



CITY OF MENDOTA HEIGHTS

AIRPORT RELATIONS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

March 18, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Mendota Heights City Hall, 1101 Victoria Curve, Mendota Heights

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Election of Officers - Chair and Vice Chair**
- 3. Consent Agenda**
 - a. Approve meeting minutes from the January 21, 2026 Airport Relations Commission Meeting.
 - b. Acknowledge Airport Operational Statistics Reports
 1. Complaint Information
 2. Runway Use Information
- 4. Public Comments**
- 5. Business**
 - a. ARC 2026 Work Plan
- 6. Information and Correspondence**
- 7. Announcements and Commissioner Comments**
- 8. Adjourn**

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**Airport Relations Commission**

MEETING DATE: March 18, 2026
TO: Airport Relations Commission
FROM: Cheryl Jacobson, City Administrator
SUBJECT: Election of Officers

BACKGROUND:

At its meeting on March 18, the ARC should elect a Chair and Vice Chair. The Chair and Vice Chair take office immediately following their election and hold office until their successors are elected and assume office.

The ARC's current chair is Gina Norling and Vice Chair was Arvind Sharma, who has now left the Commission.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

**CITY OF MENDOTA HEIGHTS
DAKOTA COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

**AIRPORT RELATIONS COMMISSION MINUTES
January 21, 2026**

The regular meeting of the Mendota Heights Airport Relations Commission was held on Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at Mendota Heights City Hall, 1101 Victoria Curve.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Norling called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Commissioners present: Norling, Sharma, Bobbitt, Sloan, Dunn, Neuharth
Commissioners absent: Hamiel

Staff present: City Administrator Jacobson and Administrative Coordinator Desmond

Public present: Rose Agnew, Scott Norling, Harvey Arbit, Ryan Anderson, and Michelle Ross.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve Minutes from the September 17, 2025 Meeting
- b. Approve Minutes from the October 8, 2025 Special Meeting
- c. Acknowledge Airport Operational Statistics Reports
 1. Complaint Information
 2. Runway Use Information

Chair Norling approved the consent agenda.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Scott Norling, 1280 Lakeview Ave, shared a diagram of flights over Mendota Heights and asked for 12L and 12R runways to have better dispersion. Mr. Norling noted that flights occur over residential areas, but there is an industrial area close by that could be used instead.

Harvey Arbit, the Commission's newest member introduced himself.

4. BUSINESS

- a. MSP- Noise Oversight Committee Runway 12L/12R Departure Operations Report

Ryan Anderson presented the Runway 12L and 12R Departure Operations Report from the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC), which included an overview of recent runway departure activity and related noise monitoring data. The report highlighted an increase in noise complaints from residents in Mendota Heights. Ryan Anderson stated that they are going to be looking at the traffic on the runways.

Commissioners discussed the relationship between complaint data, sound monitoring, and the use of modeled noise contours, including questions about how complaints are counted,

the differences between modeled contours and actual sound event data, and how those differences affect city planning.

Commissioners also discussed runway traffic patterns, historical changes to noise contours, and the role of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in flight dispersion and noise management.

Staff noted that MAC continues to work with the FAA and uses both modeled and actual data in its reporting. Commissioners also requested additional information regarding the location of complaints in areas with higher reporting levels.

Commissioner Neuharth left the meeting.

b. ARC 2026 Work Plan

City Administrator Jacobson asked commissioners to review the information and consider whether there were any additional items they would like to add for discussion at the next meeting.

5. INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

- a. NOC Monthly Operations Summary Reports (September, October, November and December 2025)

No comments.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Chair Norling acknowledged and thanked Vice Chair Sharma.

Vice Chair Sharma welcomed the new member, Harvey Arbit.

City Administrator Jacobson mentioned the NOC listening session being held next week.

7. ADJOURN

Motion by Dunn and second by Sloan to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried 5-0.

Chair Norling adjourned the meeting at 7:25pm.

**Airport Relations Commission**

MEETING DATE: March 18, 2026
TO: Airport Relations Commission
FROM: Cheryl Jacobson, City Administrator
SUBJECT: ARC 2026 Work Plan

BACKGROUND:

The Mendota Heights Airport Relations Commission advises the City Council on matters relating to airport noise and operations at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport. The commission monitors proposed rules, procedures, and programs that impact air noise within the city and makes recommendations regarding strategies to mitigate the city's air noise exposure.

The Mendota Heights Airport Relations Commission has developed an annual work plan for several years. The commission is asked to review and discuss the 2025-2026 work plan and recommend updates or new action items for inclusion.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 2025-2026 ARC Workplan



Priority: Mitigate the city's air noise exposure

1. Advocate for modified takeoff procedures and corridor compliance, as needed.
2. Advocate for specific noise control measures through operational changes and advanced technology.
3. Advocate for the equitable distribution of aircraft traffic and a more equitable runway use system.

Priority: Inform and engage Mendota Heights' residents regarding airport related issues

1. Include airport related information in city communications and social media channels.
2. Attend city events, when invited, to share information about MSP Airport.
3. Host a NOC Listening Session.

Priority: Monitor airport operations and trends and advocate for the Mendota Heights community

1. Respond, as needed, to FAA RNAV procedure implementation outcomes.
2. Work collaboratively with other communities on mutual concerns regarding airport development and operations.
3. Continue to collect and review MSP operations and complaint data.