

March 13, 2025

The Board of Commissioners of the Arapahoe County Public Airport Authority, Arapahoe County, Colorado, held a regular meeting open to the public at Centennial Airport Administration Complex, 7565 South Peoria St., Englewood, Colorado, located within the County, on March 13, 2025, at 3:00 pm

The following members were present:

Commissioner Campbell, Chair Pro-Tem
Commissioner Baker, Clerk
Commissioner Summey, Treasurer
Commissioner Sieber, Ex-Officio
Commissioner Huffman, Ex-Officio

The following members were absent, but excused:

Commissioner Laydon, Ex-Officio
Commissioner Doubek, Assistant Clerk
Commissioner Bagnato, Chair

Each Commissioner was notified of the date, time, and place of the meeting and the purpose to which it was called. At least three (3) days prior to the date of the meeting, Public Meeting notices were posted, and an agenda was posted on the Authority's website and in the window of the door at the Administration building. Please note that this public meeting was held through video and web conferencing software options for the Board members, staff, and public.

Chair Pro-Temp Campbell began the meeting at 3:02pm by informing attendees that there was no quorum at the start. To proceed with the agenda, she instructed that reports would be discussed first, and once a quorum was reached, the meeting would come to order for official business.

8. Legislative Report and Airport Update

Mike Fronapfel

Recommendation: Advisory

Mr. Fronapfel started the presentation reporting that the Colorado Department of Transportation – Aeronautics Division had completed their Airport Impact Study based on 2023 activity levels. For Centennial Airport, jobs increased from 3,052 to 3,148, with 9,236 jobs reliant on the airport, generating a payroll of \$770 million. Additionally, the total annual business revenue grew from \$2.1 to \$2.4 billion. Statewide they reported \$68.9 billion in business revenue for all airports combined which is a significant part of the state's GDP.

In February, 8,389 gallons of UL94 unleaded avgas were sold, which represented a nearly 27% decrease from the previous February and accounted for just 17% of all avgas sold. Several factors contributed to this decline, including low temperatures, high winds, IFR conditions, and a breakdown of the truck dispensing the unleaded avgas, which was out of service for two days. Mr. Fronapfel mentioned that the FAA has been working on repairing and upgrading the instrument landing system (ILS) at the airport, which has been out of service since October. A flight check was scheduled for March 18th, with a backup date of March 25th, though these dates could shift depending on government funding deadlines.

After this, Mr. Fronapfel said that the Study Group had held 43 meetings so far, and the Q4 2024 report showed a decrease of 5,539 aircraft in the study area compared to 2023, with a continuing downward trend. Plans are underway to launch the flight school dashboard by summer, despite challenges as the training season ramped up.

Collaboration continued with 1200Aero on adjustments to the ADS-B system, with an initial setup cost of \$22,000 and an ongoing monthly rate of \$7,000. The vendor committed to a fixed price for three years, with a 3% annual increase. The State Division of Aeronautics is providing a grant of \$3,000 for this, as this is an important system.

Mr. Fronapfel continued the presentation informing that Greenwood Village, Arapahoe County, and Centennial Airport entered into another 12-month contract with The Normandy Group for lobbying efforts at national and state levels. They would also help secure funding for a new FAA tower, controller training and staffing, and land use protections.

February saw the delivery of Centennial Airport's first electric vehicle, a 2025 Chevrolet Blazer, to be used by the Planning, Noise, and Environmental department. The airport has also replaced gas-powered trimmers and blowers with electric versions. Construction is ongoing for Phase 2 of the fencing project, with taxiway C set to be completed in the spring and continued paving projects. Taxiway D and S3 connector is complete. Work on the tower is also scheduled to begin in spring, taking over a year to finish.

In terms of development, Phase One of the Sky Harbour hangar project is progressing with hangar doors being installed. Signature plans to begin construction on a new hangar west of the Airport Admin Building in the summer. The Colorado Karting Circuit is set to begin construction on their building and garages in the spring.

The Four Points by Sheraton hotel has received all necessary construction permits, with final work and county inspection expected to finish in about a month. The hotel anticipated to open about May 2025.

The Runway 5K is scheduled for June 7th, with over 1,000 participants already registered. The registration deadline is March 19th, with a chance to win a flight with a world-class aerobatic pilot and instructor at MSU. Sponsorships are still available, and the proceeds from the event would benefit the Centennial Airport Foundation, which will be awarding three \$10,000 aviation scholarships. The application deadline for the scholarships is March 16th.

Commissioner Huffman asked about flight path systems. Mr. Fronapfel answered the question and gave technical details. After this, Mr. Fronapfel showed an animation made by the Colorado Department of Transportation – Aeronautics Division that reflected all the Arrivals and Departures during 2023 at Centennial Airport. Including domestic and international flights. Also, a comparison with Denver International Airport and Rocky Mountain Metro Airport. He also explains each one of the slides to the Board and the Public.

