

**LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (LAX)  
AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AAC)  
Meeting Minutes -- Thursday, August 10, 2023  
LAX Airport Police Facility, 9160 S. Loyola Blvd., Community Room  
Los Angeles, CA 90045**

*NOTE: LAXAAC Bylaws – Seven Members Representing the Majority of the Communities Shall Constitute a Quorum.*

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Chair John Wahlert.

**1. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS**

Roll call was taken by the Minutes Writer. Five Committee Members were present, two short of the quorum of seven: John Wahlert, Chair (Culver City); Jorge Alvarez (Culver City), William Cumming (Marina Del Rey); Sergio Paz (Lennox); and Jim Withrow (Inglewood). Guido Fernandez (Hawthorne) arrived at 7:10, making six Committee Members present. Absent: Luciano Nocera, Vice-Chair (Culver City) (excused); Henry Brown (Inglewood) (excused); Danna Cope (Westchester/Playa del Rey) (unexcused); Lance Giroux (El Segundo) (unexcused); Carl Jacobson (El Segundo) (excused); and Kevin Klowden (Culver City) (excused).

New Member Jorge Alvarez (Culver City) and the other attending Committee Members introduced themselves and described their backgrounds.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No members of the public were present; there were no public comments.

**3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

- December 8, 2022, January 12, 2023, April 13, 2023, June 8, 2023, and July 13, 2023.

Due to the lack of a quorum, no Motion could be made and no vote was taken to approve previous Meeting Minutes.

**4. OFFICER'S REPORT – JOHN WAHLERT, CHAIR**

Mr. Wahlert noted that the Committee meets on second Thursdays each month. He sent letters to multiple organizations regarding the Committee's open Seats; the organizations said they will work on it. Each geographical area has three Seats on the Committee. There was discussion of when Mr. Alvarez can be considered a Member. Mr. Wahlert noted that Committee Member terms used to be four years; most recently they've been one-year terms. He's working on rebuilding the Committee.

**5. LAXAAC SUBCOMMITTEE PANEL REPORTS**

- Discussion and Possible Action

Mr. Paz described the Committee Member nomination process and encouraged recruiting more members. He's doing "a strategic planning process" that included a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) analysis, which he distributed copies of, diagrammed and reviewed. "Five different subcommittees

have been set up”: Environmental; Transportation; Noise; Rules; and Safety. He identified communicating well; connecting with BOAC; and communicating with communities as actionable items. Mr. Alvarez identified emissions as the main issue of his (Culver City) community; he relayed that his City Councilmember urged the AAC Culver City representatives to give that City Council a brief report.

Mr. Wahlert noted the common thread in the Committee’s challenges is the lack of members. He encouraged asking LAWA to help recruit. He and Mr. Paz agreed that the AAC bears the main responsibility for recruitment. Mr. Wahlert wanted a presentation to be made on LAX’s LAMP [Landside Access Modernization Program], and on future LAX expansion and operations, for example, regarding Concourse Zero and Terminal Nine. Mr. Pax said that the LAWA Newsletter has updates. Mr. Wahlert wanted more information available to the Committee than what’s in the Newsletter or on the website [<https://www.lawa.org>]. Mr. Withrow noted that presenters can emphasize things better than the Newsletter or website. Mr. Wahlert said that a lot of the BOAC Meeting Minutes content is about leases.

Mr. Withrow believed that individual departments may be more willing than BOAC to give presentations. Mr. Alvarez urged asking the LAX Disability Advisory Committee to present to the AAC; he said they have many ideas regarding airport users with physical challenges. He said that Committee’s James Corpuz may be able to help with that. Mr. Withrow relayed that “several people have expressed interest” in joining the Committee. There was extensive discussion regarding recruitment challenges. Mr. Fernandez encouraged letting prospective members know that the Committee is rebuilding. Mr. Cumming noted that the city of Paris is having the same challenges preparing for the [2024] Olympics that Los Angeles will for the 2028 Olympics. Mr. Paz requested, and Mr. Alvarez and Mr. Withrow agreed to provide input about Committee priorities.

## **6. MEMBERSHIP**

- 2023 Recruitment Plan Update

Mr. Wahlert updated that “all Committees have responded” to which he sent letters regarding the Committee’s open Seats, but “no names have been submitted.”

- Current Board Member Participation

There was discussion of what to do about Members who aren’t participating.

- Discussion and Possible Action

Mr. Paz suggested to “have the Alternate Seat open for them.” Mr. Wahlert suggested sending them a letter about that. He noted that the Committee’s Bylaws allow the replacement of Members for non-attendance.

## **7. LAXAAC BYLAWS REVISION**

- Discussion and Possible Action

Mr. Wahlert read aloud recent Bylaws revisions to be approved. Due to the lack of a quorum at this Meeting, no Motion was made or vote taken.

## **8. MOTION TO ADJURN**

Mr. Wahlert declared the Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.