

**Regular Meeting of the Airport Advisory Board
February 12, 2026 at 4:00 PM
Santa Fe Regional Airport Administrative Building
121 Aviation Drive, Santa Fe
MINUTES**

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m.

2. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jyl DeHaven
John Florez
Randal Limbacher
Rosemary Thompson
Lutz Arnold
Councilor Lee Garcia

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Len Rand

3. Approval of Agenda

- a. Approval of 2/12/2026 Airport Advisory Board Agenda.

MOTION A motion was made by Thompson, seconded by DeHaven, to Approve.

VOTE The motion Passed on a voice vote.

4. Approval of Minutes

- a. Approval of Minutes from 09/11/2025 Airport Advisory Board Meeting.

MOTION A motion was made by Thompson, seconded by Arnold, to Approve.

VOTE The motion Passed on a voice vote.

5. Communications From the Public

6. Presentations

- a. Introduction of newly Appointed Airport Advisory Board Chair, Councilor Lee Garcia.

Councilor Lee Garcia (District 3, Santa Fe) introduced himself as the newly appointed Chair of the Airport Advisory Board , following re-election in November 2025. Councilor Garcia expressed commitment to supporting the airport as a vital asset for

tourism, film, economic development, and regional connectivity.

7. Old Business

8. New Business

- a. Airport Updates. (jimmy Gunn, Interim Airport Director/Airport Security Manager, jdgunn@santafenm.gov)

1. Airport Infrastructure & Development Updates:

- Terminal Modernization:
 - Design/engineering contract awarded.
 - Target completion: end of 2027 , with phased implementation.
 - Focus on efficiency, input from TSA, airlines, security, and city staff
- Baggage Handling:
 - Exploring automated systems (e.g., like in El Paso) to reduce staffing needs and footprint.
- Ramp/Asphalt Work :
 - Western ramp area nearing completion (target: end of February 2026).
 - Gate fronting Atlantic Aviation now operational.
- Signature Flight Support Facility :
 - Phase 2 & 3 underway.
 - Building to be located at Runway 8-0 , near the end of the field □ expected to attract new FBO clients and private.

2. Concessions & Retail

- Gift shop owner holds an existing liquor license - potential cost/time savings if used for airport bar.
- Legal review underway to determine feasibility and compliance (e.g., sealed containers, on-site consumption only).

3. Master Plan & Public Engagement

- Recent public meeting at Convention Center drew 20-30 attendees, mostly neighbors.
- Key concerns raised: airport noise , environmental impact, and flight patterns.

- Commitment to conduct a formal noise study (target: mid-2027) to inform future planning and community outreach.
- Ongoing effort to improve transparency: outreach via website, social media, and direct notifications to airport stakeholders

9. Matters from Staff

10. Matters from the Committee

The following summarizes matters brought to attention by Committee Members:

Board Member Jyl DeHaven passed out packets given to her by a real estate agent that shows the proposed economic development on the land that will surround the 599 exit at Jaguar Drive to the Airport.

- Active interest from private developers in airport-adjacent land:
 - Two hotels in planning.
 - Two mixed-use tech-focused parcels pending.

- Emphasis on leveraging private investment to reduce city capital outlay.
- Upcoming briefing at the Governor's office (right after next board meeting) — governor aims to “put a flag on” major progress before leaving office.

11. Matters from the Chair

Councilor Garcia made a closing comment to please keep in mind how he can be of assistance to the Airport Advisory Committee and everyone involved with the Airport to continue bettering the overall experience

12. Next Meeting: March 12th, 2026.

13. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Kelly Bynon

Liaison

Chair