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Quorum was reached and Commissioner Campbell, Chair Pro-Temp called the meeting to order at 3:18 p.m. and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Amendments to the Agenda

- Agenda Item #5 is amended to reflect an increase of \$499.94 in the contract price from \$147,234.00 to \$147,733.94

Next Meetings

- April 2, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m. – Noise Roundtable Meeting – Wright Brother’s Room, Hybrid/Virtual
- April 10, 2025, 2024@ 3:00 p.m. – Regular Board Meeting – Wright Brother’s Room, Hybrid/Virtual

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Approve Minutes of February 13, 2025** **Stacey Davenport**
Recommendation: Advisory
- 2. Updated notice RE: Denver DTC Hotels, LLC Consent to Leasehold Mortgage Interest** **Luke Skaflen**
Recommendation: Information only
- 3. State Grant for Unleaded Fuel Subsidy** **Lorie Zarlengo**
Recommendation: Motion to ratify the Colorado Division of Aeronautics State Grant for the Unleaded Fuel Subsidy
- 4. State Grant for Purchase of Snow Removal Equipment - Loader** **Lorie Zarlengo**
Recommendation: Motion to ratify the Colorado Division of Aeronautics State Grant for the purchase of a new loader.
- 5. Airport Roadside Signage Program** **Lauren Wiarda**
Recommendation: Motion to award the contract for the Airport Roadside Signage Program to Spectrum Lighting and Maintenance Corporation and authorize the Chair and Clerk to sign the Contract and the Chair to sign the Notice of Award and Notice to Proceed.
- 6. Approval of Consent Agenda** **Jessica Campbell**
Recommendation: Approval of the Consent Agenda

The motion to approve the consent agenda as amended was made by Commissioner Baker and seconded by Commissioner Summey. Motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS AGENDA

- 7. Items Moved to the Business Agenda** **Thad Bagnato**
No items moved from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

REPORTS

- 9. Fuel and Operations Report for February 2025** **Justin Kunz**
Recommendation: Advisory

Mr. Kunz presented the following information:

February 2025

- Monthly Operations, February: Down 11.8% from 2024 at 23,186.
- 2025 YTD Operations: Down 11.4% from 2024 at 46,716.
- Monthly 94UL, February: Down 26.9% from 2024 at 8,389.
- 2025 YTD 94UL: Down 15.7% from 2024 at 19,606.
- Monthly 100LL, February: Up 5.2% from 2024 at 40,973.
- 2025 YTD 100LL: Up 6.9% from 2024 at 79,743.
- Monthly AvGas Total, February: Down 2.1% from 2024 at 49,362.
- 2025 YTD AvGas Total: Up 1.5% from 2024 at 99,349.
- Monthly Jet A, February: Down 1.4% from 2024 at 1,036,673.
- 2025 YTD Jet A: Down 1.9% from 2024 at 2,117,225.
- Monthly Fuel Totals, February: Down 1.5% from 2024 at 1,086,035.
- 2025 YTD Fuel Totals: Down 1.9% from 2024 at 2,216,574.
- Monthly Market Share for fuel sales, February: JCoC: 43.2%; Signature South: 20.7%; Signature North: 21.0%; Modern: 14.9%; Heliplex: 0.2%

10. Noise Report February 2025**Zach Gabehart***Recommendation: Advisory*

Mr. Gabehart presented statistics on the February 2025 noise complaints and provided the following information:

February 2025

- For February 2025, there were 656 complaints from 43 households.
- Year to date 2025, there were 1,172 complaints from 66 households.
- Arapahoe County Unincorporated led complaints at 59%, followed by Douglas County Unincorporated with 11%, then Centennial at 10%, others at 9.5 and Greenwood Village at 6%.
- Of the 656 complaints received in February 2025 total of 76 were responded by email and 0 by phone.
- Of the 656 complaints 619 came from daytime operations while 37 came from nighttime operations.
- For February 2025 there were 23,186 operations.
- For the Year 2025 there were 46,716 operations.
- The number one household resides in Arapahoe County with 651 complaints which make up 56% of the complaints for the year 2025.
- For February 2025 Propeller aircraft led complaints by aircraft type with 90%, 9% for Jets 9%, and 1% for helicopter flights. Training led complaints by operation type at 50%, followed by departures at 28% and arrivals at 22%.

Commissioner Huffman and Sieber asked questions regarding training boxes in Elizabeth and comments on the southern area of the map. Mr. Gabehart answered. After this Mr. Fronapfel mentioned that Mr. Gabehart attended the Aviation Noise and Emissions Symposium a conference of airport noise experts in which he gave a presentation on aviation noise impacts as they relate to flight schools. Mr. Gabehart gave details on his presentation. After this Commissioner Sieber mentioned the noise complaints from Elbert County. Mr. Gabehart clarified the reason for this is some recent developments on the area.

Commissioner Huffman and Campbell made comments and asked for clarification on this as well. Mr. Fronapfel added information on the training boxes and their location.

