

Meeting Minutes

Airport Commission

Regular Meeting

May 14, 2025, | 5:30 p.m.
Chandler Airport Terminal
2380 S. Stinson Way, Chandler, AZ



Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hawley at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Commission Attendance

Chairman Charles McCorkle
Vice Chairman Robert Ehlbeck
Commissioner Cecil Orozco
Commissioner Mark Mount
Commissioner Christopher Hawley
Commissioner Thomas Gonzalez

Staff Attendance

Ryan Reeves, Airport Manager
Scott Rinkenberger, Airport Ops Manager
Chris Andres, Airport Planning Program Mngr.
Diana Alonzo, Management Assistant

Absent

Commissioner Damian Nichols

Others in Attendance

Scheduled and Unscheduled Public Appearances

CHAIRMAN HAWLEY asked if there were any members of the public that would like to address the committee on any items not on the agenda.

Approval of Minutes and Discussion

1. April 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes
Move to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2025.

Consent Agenda Motion and Vote

It was moved by COMMISSIONER MOUNT and seconded by COMMISSIONER EHLBECK to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2025.

Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

COMMISSIONER GONZALEZ recused himself from voting.

Action Agenda Item No. 2 Election of Officers

2. CHAIRMAN HAWLEY introduced item No. 2 Election of Officers

Action Agenda Item No. 2 Motion and Vote

CHAIRMAN HAWLEY asked the Commission to entertain a motion to elect VICE CHAIRMAN MCCORKLE as Chair of the Commission and seconded by COMMISSIONER EHLBECK. VICE CHAIRMAN MCCORKLE accepted the nomination. The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

COMMISSIONER GONZALEZ recused himself from voting.

COMMISSIONER OROZCO asked the Commission to entertain a motion to elect COMMISSIONER EHLBECK as VICE CHAIRMAN of the Commission and seconded by COMMISSIONER MOUNT. COMMISSIONER EHLBECK accepted the nomination. The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

COMMISSIONER GONZALEZ recused himself from voting.

Briefing

3. Monthly Operations Report

MR. REEVES presented the Monthly Operations Report for April 2025.

For April 2024, the total number of operations was just south of 20,000, while the total number of operations for April 2025 were 22,570. For April, the total number of operations are up due to local operations. They've lost IFR itinerant as well as VFR itinerants. The IFR loses are due to CHD's based charter operator retiring. In the national 12-month rankings has CHD at 49th in the US rankings and 19th overall. This is lower than last year's ranking. The number of operations at CHD is following the economic environment.

CHAIRMAN MCCORKLE asked if Southwest Aircraft was completely shut down.

MR. REEVES responded that he is retired and four (4) of the aircraft were up for sale.

4. Monthly Noise Report

MR. RINKENBERGER gave an overview of the monthly noise report for April 2025.

For the month of April 2025, there were seven (7) households that made twenty-five (25) reports regarding aircraft activity. Six (6) reports were for noise, and eighteen (18) reports were for low-flying aircraft. All seven (7) households were repeat residences.

COMMISSIONER GONZALEZ asked if all the complaints came from residents that previously filed a report.

MR. RINKENBERGER responded that there is a group of residents that report concerns of aircraft activity often. For the month of April, every report came from a resident that has previously made a report. MR. RINKENBERGER also stated that he reaches out to the residents to discuss their concerns.

5. Monthly Origins and Destinations Report

MR. REEVES gave a report for April 2025.

The data provided documents the filed IFR flight plans for commercial operators into and from the Chandler Municipal Airport in April 2025. These flights represent business travel utilizing CHD; 138 such flights took place in April 2025. There were zero (0) repositioning flights from CHD. Total flights to and from CHD represent 20,991 gallons of fuel burn.

CHAIRMAN MCCORKLE asked what type of service the air-evac is providing and if they are bringing patients from Chandler hospitals.

MR. REEVES responded that it is almost exclusively inbound.

CHAIRMAN MCCORKLE asked if there was any information on the type of care Chandler is providing.

MR. REEVES responded that they are unaware of the type of services, mostly due to privacy laws.

COMMISSIONER OROZCO asked where the PC-12 home base is located.

