

Meeting Minutes

Airport Commission

Regular Meeting

February 11, 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 5:32 p.m.

Roll Call

Commission Attendance

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

Staff Attendance

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

Absent

Others in Attendance

William Banakos, Tower Manager
Joe Granado, Chandler Resident/Airport Tenant

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.

MR. GRANADO shared with the Commission that he is running for Chandler City Council.

Approval of Minutes and Discussion

1. December 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes
Move to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2025.

Consent Agenda Motion and Vote

It was moved by COMMISSIONER HAWLEY and seconded by VICE CHAIRMAN EHLBECK to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2025.

Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Briefing

2. Monthly Operations Report

MR. REEVES presented the Monthly Operations Report for October 2025, November 2025, December 2025, and January 2026.

For October 2025, the total number of operations was 19,536. The total number of operations for October 2024 was 17,223. The IFR itinerant dropped from 478 to 270. An increase in charter operations was noted. The total number of operations through October 2025 are 243,663. Just a little behind from last year's total number of operations at 245,018. In the national ranking, CHD went from 46th to 47th and in GA count from 17 to 18.

For November 2025, the total number of operations was 20,904. The total number of operations for November 2024 was 18,737. The IFR itinerant dropped from 436 to 305. The total number of operations through November 2025 are 245,830, a little higher than last year's total number of operations at 241,584. In the national ranking, CHD remains 47th. In the GA count CHD remains in the 18th position.

For December 2025, the total number of operations was 18,738. The total number of operations for December 2024 was 15,409. The IFR itinerant for the month continues to grow, up to 327. The total number of operations through December 2025 was 18,738. Last year's total number of operations was 241,584. In the national ranking, CHD has moved into 46th position. In the GA count CHD has moved into the 17th position.

For January 2026, the total number of operations was 22,26. The total number of operations for January 2025 were 19,543. The IFR itinerant for the month was 355. The total number of operations through December 2025 was 251,877. Last year's total number of operations was 238,194. In the national ranking, CHD has moved into 45th position. In the GA count CHD remained in 17th position.

COMMISSIONER NICHOLS asked if staff knows who the increased commercial are.

MR. REEVES asked if they meant who the operators are or who they are hauling.

COMMISSIONER NICHOLS responded either or, and if there is one particular group causing the increase.

MR. REEVES responded no; it is not isolated. Staff have seen a variety of businesses coming in.

3. Monthly Noise Report

MR. RINKENBERGER gave an overview of the monthly noise report for October 2025, November 2025, December 2025, and January 2026.

VICE CHAIR EHLBECK asked if the noise complaint was 20 miles away from CHD.

MR. RINKENBERGER responded yes; it came to CHD and the reporting household posted 900 noise complaints to Falcon Field.

CHAIRMAN MCCORKLE asked if the person knew the aircraft came from CHD.

MR. RINKENBERGER responded that the resident indicated the N-number had departed and returned to CHD and assumed the resident found the information through <https://www.flightaware.com/>.

COMMISSIONER OROZCO shared that he was walking his dog and ran into a resident that enjoyed watching planes. The resident lives in the area where number 2 is located on the noise report and had purposely chosen to live near an airport.

VICE CHAIRMAN EHLBECK commented that after spending a few days in Flagstaff, AZ, he noticed train noise during all the times of the day. He asked if there are any noise complaints due to the train noise in Chandler.

MR. RINKENBERGER responded that City Council has previously addressed the train noise in Chandler. He also stated that some of these noise complaints are coming from Gold Canyon, a retiree community.

VICE CHAIRMAN EHLBECK asked if staff ever receives complaints through the Chandler City Council.

MR. RINKENBERGER responded that it occurred very rarely. He also stated that most of the complaints come to him or the airport, and anything else ends up coming to MR. REEVES.

4. Monthly Origins and Destinations Report

MR. REEVES gave a report for October 2025, November 2025, December 2025, and January 2026.

COMMISSIONER HAWLEY asked if the base versus visiting slide only had IFR flights.

MR. REEVES responded that it had all flights.

COMMISSIONER HAWLEY asked if indicating the commercial IFR flights was to emphasize the economic impact.

MR. REEVES responded that was correct.

COMMISSIONER OROZCO stated that Thursdays tend to be the slowest days in aviation, but the October report shows otherwise.

MR. REEVES responded that statistically it is the busiest day.

CHAIRMAN MCCORKLE made a comment that on the backside of the December 2025 it indicated aircraft tracking. He also stated that out of all the jet traffic being identified, there were no jet noise complaints.

5. Monthly Construction Report

MR. ANDRES 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 with \$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 of \$7.4 million to redo the pavement in and among the city-owned hangars. There is a water leak under the pavement near the east side of C hangars.

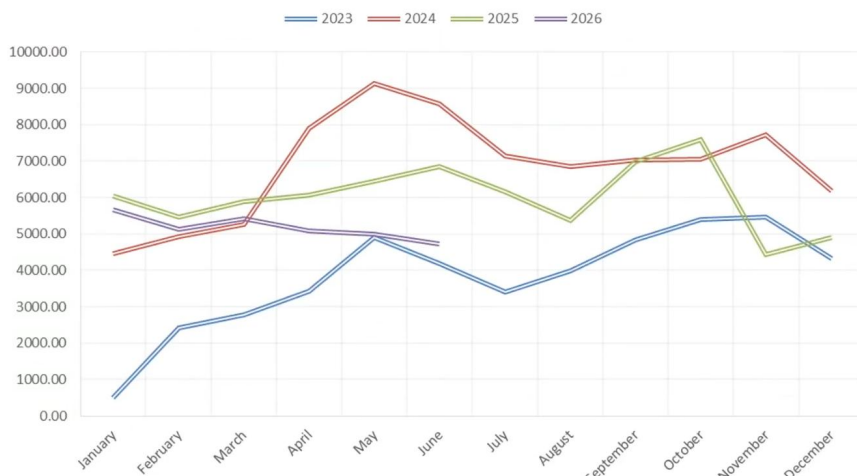
Taxiway B Improvements- Phase 1: The ADOT grant for \$2,035,000 has been approved. The estimated construction start date is January 5, 2026, and due to be completed by the 3rd week of February.

