

Meeting Minutes

Airport Commission

Regular Meeting

December 10, 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 McCorkle at 5:32 p.m.

Roll Call

Commission Attendance

Chairman Charles McCorkle
Vice Chairman Robert Ehlbeck
Commissioner Christopher Hawley
Commissioner Thomas Gonzalez
Commissioner Damian Nichols

Staff Attendance

Ryan Reeves, Airport Manager
Chris Andres, Airport Planning Program Mngr.

Absent

Commissioner Cecil Orozco
Commissioner Mark Mount

Others in Attendance

William Banakos, Tower Manager

Scheduled and Unscheduled Public Appearances

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

Briefing

1. Monthly Construction Report

MR. REEVES presented the monthly 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. Plan comments are being finalized and utility relocations are being considered.

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 and evaluating alternative methods.

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:

Hangar Area Pavement Rehabilitation: This is a city funded project \$7.4 million to redo the pavement in and among the city-owned hangars. This is a multi-phase project, scheduled to be completed by January 2026.

Taxiway B Improvements- Phase 1: The ADOT grant for \$2,035,000 has been approved. The estimated construction start date is by January 5, 2026, and due to be completed by the end of January.

Runway 4R-22L Rehabilitation (South Runway): The FAA grant received was for \$1,425,674. The construction and initial striping have been completed. The final striping is scheduled for December 15, 2025.

Former K&K Site Remediation: City funding for soil remediation near end of Cooper Road north of Queen Creek for soil remediation. 5.8-acre restricted use area remaining.

2. Airport Manager's Report

MR. REEVES stated that fuel sales have fallen during the month of November, but November had record rainfall. As of now, fuel sales have bounced back.

MR. REEVES delivered an operations report for the months of October and November.

October 2025

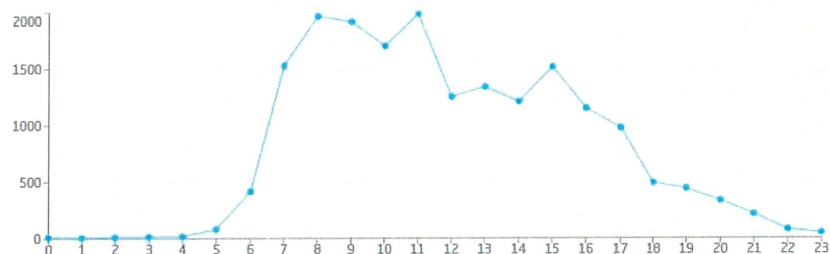
Landings		Take-Offs		Totals	
Single Engine	6810	Single Engine	6807	Single Engine	13617
Single Engine Turbine	9	Single Engine Turbine	9	Single Engine Turbine	18
Multi Engine	296	Multi Engine	290	Multi Engine	586
Multi Engine Turbine	10	Multi Engine Turbine	10	Multi Engine Turbine	20
Business Jet	40	Business Jet	40	Business Jet	80
Helicopter	2063	Helicopter	2282	Helicopter	4345
Light Sport Aircraft	2	Light Sport Aircraft	1	Light Sport Aircraft	3
TOTAL	9230	TOTAL	9439	TOTAL	18669

FAA AAC/ADG Summary

Landings		Take-Offs		Totals	
A1	7010	A1	7013	A1	14023
A2	7	A2	6	A2	13
B1	31	B1	26	B1	57
B2	40	B2	40	B2	80
C1	1	C1	1	C1	2
C2	4	C2	4	C2	8
HEL	2055	HEL	2270	HEL	4325
UKN	82	UKN	79	UKN	161
TOTAL	9230	TOTAL	9439	TOTAL	18669

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10.2025

Operations per Hour (Landings & Takeoffs)
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November 2025

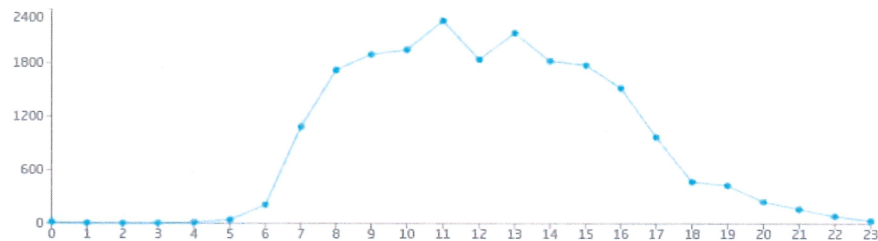
Landings		Take-Offs		Totals	
Single Engine	8289	Single Engine	8273	Single Engine	16562
Single Engine Turbine	21	Single Engine Turbine	22	Single Engine Turbine	43
Multi Engine	296	Multi Engine	298	Multi Engine	594
Multi Engine Turbine	7	Multi Engine Turbine	7	Multi Engine Turbine	14
Business Jet	47	Business Jet	44	Business Jet	91
Helicopter	1556	Helicopter	1825	Helicopter	3381
Military Helicopter	1	Military Helicopter	1	Military Helicopter	2
Light Sport Aircraft	1	Light Sport Aircraft	1	Light Sport Aircraft	2
Other	5	Other	5	Other	10
TOTAL	10223	TOTAL	10476	TOTAL	20699

FAA AAC/ADG Summary

Landings		Take-Offs		Totals	
A1	8505	A1	8490	A1	16995
A2	15	A2	17	A2	32
B1	[No Title] 18	B1	17	B1	35
B2	40	B2	39	B2	79
C2	9	C2	9	C2	18
HEL	1556	HEL	1823	HEL	3379
UKN	80	UKN	81	UKN	161
TOTAL	10223	TOTAL	10476	TOTAL	20699

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VICE CHAIRMAN EHLBECK asked if a departure in November went to central or South America.