MR. REEVES responded that most of them are based in the southeast and northeast region. Unfortunately, they are unable to track where most are dispatched from due to the ADSB not picking them up until they're already at altitude and enroute.

6. Monthly Construction Report

MR. ANDRES gave an overview of the Construction Report.

Capital Projects in the Design Phase:

West Airport Facilities Upgrade: This is a city funded project at \$3.9 million. Revised scope includes operations garage, parking lot and aircraft observation area. Currently, at 90% design. Coordination with County Flood for control permit. Also working with city's development services.

Airport Fuel Tank Relocation: This is a city funded project \$610,000. There is a cost negotiation with vendors. The budget transfer is under evaluation.

Runway End Identifier Light (REIL) Installation Runway 4L-22R (North Runway): This is an FAA funded project for \$110,000. Currently, they are revising drawings for circuit change for 24/7 REILS. The FAA confirmed environmental clearance.

Capital Projects - Construction Phase:

Taxiway B Improvements- Phase 1: The ADOT grant for \$2,035,000 has been approved. The FAA environmental clearance was received. 30% design meeting with ADOT on 5/24. 100% sealed plans submittal on 9/27. It is currently opened for bids and on schedule to be part of Council in June.

Runway 4R-22L Rehabilitation (South Runway): The FAA grant for \$350,000 for design was approved. The Kick-off meeting is scheduled for 4/6. 100% of the plans were submitted. Received notice of eligibility of FAA construction funding.

Hangar Area Pavement Rehabilitation: This a city funded project for \$7.4 million to redo pavement in and among the city-owned hangars. Design Kick-off meeting 10/31. The goal is to have 100% of the hangar plans by early March. The plan is for bid in June.

Former K&K Site Remediation: City funding for soil remediation near end of Cooper Road north of Queen Creek. Mobilization starting on 7/8 with remediation originally scheduled to be completed by mid-November 2024. The new schedule has a completion date of summer 2025 with a 5.8-acre restricted use area remaining. The project is on track to be completed in June.

