

Draft Minutes of the
Airport Advisory Commission for the Napa County Airport
Meeting of February 2, 2026

<u>Members</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>A</u>
Vacant	Chamber of Commerce		
Kristen Hannum Gregory	N.A.P.A.	✓	
Christian Palmaz	Wine/Hospitality Industry	✓	
Geoff Gorsuch	Public Member	✓	
Richard Rybicki	Public Member	✓	
Choolwe Kalulu	Local Education Industry	✓	
Robert De Young	Chamber of Commerce	✓	
Kara Brunzell	Planning Commission Liaison	✓	

Attendees

Mark Witsoe, Airport Manager

Katherine Bales, Assistant Airport Manager

Leigh Sharp, Deputy Director of Public Works

Sabrina Wolfson, County Counsel

Belia Ramos, Board of Supervisors

Melissa Moise, Supervisorial Aide

Steven Lederer, Director of Public Works

Otto Wright, Atlantic Aviation Manager

Wendy Adkins, Planning Staff Liaison

Chair Hannum Gregory called the December 1st, 2025, regular meeting of the Airport Advisory Commission (“AAC”) to order at 12:00 p.m.

1) Call to Order: Roll Call

2) Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes- The Minutes of December 1, 2025, AAC meeting were approved.

3) Public Comment- Chair Gregory began this portion of the meeting by outlining the public comment guidelines. Public member, Cathy Patterson, asked questions regarding limiting the number of flights and times of flights at the airport.

4) AAC Planning Staff Liaison Update- Wendy Adkins reported that previous Airport Advisory Commissioner, Todd Walker, has been appointed to serve on the Airport Land Use Commission. The Commission has another vacancy upcoming. A press release will invite new volunteers to apply.

5) Recommendation of the Commissioner Vacancy Ad Hoc Committee – Commissioner Palmaz reported that the ad-hoc committee comprised of Robert De Young and himself reviewed the eleven applicants for the terms of service identified in the vacancy announcement. They interviewed each applicant. The committee presented a slate of applicants as their recommendation to serve the staggered terms as the amended bylaws stipulate.

Seat	Representing	Recommended Applicant	Term
1	General Public	Richard Rybicki	2 years
2	General Public	Geoff Gorsuch	1 year
3	Local Chamber of Commerce	Robert De Young	2 years
4	Local Chamber of Commerce	Jason Johnson	1 year
5	Local Pilot Group	Kristen Hannum Gregory	2 years
6	Education	Choolwe Kalulu	1 year
7	Wine Industry / Hospitality	Christian Palmaz	2 years
8	Planning Commission Liaison	Kara Brunzell	Appointed

Motion: De Young

Second: Rybicki

All in Favor

6) Airport Manager's Update – (Information and Discussion Item)

Community concerns over aircraft noise

Airport Manager Mark Witsoe reported that operations at the airport declined over the course of the calendar year by nearly 20% possibly due to reductions in small aircraft training operations. Complaints rose dramatically between 2024 and 2025 as a new focus of the published instrument approach through the Napa Valley sparked controversy around the Alta Heights neighborhood and residential areas nearby. Airport staff have retained Coffman Associates to research the feasibility of a supplemental approach to Runway 19R during times of prevailing wind and good visibility that flies an alternative route having a less impactful route over land.

Airport Safety / Security

Airport Manager Mark Witsoe described the conceptual design of the new Airport Road Intersection to make the southerly left turn more ordinarant. The design will square up the traffic control for the intersection into a normal four-way stop.

Capital Projects

Airport Manager Mark Witsoe described the conceptual layout of the North General Aviation Apron Reconstruction. A widened taxilane will parallel Taxiway A on the apron's southwestern edge. Five large aircraft parking locations will be inboard of that also parallel to Taxiway A. Intermediate aircraft of King Air size in the next taxi-through row east of the jets. A final row of light aircraft up to C310s will park next to the 2000 Building.

2026 Annual Hangar Inspections

Witsoe identified that the annual tenant hangar inspections will start this month and continue through March. As previously discussed, staff hope that tenants have reviewed the mass email that was published identifying what the staff will be looking for. We will focus this year on insurance compliance as we review each tenant's file.

7) Commercial Tenant Update - Otto Wright of Atlantic Aviation reported their construction is winding down and are expecting to move into their new lobby building in the first week of March. Once the main hangar is finished, Mike Smith Aviation will move over into their new suite of offices. He continued that the airport was included in an FAA slot program for Superbowl weekend. Tony Wright of Skyservice reported that Avgas (100LL) is now available for purchase. Construction work is finishing in the parking lot. Skyservice has applied for permits for construction of a 2nd large hangar.

8) Future Agenda Items- No future agenda items were presented.

9) Commissioner Updates and Announcements- Commissioner Gorsuch suggested that flyers be posted alerting pilots to keep an eye out for hazards from migratory birds.

Adjourn to the next regular meeting on April 6, 2026.