MR. REEVES responded that it went to the tip of the Baja Peninsula.

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

MR. REEVES shared that they had the first Steering Committee for the Community Impact Study (CIS). There will be a catch-up meeting scheduled for the following week for the six (6) members that were not able to attend. City Council was briefed on what was discussed during the meeting and staff received positive feedback. Council also confirmed that several members, including the Mayor will be attending Airport Day. The contractor CIS will be part of Airport Day.

MR. REEVES also updated the Commissioners on the RFP for Curtiss East, the five (5) acres adjacent to the west side, by the main entrance road, South of Curtiss Way (beside the National Guard Armory). Staff should have an update on the final lease document that is being drafted by the end of the week. MR. REEVES also stated that they are still on schedule for the Curtiss West RFP release. MR. REEVES also shared that he has multiple development tours at the airport.

MR. REEVES also gave an update on Airport Day, scheduled for Saturday, January 24, 2026, and asked the Commissioners to confirm their attendance. The owners of Chandler Aviation have agreed to give their entire ramp and plan to have activities for the kids. Staff have sent out requests for the airport's base tenants to display their aircraft. This year, staff will gather the public's opinion regarding the runway extension, and staff will map out what 680 ft looks like, the exact length of the extension. There will also be seven (7) learning stations. Each station will have a subject matter expert, not only discussing what the runway extension might do, but more than that, explaining what the airport does for the community, the region, and the nation within the context of both local, state, and federal impacts. MR. REEVES encouraged the Commissioners to attend Airport Day and be aviation ambassadors. All the input received from the community will be sent to Council and city management for them to make the best decision for the airport.

VICE CHAIRMAN EHLBECK asked if they would be handing out any type of infographic with the positive economic impact the airport provides to the community.

MR. REEVES responded that not only infographics but had also edited a script for short form videos with graphical representations. Staff are also looking into the updated economic impact that one of the subcontractors has been working on for several months for the community to see what the impact is now versus what it may be with a runway extension.

CHAIRMAN MCCORKLE asked if there will be a garbage truck.

MR. REEVES responded that most people know that the runway and field is limited to 30,000 pounds single wheel. The runway is ultimately limited to under 75,000 pounds. Anything heavier than this cannot land here. Apparently, a garbage truck is 60,000 pounds, and that is something that they can use to show people as an everyday comparison to aircraft.

COMMISSIONER GONZALEZ asked if there was a way to receive a copy of the presentation ahead of time.

MR. REEVES asked if he is asking for the presentation for Airport Day.

COMMISSIONER GONZALEZ responded yes; he believes it would benefit them for the pros on the runway extension.

MR. REEVES responded absolutely, also stating that they will have a special meeting in January for everybody to see the data.

CHAIRMAN MCCORKLE asked if this was going to be like a special session or executive session.

MR. REEVES responded more like a study session.

CHAIRMAN MCCORKLE responded that they can have a study session before the meeting for MR. REEVES to brief them.

Member Comments/Announcements

COMMISSIONER HAWLEY commented that just like everyone he has been watching what is happening at Falcon Field Airport with the push to impose landing fees on aircraft. COMMISSIONER HAWLEY hopes that by working through the Community Impact Study, they try hard to discourage any of that. He also believes that Chandler has a chilling effect both economically and educationally in many ways, this is something that should be avoided at Chandler.

CHAIRMAN MCCORKLE stated that it was a good point.

VICE CHAIRMAN EHLBECK asked MR. REEVES if he believed the amount of traffic that would normally go to Falcon Field Airport would come to Chandler instead.

COMMISSIONER HAWLEY stated that this is not the time to debate that, but he believed so.

CHAIRMAN MCCORKLE asked MR. REEVES if he wanted to go back to the Airport Manager's Report section, what would his answer be to that.

MR. REEVES responded that he is personally and in general opposed to landing fees at airports, also believes that it has chilling effects and there are better ways to make airports solvent. MR. REEVES also has concerns that one airport instituting landing fees may drive some traffic to other airports, but controllers would manage pattern saturation to ensure safe operations.

CHAIRMAN MCCORKLE asked if there has been a slight increase move towards CHD.

MR. REEVES responded not yet.

CHAIRMAN MCCORKLE wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and stated that it is great to start the new year with Airport Day.

Calendar

The next regular Airport Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., in the Chandler Airport Terminal, 2380 S. Stinson Way.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.



Ryan Reeves, Secretary



Charles McCorkle, Chairman