11. Centennial Airport Community Noise Roundtable (CACNR) Update**Pam Thompson**

Mrs. Thompson began by noting that during the last roundtable meeting, they received a presentation from Mr. Skaflen on the Minimum Standards. She emphasized that this was a valuable educational opportunity. Following that, she moved to the public comment section, where she mentioned improvements in Arapahoe County and Louviers. Regarding Elbert County, Mrs. Thompson shared that she had attended a commissioners' meeting because the number one household in the area was giving a public comment. This individual would like Elbert County to be represented in the CACNR meetings. Mrs. Thompson then explained the mission and vision of the Centennial Airport Community Noise Roundtable at that meeting. She also commented on the emails received and confirmed that Mr. Gabehart had addressed these requests.

Next, Mrs. Thompson moved on to the Study Group. She mentioned the Fourth Quarter report and proceeded to present and explain Figure #3, which displayed the Total APA Operations and Touch-and-Go operations for July 2023 through December 2024. She pointed out that the number of operations had either decreased or remained flat in the study area, and she congratulated the staff for their efforts. The following figure, Figure #5, showed a comparison of aircraft entering versus not entering the study area. This chart

also indicated improvements in aircraft avoiding the study area. Mrs. Thompson noted that the last time this data was analyzed, the results were significantly different, so she congratulated the team once again.

The next topic in the presentation was the 1200 Aero ADS-B Software Update. Mrs. Thompson mentioned that this update is exciting for CACNR, as it allows them to collect very important data.

The final point in the update was the Representative Comments. Mrs. Thompson briefly discussed upcoming educational opportunities, including a presentation on Airspace in April, by Bill Wasmund from Wings Over the Rockies. She also mentioned a letter issued by the airport staff in response to Part 141 Training.

12. December 2024 Financial Reports

Andrew Gillespie

Mr. Gillespie reported that, as of December 2024, actual revenue exceeded the budget by 3.56%, reaching 103.56% of the anticipated amount. Land Option Fees, Land Rent, Building Rent, Total Aviation Fees, and Total Commercial Activity Fees were slightly above target, while Car Rental and Restaurant Concessions also exceeded expectations. Customs Fees were lower than budgeted due to a decrease in clearances following a record year in 2022, and Other Revenue was higher due to strong interest rates on investments. Grant and Contribution reimbursements were received for completed projects, including the rehabilitation of Runway 17R/35L, Taxiway B, and other infrastructure improvements, with \$113,356 received for the Unleaded AvGas (UL94) state grant. On the expense side, total spending was below budget at 81.24%, with Advertising, Public Relations & Business Development, and Engineering & Surveying slightly exceeding expectations. Customs Expenses were higher due to the additional cost of a second U.S. Customs agent, while Personnel Services were below budget. Capital expenditures for grants and non-grants were at 48.54% and 51.85% of the budgeted amounts, respectively, with some non-grant expenditures deferred. Mr. Gillespie emphasized that the Authority continued to monitor revenues closely and manage expenses conservatively.

Commissioner Campbell inquired about the US Customs expenses, to which Mr. Gillespie responded. She then asked about the grants for Unleaded AvGas, and Mr. Fronapfel provided an answer. Commissioner Huffman raised a question regarding the capital spending account, specifically related to deicing expenses. Mr. Gillespie clarified that the funds were allocated for the runway, not the aircraft. Commissioner Huffman also asked about the wildlife mitigation device, and Mr. Gillespie explained that it was designed to alert wildlife and keep them away from the airport. After this, Commissioner Baker asked about the advertising budget increasing, Mr. Gillespie explained that was one time that Denver Post was used and increased the budget.

Public Comment

Public Comment started at 3:46pm.

A resident shared online that the area where he lives is starting to become quieter. He provided a list of the airplanes he had observed during the month of February. Additionally, he mentioned the complaints submitted to Centennial Airport and Rocky Mountain Airport. He expressed thanks to the pilots for avoiding the areas and thanked Mr. Gabehart for his attentiveness to the complaints. The resident further noted his attendance at the Part 141 meeting.

A resident from Elbert County commented online about the training boxes, mentioning the complaints she had filed, and the practices conducted by the training pilots. She expressed concern that the noise in her area was increasing. She suggested that before creating training boxes, it would be helpful to gather feedback from the people who live in the area, asking them if they are comfortable with the activity.

Commissioner Campbell provided feedback to the resident, acknowledging the concerns raised and clarifying that the work done by the Airport has been focused on addressing such issues. She also explained that the location of the training boxes is outside the airport's control. The resident thanked Commissioner Campbell for her response and mentioned the pilots' participation in the meetings, as well as the feedback they had provided.

Adjournment

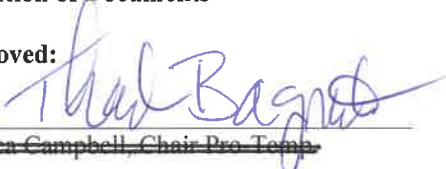
The meeting adjourned at 3:56 pm

Jessica Campbell

Execution of Documents

Stacey Davenport

Approved:


~~Jessica Campbell, Chair Pro Temp~~
 Thad Bagnato, Chair