Information Items

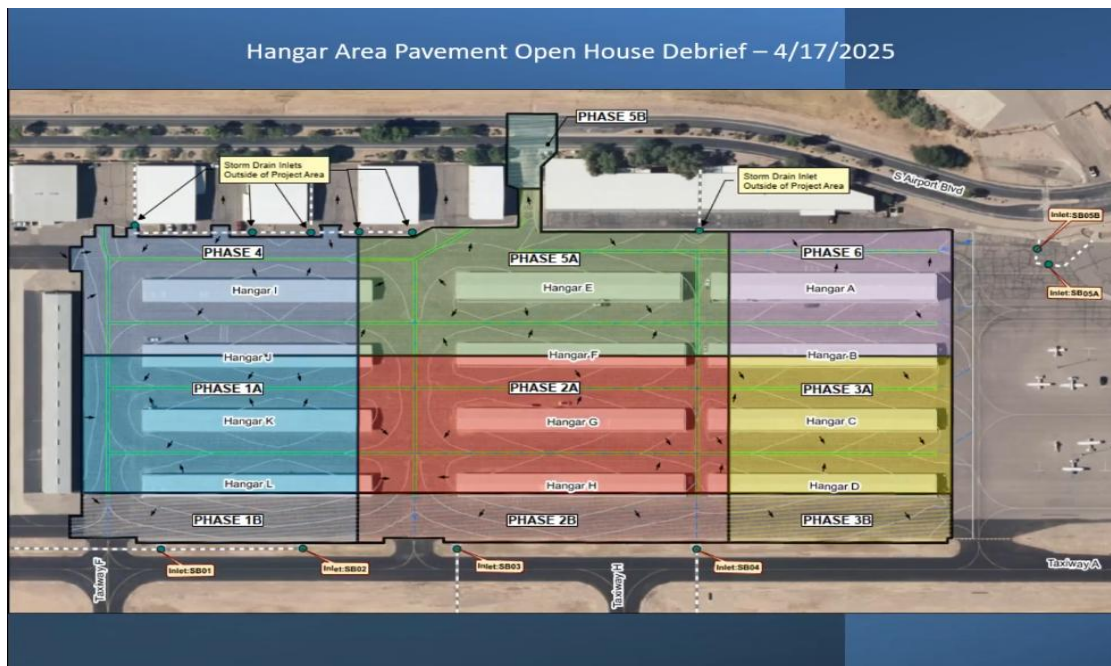
6. Manager's Report

MR. REEVES stated that fuel sales have been following the national economic environment. Fuel sales fell in April compared to April 2024, but that was a record month for the airport in the past 20 years of fuel sales history. Even in the current economic environment, fuel sales have increased. Fuel sales had to be shut down because the demand was so high, that they ran out of fuel and were having trouble getting more delivered. CHD sold fuel well above projections. As of this morning, CHD is on track to sell 76,000 gallons of fuel for this year.

MR. REEVES also shared that the next Airport Day will be on January 24, 2026. Staff is currently pursuing a Decision Package from Council, as well as sponsorships for the event.

MR. REEVES shared that he is heavily involved with the Arizona State Airports System Plan (SASP). This is something the State Aeronautics Department at ADOT revisits to keep the SASP updated. They are currently looking over industry issues and trends in the local region and federal markets. Over 80 issues were identified that airports were concerned with and are currently trying to narrow them down.

MR. REEVES also shared the Hangar Area Pavement Plan and that it will be a six (6) phased project. An Open House was held on 4/17/25 from 4 pm to 7 pm in the conference room. The open house allowed tenants to see when they will be affected. The weekend prior, MR. REEVES briefed the entire EAA Chapter on this project. The feedback received has been positive, tenants appreciating that it will only be a couple of weeks in which they will not be able to get their aircraft out of the hangar.



MR. REEVES also briefed the Commissioners on the Downwash/Outwash (DWOV) study and Landing Accuracy Test Plan. The study went extremely well, and despite allotting 5 days, the study was completed in 3 and a half days. They were able to measure the three-dimensional downwash of multiple helicopter platforms. The data will go into the advisory circular for the construction standards for all verticals and heliports nationwide. Chandler Airport will receive credit in the study.

MR. REEVES also shared that he, along with MR. ANDRES and MR. RINKENBERGER, attended the AzAA Spring Conference hosted by the Show Low Airport. MR. REEVES congratulated MR. RINKENBERGER for becoming the 2nd Vice President. Out of nine (9) panels, Chandler was featured in four (4) of the panels. This was year six (6) of having Chandler staff on the board of directors for the State Airport's Association.

MR. REEVES also shared that he had a one-hour meeting with CONGRESSMAN GREG STANTON. Chandler's Government Affairs division was able to bring him in and they wanted to feature two (2) departments. The Community Services was the other department featured for all the work they have done with federal grant funding. They have used the funds to help the unhoused community and by helping those who need help with the housing program. CONGRESSMAN GREG STANTON assured that he will continue fighting for federal funding for airports. CONGRESSMAN GREG STANTON also asked of any concerns. MR. REEVES shared that city hall is also pulling for the Chandler Airport and that it was very humbling to be one of the departments that was featured in a congressional visit.

Member Comments/Announcements

CHAIRMAN MCCORKLE stated that he was going to go around the room in case any of the COMMISSIONERS wanted to share something.

COMMISSIONER OROZCO shared that he recently visited the Makery Studio at the Chandler public library. Since his mom had taught him how to sew, he was able to make some sleeves for his propellers for his trip to Oshkosh. The sleeves will promote the EAA Chapter. He was also able to teach 3 young

people and shared that the facility is really nice and impressive. COMMISSIONER OROZCO just wanted to share the free services that the library offers.

CHAIRMAN MCCORKLE thanked everyone for their confidence in him as the new CHAIRMAN. Also sharing that he believes that this is the first time he is CHAIRMAN since 2000. He also noted that the Commission has come a long way since then and believes that they will continue to make a positive impact over the next year.

Calendar

The next regular Airport Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., in the Chandler Airport Terminal, 2380 S. Stinson Way.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Ryan Reeves, Secretary

Charles McCorkle, Chairman