a public announcement of the project on Airport social media channels. Dozens of local community members commented with positive reviews and excitement.

- Substantial completion of the viewing area, including the concrete pad seating areas, canopy and landscaping was completed by the end of 2022.

- Staff continue to work with Aero Long Beach on installation of the informational signage.
SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE EFFORTS

Overview
The Sustainability Committee advises and supports staff on goals and initiatives that help to make LGB 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. LGB’s carbon management plan, certified with a Level 2 rating by Airports Council International’s Airport Carbon Accreditation (ACA) program, includes pledges to reduce emissions from 2016 levels, on a per passenger basis, by 20% in 2025 and 40% in 2030. City leaders have set a goal for the Airport to eventually become a carbon-neutral facility.

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. The purpose of the MOU is to identify emission reduction benefits and how they will be quantified through the implementation of voluntary airport strategies outlined in the Airport’s Air Quality Improvement Plan (AQIP). The AQIP sets ambitious voluntary targets for renewable energy, sustainable design, clean construction practices, clean fleet goals for airport-owned vehicles and additional electric charging infrastructure for travelers.

Senate Bill 1383 and Organic Waste
The Sustainability Committee supports the efforts of the Airport to comply with California Senate Bill 1383. SB 1383 established statewide targets to achieve a 75% reduction of organic waste and recover at least 20% of edible food for human consumption by 2025. With assistance from the City’s Public Works and Environmental Services Bureau, Paradies 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 a 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. 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 is the oldest airport in California. Among its many awards, LGB was named a Top 10 airport in the 2020 USA Today 10 Best Readers’ Choice travel award contest for Best Small Airport. LGB offers nonstop service to approximately a dozen 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.