

Meeting Minutes

Airport Commission

Regular Meeting

May 13, 2026, | 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 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Commission Attendance

Chairman Charles McCorkle
Vice Chairman Robert Ehlbeck
Mngr.
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

Scott Rinkenberger, Operations Manager
Diana Alonzo, Management Assistant

Absent

Others in Attendance

Dawn Gingerich, Assistant City Attorney
Jennifer Ekblad, City Clerk
Lauren Schumann, Planning Manager
William Banakos, Tower Manager
Chris Glassmeier, Chandler Air Service 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.

1. Presentation on Arizona's Open Meeting Law by Dawn Gingerich, Assistant City Attorney, and Jennifer Ekblad, City Clerk
<https://www.chandleraz.gov/government/boards-and-commissions/member-training>

Approval of Minutes and Discussion

2. April 2026 Study Session Meeting Minutes
Move to approve the Study Session Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2026.
3. April 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes
Move to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2026.

Consent Agenda Motion and Vote

It was moved by COMMISSIONER NICHOLS and seconded by VICE-CHAIRMAN EHLBECK to approve the Study Session Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2026.

It was moved by COMMISSIONER NICHOLS and seconded by VICE-CHAIRMAN EHLBECK to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2026.

Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

The minutes were approved with recommended changes.

Action Agenda Item No. 2 Election of Officers

4. CHAIRMAN MCCORKLE introduced item No. 2 Election of Officers

Action Agenda Item No. 2 Motion and Vote

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

Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

CHAIRMAN EHLBECK asked the Commission to entertain a motion to elect COMMISSIONER NICHOLS as VICE CHAIRMAN of the Commission and seconded by COMMISSIONER HAWLEY. COMMISSIONER NICHOLS accepted the nomination.

Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Briefing

5. Presentation on Chandler General Plan Update by Lauren Schuman, Planning Manager
[Chandler's General Plan: The Blueprint Behind Our Growing City | City of Chandler](#)

COMMISSIONER HAWLEY asked what phase in the plan would affect the airport the most.

MS. SCHUMANN stated that she doesn't believe that there are any changes that would affect the airport. Within the past 5 years, staff have gone through the Chandler Airpark Area plan, they are mindful of the airport's goals.

6. Monthly Operations Report

MR. REEVES presented the Monthly Operations Report for April 2026.

For April 2026, the total number of operations was 24,765. The total number of operations for April 2025 was 24,351. The IFR itinerant dropped from 371 to 347. The total number of operations through April 2026 is 259,336, just ahead of last year's total number of operations at 234,104. In the national ranking, CHD is ranked 49th. In the GA count, CHD is ranked 19th.

7. Monthly Noise Report

MR. RINKENBERGER gave an overview of the monthly noise report for April 2026.

8. Monthly Origins and Destinations Report

MR. REEVES gave the reports for April 2026.

The data provided below 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; 359 such flights took place in April 2025. There were no (0) repositioning flights from CHD. Total flights to and from CHD represent 24,358 gallons of fuel burn.

6. 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. Staff is currently evaluating a proposal for revised design and utility relocation plan.

Airport Fuel Tank Relocation: This is a city funded project with \$610,000. There is a request for proposals for fuel branding agreement. Future removal of underground storage tank.

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

Capital Projects - Construction Phase:

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. There is an evaluation for a topographic survey.

Information Items

8. Airport Manager's Report

MR. REEVES stated that they are currently selling more fuel than CY2025 but are still behind in what was sold in 2024 sales. Gas prices were raised yesterday to \$6.60, but CHD still has one of the lowest prices in the surrounding areas.

MR. REEVES congratulated CAPA, the city's public affairs team, on the contribution and work they have done in creating a larger social media presence for the airport. The Community Impact Study for the potential runway extension began 18 months prior to Airport Day. There has been an extensive amount of public outreach, a great deal of it has come from social media. There has been a focus on general education regarding the airport.

MR. REEVES also shared that there will probably be the need for a Special Session to approve the lease for the Curtiss East (RFP Site Location). This would allow for the lease to be placed on the June Council meeting agendas.

MR. REEVES shared that on May 20, 2026, at 5 PM there will be a virtual public workshop that the FAA will be hosting. MR. REEVES along with MR. ANDRES will be part of it. This address the

performance-based navigation changes to arrival and departure procedures for the greater Phoenix valley airports. https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/community_engagement/phx

CHAIRMAN EHLBECK stated that he is interested in paying attention on the number housed versus visiting aircraft with everything happening.

Member Comments/Announcements

CHAIRMAN EHLBECK thanked former CHAIRMAN MCCORKLE for his years of service to the Airport Commission.

Calendar

The next regular Airport Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., in the Chandler Airport Terminal, 2380 S. Stinson Way.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Ryan Reeves, Secretary

Robert Ehlbeck, Chairman