

**Regular Meeting of the Airport Advisory Board  
April 9, 2026 at 4:00 PM  
Santa Fe Regional Airport Administrative Building  
121 Aviation Drive, Santa Fe  
MINUTES**

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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 4/9/2026 Airport Advisory Board Agenda.

**MOTION** A motion was made by Limbacher, seconded by Florez, to Approve.

**VOTE** The motion Passed on a voice vote.

4. Approval of Minutes

- a. Approval of Minutes from 2/12/2026 Airport Advisory Board Meeting.

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

**VOTE** The motion Passed on a voice vote.

5. Communications From the Public

1. Airport tenant Chris Ortega raised concerns over vehicle parking permits being issued for tenants that currently have AOA badges to access their aircraft in hangars and concerns with certain access gates not working. The issues were addressed by interim Airport Director Jimmy Gunn, who advised that separate vehicle parking permits would not be issued. Tenants with AOA access badges are permitted to have a vehicle in the AOA. Additionally, he advised that any issues with gates should be reported to City of Santa Fe Airport staff so a work order to fix the issue can be put in.

2. Jennifer LaBar Tapia, the director of the Santa Fe Film Office made several comments as follows:

- Stagecoach Foundation has a replica of the Wright Brothers Kitty Hawk airplane, and want to discuss potentially displaying it at the Santa Fe Airport.
- Commented about the friendliness of TSA in Santa Fe and the good experience at SAF.
- Discussed putting up potential signage letting pax know the airline situation of the same staff checking in pax and also needing to board the flights and luggage.

6. Presentations

7. Old Business

8. New Business

- a. Airport Updates (Jimmy Gunn, Interim Airport Director/Airport Security Manager, [jdgunn@santafenm.gov](mailto:jdgunn@santafenm.gov))

1. Announcement of the upcoming public meeting in regard to Jaguar Drive Extension. The meeting will be held on April 15th, 2026 @ 5:00 p.m. at the convention center downtown.

2. Staffing Updates: Airport Operations Manager, Allan Mantle, is no longer with SAF due to him taking a position elsewhere. In the interim, we have Airport Operations Officer, Desiree Ring as acting Airport Operations Manager until the position is filled.

9. Matters from Staff

10. Matters from the Committee

1. Committee members brought up concerns of having customer service staff at the airport, such as ambassadors. Interim Airport Director, Jimmy Gunn, advised that our Airport Security Officers and Supervisors are being trained to incorporate providing customer service into their daily job requirements.

2. Committee Member Jyl DeHaven brought up concerns about the Chicago flight coming in late and prospective travelers being concerned about the availability of rental car agencies and other businesses at the time of arrival.

11. Matters from the Chair

Councilor Lee Garcia discussed the following topics:

1. Asked committee members and staff to give input on what type of legislation and issues that Councilor Garcia can bring forward to help the Airport Advisory Board have

more say so within the city.

2. Asked committee to give insight on things like beautification of medians and adding art on the drive to the airport.

3. Discussed repeat audit finding from fixed assets at the airport and ways to correct this issue in the future audits.

4. Discussed that change is not an optional event in our community and he is a fan of the growth that is happening at the airport.

12. Next Meeting: May 14th, 2026.

13. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

*Kelly Bynon*

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Liaison

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Chair