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. Additional excavation is needed and will start on January 20th.

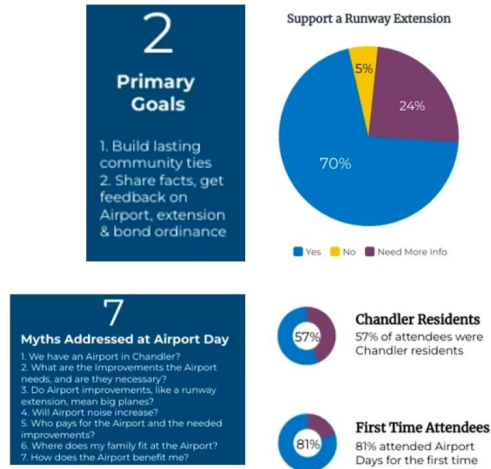
Airport Manager's Report

MR. REEVES stated that fuel sales and stated that they are not far behind.

COC MONTHLY AVGAS SALES



MR. REEVES also shared that Airport Day 2026 had around 15,000 attendees. There were seven (7) learning stations. MR. REEVES displayed an exact replica of Sky Harbor’s pavement as well as CHD’s and compared them. MR. REEVES also shared a copy of the passport for the COMMISSIONERS to view. There were over 50 aircraft displayed. Over 400 surveys were collected during the event.



MR. REEVES also shared that CHD will be participating in the Chandler Innovation Fair.

There will also be 3 staff members participating in the AzAA conference this year in Prescott.

MR. REEVES also shared that the Heart Gallery with the #LoveUp Foundation would like to make this an annual event for children in foster care.

MR. REEVES also encouraged the COMMISSIONERS to attend MAYOR HARTKE’S final State of the City at the Chandler Center for the Arts.

COMMISSIONER HAWLEY shared that Airport Day was a great experience. He displayed his aircraft and allowed kids to sit in his plane. He also shared that the learning stations were a great way to share the message.

COMMISSIONER NICHOLS shared that he published the event on their school district and a couple of families thanked him because they attended the event and loved it.

COMMISSIONER HAWLEY asked if there was an update on Curtiss East and West RFP.

MR. REEVES responded that the Curtiss East RFP is in the final stages of lease negotiations for long term land development. There has been a delay in releasing Curtis West’s RFP, due to having to address an environmental site. It is dry rubble only; they have tested it and there is not chemical contamination. They expect the RFP to be released by the end of the month. The lease will be brought to the COMMISSION for a recommendation to proceed or to not.

CHAIRMAN MCCORKLE asked MR. REEVES to indicate where the rubble is located.

MR. REEVES responded that it is just off the terminus of the taxi lane next to AG hangar, immediately to the west of the new hangar that is being built.

COMMISSIONER HAWLEY asked if it was only compacted and not contaminated.

MR. REEVES RESPONDED yes that it is only compacted. Depending on how the RFP is rolled out, they want the structure to be amenable and beneficial for both the city and whoever is developing the site in the future.

CHAIRMAN MCCORKLE asked if there was any asbestos found.

MR. REEVES responded no.

Member Comments/Announcements

COMMISSIONER HAWLEY shared that the Buckeye Airfare will be this weekend as well as the AOPA regional meeting.

COMMISSIONER GONZALEZ stated that he is sorry that he missed Airport Day and hopes to attend the next one.

COMMISSIONER OROZCO reminded the COMMISSION about Innovation Fair the following weekend.

COMMISSIONER GONZALEZ asked where the Innovation Fair takes place.

COMMISSIONER OROZCO responded that it takes place in Downtown Chandler from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

VICE CHAIRMAN EHLBECK asked if through the Economic Impact Study, they are looking at the hotel that was built and how many patrons are staying there. He also asked if the city can come back and give an update on the economic corridors and projects that have been completed and how it is tied to the impact study.

VICE CHAIRMAN EHLBECK also stated that when it comes to Airport Day, thinking about trade skills, is there a way to tie it to potential jobs in aviation.

MR. REEVES responded that the live demonstration inside Chandler Aviation was given by IA and A&Ps showing what they do for a living. The kids were allowed to rivet and take the piece as a souvenir. MR. REEVES also shared that for Airport Day 2027, the FBO will give them the entirety of their ramp, adding an additional 30%, and two (2) more hangars.

CHAIRMAN MCCORKLE stated that he attended Airport Day and it was wonderful. The airport staff and everybody did a wonderful job with the minimal number of staff. He also shared that he hopes that Council allows for the funding needed for this event. He also thought it was incredible the amount of people waiting to get inside an airplane.

Calendar

The next regular Airport Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., in the Chandler Airport Terminal, 2380 S. Stinson Way.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Ryan Reeves, Secretary

Charles McCorkle, Chairman