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## AIRPORT COMMISSION MINUTES

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2025, 3 P.M.  
PUBLIC COMMENT IN PERSON/TELEPHONE  
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER  
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92522

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PRESENT: Chair Gibbs, Co-Chair Gamblin, Alderette, Delpino, Lofthouse and Trigueros

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Dean, Gilber Hernandez, Jennifer La Zor and Daniel Prather.

The Airport Commission convened the meeting at 3:04 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Errol Koschewltz addressed the Commission about city vehicles parked outside of the airport in the main parking lot as well as city ownership of hangars.

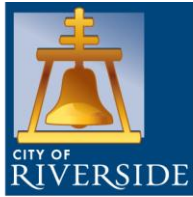
### CONSENT CALENDAR

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER MEETING

EXCUSED ABSENT REPORT

A motion was made by Commissioner Gamblin and a second by Commissioner Alderette to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Commissioners approved items number two and three unanimously.

### DISCUSSION CALENDAR



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### EXCUSED ABSENT REPORT-ADERETTE

A motion was made by Commissioner Gamblin and a second by Commissioner Trigueros to record Commissioner Alderette as unexcused for the November and December 2025 Airport Commission Meeting. Commissioners approved item number four unanimously.

### EXCUSED ABSENT REPORT-LOFTHOUSE

A motion was made by Commissioner Gamblin and a second by Commissioner Trigueros to record Commissioner Lofthouse as unexcused for the December 2025 Airport Commission Meeting. Commissioners approved item number five unanimously with Commissioner Lofthouse abstaining.

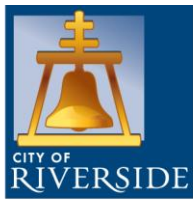
### AD HOC COMMITTEE- 2026 AIRPORT COMMISSION WORK PLAN

Commission Trigueros volunteered to act as the lead and Commissioners Delpino and Lofthouse as supporting roles to update the 2025 Airport Commission Work Plan. The approved AD HOC Committee will present the Airport Commission with a 2026 Work Plan at the February 12, 2026, regularly scheduled meeting. Commissioners approved item number six unanimously.

### JANUARY 2026 AIRPORT MANAGERS' REPORT

Airport Manager Daniel Prather began his report by informing the Commission on airport operations and financial numbers current as of October 2025.

Prather updated the Commission on a few highlights which included the Planes and Treats event from October of last year. Prather stated that over 12,000 attendees enjoyed the nights event which was held from 5:00pm-9:30pm. Another highlight that



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Prather shared was the Taxiway Alpha rehabilitation Project and the 12–18-month Master Plan Project.

Prather then spoke about the upcoming City Council item to approve the airport name change from Riverside Municipal Airport to just Riverside Airport on January 27<sup>th</sup>. Prather stated that he would like a ribbon cutting ceremony to kick off not only the name change but to include a new marquee and possible artwork in front of the airport terminal building.

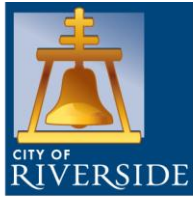
Prather discussed upcoming City Council authorization and acceptance of FAA grant funding for an Airport Pavement Management Study (APMS) and design of an erosion control project near runway 09/27.

Commissioner Alderette asked for clarification on the RAL identifier for the airport. Prather informed us all that the original name of the airport was Riverside-Arlington Airport, which clarifies the RAL identifier. Alderette then asked if the Taxiway Alpha project impacted on the decrease in operations for the month of October. Prather eluded that 2024 was a banner year for the airport in operations however, the operations numbers have systematically increased over the long haul.

Commissioner Trigueros asked if the airport is expecting any short term or long-term impacts from the Airport Pavement Management Study. Prather detailed that most of the cracks along the runways are due to not having a proper drainage system. Prather did state that the land surrounding the airport does have a high-water table which could affect the pavement integrity.

Commissioner Delpino asked about the ribbon cutting event. Prather stated that it is probably around 6-7 months out. Delpino asked if we would be marketing the ribbon cutting event to churches, schools, communities, etc. Prather did confirm that outreach would be done beforehand. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Lofthouse asked if the name change, rebranding and implementation's purpose was to be different that the city's marketing/logo. Prather said that it was not



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planned to be different but to show a more modern and contemporary brand of the airport.

### COMMUNICATIONS

UPDATES OF CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, AND REGIONAL MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COMMISSIONERS

Chair Gibbs informed all that she will be attending an aviation conference next week.

### ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Commissioner Alderette asked if we could review past minutes of any items that were not agendaized for 2025.

Commissioner Delpino would like future partnerships between the airport and EVTOL companies.

The Airport Commission adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Michael Dean*

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