

**LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE (LAXAAC)
MINUTES OF THE APRIL 15, 2021 VIRTUAL MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by the Chair Luciano Nocera. A quorum was established.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mario Chiappe (Hawthorne); Luciano Nocera, Chair (Culver City); John Wahlert, Vice Chair (Culver City); Danna Cope (Westchester/PDR); Carl Jacobson (El Segundo); Lance Giroux (El Segundo); Jim Withrow (Inglewood); William Cumming (Marina del Rey)

LAWA STAFF: Clarence Espinosa, Amy Imamura, Gaby Pacheco

EXCUSED ABSENCE: Kevin Klowden (Culver City); Guido Fernandez (Hawthorne); Sergio Paz (Lennox); Maria Verduzco-Smith (Lennox)

INTRODUCTIONS

There were no introductions

COMMENTS FROM GUESTS AND PUBLIC

There were no written comments from guests or the general public

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the previous meeting of March 11, 2021 were approved by the body; motion to approve was introduced by Member Wahlert and seconded by Member Cope

GUEST SPEAKER

None scheduled for this meeting, but LAWA staff member Amy confirmed guest speakers for May and June. May's guest speaker will be LAWA Deputy Executive Director of Public & Government Affairs Becca Doten and LAWA CEO Justin Erbacci will be speaking to the committee in June

- a) LAWA staff agreed to provide committee with a LAWA organizational chart for Corporate Strategy & Affairs as requested by chair

OFFICER'S REPORT

Chair Luciano shared information about the Advanced Air Mobility (AAM); air transportation system that moves people and cargo between places previously not served or underserved by aviation – local, regional, intraregional, urban – using revolutionary new aircraft via a slide presentation.

Urban Air Mobility (UAM) envisions a safe and efficient aviation transportation system that will use highly automated aircraft that will operate and transport passengers or cargo at lower altitudes with urban and suburban areas.

Advanced Air Mobility (AAM)=UAM + non-urban (commercial inter-city, cargo delivery, public services, private/recreational vehicles)

AAM aircrafts such as Aviation Alice; Jetoptea J-2000; Beta Technologies ALIA-250; Volocopter Volocity; and Joby:

- Jetoptera J-2000 is a fluidic propulsion; gas turbine and fluidic thrust augmentation with no propeller;
- Beta Technologies is electric, four dedicated retractable rotors for VTOL, coupled with one tail rotor on fly-over;
- Volocopter is quiet because all 18 rotors acoustically operate within a narrow frequency range, to the human ear they sound only twice as loud as one single rotor. For comparison: A Volocopter 2X within a 75-metre distance is as quiet as the smallest helicopter within 500 meters distance;
- Joby uses thrust vectoring; the aircraft made only a partially perceptible sound that would almost certainly be undetectable against the everyday noise background of an urban environment per Aviation Week

Chair mentioned that someone from SeaTac (Seattle-Tacoma International Airport) contacted him regarding an environmental impact report; this person submitted a letter questioning the report;

Chair suggested that perhaps this matter should be researched in the environment committee; member Danna, also a member of the environment committee, would like to see a copy of this letter for review;

- a) Chair asked Clarence to send copies of this letter to members

Chair mentioned that the person who can share more insight on LAWA's ground transportation is David Reich. LAWA staff member Amy mentioned that David is scheduled to speak in July; he's in charge of mobility strategy. David's title is LAWA Deputy Executive Director of Mobility Planning & Strategy;

Vice Chair John added that he and the chair sit on the ground transportation committee; perhaps they can research the matter and provide a report to the members at the next meeting

MANAGEMENT REPORT

LAWA staff member Clarence reported on the following:

- For LA County vaccination updates, LAWA encourages the public to visit the LAX Travel Safely website at [LAX Official Site | Travel Safely \(flylax.com\)](https://www.flylax.com);
- New Online Portal Streamlines Disadvantaged Business Certification allowing qualified vendors to compete for airport opportunities faster;
- We Fly As One program, a collaboration between LAWA and local chambers of commerce merchants, is designed to provide exclusive benefits and savings to airport employees and partners to help boost sales and generate new customers;
- ACE Academy is a virtual, weeklong educational program designed to introduce aviation and career options to middle and high school students starting on June 21-25 from 9 am to 12 pm; [LAWA Official Site | Aviation Careers Education ACE Academy](https://www.flylax.com);
- HireLAX Youth Program is similar to the adult version, an 8-week construction training for those 18 to 24 years old and reside in designated impact areas
- West Gates at Tom Bradley International Terminal are getting ready to open; over 11,482 construction workers were part of this project including employees hired through the HireLAX program

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

The committee discussed the changing of noise equivalency; but there's nothing definite coming down the pipeline; advisory members who sit on the LAX Community/Noise Roundtable (Members Jim and Danna) have not heard anything regarding the noise matrix and, if any changes are made, it'll be at the discretion of the FAA;

Our communities are impacted by the noise, but according to the matrix, it is not; perhaps the committee should look into noise impacts; members advised committee to monitor what is discussed at the Noise Roundtable meetings since they have LAWA staff working on this subject;

- a) Chair requested that one of the members who sits on the Noise Roundtable provide the committee a quick report to stay abreast of any new developments

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS

There was no unfinished/old business

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was introduced by Chair Luciano and seconded by Member Jim; the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gaby Pacheco

Next Meeting: Tentatively scheduled for Thursday, May 13, at 4 p.m.