

CITY OF SAN DIEGO
AIRPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
Meeting of July 8, 2026
Montgomery Gibbs Executive Airport
3750 John J. Montgomery Drive, San Diego, CA 92123

1. CALL TO ORDER and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Doft called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

A quorum was present.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	MEMBERS ABSENT:
Chair Peter S. Doft Special Expertise Representative	Chase Franzen* Kearny Mesa Representative
Vice Chair David Gordon Special Expertise	Shawn Ellis* Montgomery-Gibbs Aviation User Group Representative
Ron Lee Brown Field Aviation User Group	
Cindy Scott Navajo Community Representative	
Rob M. Hixson Otay Mesa Representative	
John H. Embree Serra Mesa Community	
Donald Chick Tierrasanta Representative	
Merle Richman Brown Field Municipal Airport Aviation User Group	
Melissa Johnston Montgomery-Gibbs Aviation Lessees Representative	

*Excused

STAFF PRESENT:

Jorge Rubio, David Reed, Charles Broadbent, William LeGrand, Hannah Sax, Frank Santana, Jonathan Kowdewyn, and Giancarlo Vargas.

3. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the June 10, 2026, meeting.

Member Hixson made a motion to approve the minutes. Vice Chair Gordon seconded the motion. Member Chick abstained. Eight members voted in favor. Motion passed.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

6. NEW BUSINESS

None

7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Staff Reports

Chief of Airports - Jorge Rubio, A.A.E.

- The National Academies of Science through their Airport Cooperative Research Program just published two documents to help Airports transition to unleaded aviation fuels (Understanding the Transition to Unleaded Aviation Gasoline and Transitioning to Unleaded Aviation Gasoline).
- NASCAR teams came through Brown Field Airport between June 19-22. On the busiest days, it's estimated that 15 Embraer-145 aircraft at the same time and used other paved areas of the airport. The airport was completely full and the FBO could not accommodate other aircraft unless there were reservations.
- The terminal roof at Brown Field is being replaced. Construction is to resume on 7/13.
- Tom Fallon, Property Agent filling the vacant Property Agent position will start 7/20.

Montgomery-Gibbs Executive Airport (MYF) – Mr. Charles Broadbent, MYF Airport Manager

- There were over 30,000 operations at Montgomery-Gibbs Airport in June.
- We had a complete mow done by our mowing contractor.
- Gate 8 was repaired. Staff if waiting on parts to repair Gate 4.
- Staff are currently working on recruitment for the Operations Assistant position.
- Runway 10R/28L will be closed from 6 am to 9 am for airport staff to make minor repairs to the centerline on July 9th.
- The centerline and runway designation markings for runway 10R/28L will be remarked on July 16th. This work is scheduled at night from 9 pm – 3am.

Airports Lease Administration – William LeGrand, Property Agent

- Construction of the Fixed Based Operator (FBO) with San Diego Airpark (SDA) is underway.
- Legal action against AERO-ABRE related to environmental remediation and underpayment of rent was approved by City Council. CAO is moving forward with litigation.
- Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) to exercise option to extend the size of the leasehold.
- In discussions with San Diego Community College District (SDCCD) for the potential construction of new hangar and facilities.
- Corporate Helicopters was provided with FAA feedback on the CATEx for NEPA. Waiting for Corporate Helicopters to schedule meeting.

- Staff are working with CrownAir on new, longer-term agreement for transient ramp parking.
- Staff negotiations have been finalized with Casa Machado on new lease agreement.
- Transportation Department exercised its option to occupy Suite 101 at 8575 Gibbs Drive effective May 1st.
- E&CP's occupancy of the additional space at 8525 Gibbs Drive will be in the fall of 2026.
- Lessee (Clown Market) has applied to relocate its liquor license to Suite 101. Lessee will retain existing space for separate ice cream and water business.
- Infinity Nails has proposed expanding its premises for the nail salon and is currently evaluating Suite 116.

B. Other Reports
None

8. COMMITTEE COMMENTS
None

9. ADJOURNMENT
The meeting adjourned at 4:06 p.m. Next meeting will be September 9, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Giancarlo Vargas
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