

City of Arts & Innovation

AIRPORT COMMISSION MINUTES

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2025, 3 P.M.
PUBLIC COMMENT IN PERSON/TELEPHONE
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92522

PRESENT: Chair Gibbs, Alderette, Delpino, Loffhouse and Trigueros.

ABSENT: Gamblin.

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Dean and Daniel Prather.

The Airport Commission convened the meeting at 3:02 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

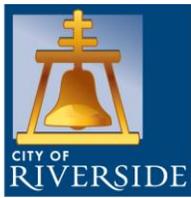
None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MINUTES OF JANUARY MEETING

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

DISCUSSION CALENDAR



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AD HOC COMMITTEE- 2026 AIRPORT COMMISSION WORK PLAN

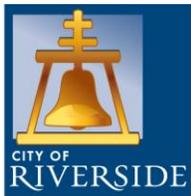
Commission Trigueros reviewed the proposed 2026 work plan with the Commission specifically thanking Commissioner Delpino and Commissioner Lofthouse for their contributions respectively. Commissioner Delpino spoke about the different backgrounds that the commissioners have and how those attributes could make all more valid to the airport commission. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Commissioner Alderette and a second by Commissioner Trigueros to approve the 2026 Airport Commission Work Plan as presented. Commissioners approved item number three unanimously.

FEBRUARY 2026 AIRPORT MANAGERS' REPORT

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

Prather updated the Commission on a few highlights which included the Parflight Hangar Roofing Project and EVTOL discussions. Prather discussed the Learning Institute for Flight Technology (L.I.F.T.) initiative between the City of Riverside, CBU, RUSD, RCC, AUSD and UCR. The collaboration goal is to develop an institute for future talent related to study and career paths in the Aerospace industry. Prather discussed that a Memorandum of Understanding has been signed by all parties and this endeavor is still in the early stages. Another highlight that Prather discussed was the current Economic Impact Study that the airport is currently undertaking. Representatives conducting the study were out on February 10th interviewing airport tenants, gathering data and posting flyers to gather information on the financial impact the airport has on the community.

Prather informed the Commission on upcoming events this year including the Quarterly Tenant Meeting on February 19th, the 2nd Annual Aerospace Expo on April 11th and the 5th Annual Planes and Treats Event in October.



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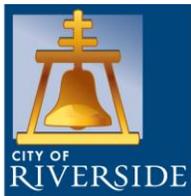
Prather then spoke about the recent City Council actions such as increasing compensation by \$500,000 to the airports master agreement with Mead & Hunt, Inc. for consulting services related to Airport Capital Improvement Projects. Also, Prather informed the Commission that City Council approved the airport name change from Riverside Municipal Airport to just Riverside Airport on January 27th. Prather then stated that future City Council Actions will include 5-year long term agreements with CAVU Aero Service and the Commemorative Air Force as well as a 10-year agreement the Waypoint Maintenance.

Alderette asked for a little more information on what these tenants provide for the airport. Prather discussed that CAVU and Waypoint are aircraft maintenance facilities whereas Commemorative Air Force is a non-profit entity that houses a museum and vintage aircraft rides. Alderette asked about the difference in maintenance facilities on the airport and the Fixed Based Operator (FBO). Prather clarified that maintenance facilities on the airport repair aircraft whereas the FBO serves as the fueler, concierge service and marshalling of aircraft. Discussion followed.

Delpino thanked Airport Manger Daniel Prather updating the commission on the recent talks with EVTOL companies. Delpino then asked what the goal is of the L.I.F.T. program. Prather explained that the goal is to create synergies between the educational institutions within Riverside and the city by building a workforce development program in the aerospace industry.

Commissioner Lofthouse asked about the airport operations numbers and does it have any consideration in FAA grant writing. Prather stated that the operation numbers do not have any influence in FAA grants. Prather said that it does influence the validation of keeping an air traffic control tower at the airport.

Commissioner Trigueros asked if the L.I.F.T. would consider FBO Management or training opportunities in their curriculum. Prather said he would take that back for further discussion.



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Commission Alderette gave an example of Corona High School's Aviation Program and the success it has become. Prather discussed his time helping to develop that program.

Chair Gibbs reminded the Commission about the upcoming Aerospace Expo and it's goal of bring new visitors to the airport.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

Commissioner Delpino spoke about attending the Riverside Airport/Ramona High School Arts Gala on Friday, February 6th.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Airport Operations Analyst Michael Dean reminded the Commission that elections for the Chair and Vice-Chair will take place during next month's meeting.

The Airport Commission adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Dean

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Airport Operations Analyst