Provo Airport Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 26, 2025
Provo Airport View Lounge
1331 S Sky Way, Provo, UT 84601

Time: 9:00 AM

1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by the chair.
- Attendance included board members, representatives from the business community, pilots, and guests.

2. Roll Call & Introductions

- Board members and key stakeholders introduced themselves.
- Attendance included:
  - **Airport Board Members:** Wendy Newman – Airport Board, Craig Christensen – Airport Board - Provo City Council, Mario Markides – Airport Board Chair - Utah Valley University, Bill Hulterstrom – Airport Board - United Way, Greg Perry – Airport Board, Mel Leseberg - Airport Board, Jeff Demille – Airport Board - (FBO Representative), Ann Calder – Airport Board
  - **Airport Director:** Brian Torgersen
  - **Provo Airport Staff:** Ashley Suyak, Adrienne Jensen, Rustie Weinberg, Brandon Garcia, Matt Jensen, Trent Johnson, Donavon Cheff, Jared Penrod, Inga Flint-Jones
  - **Provo Airport Tower:** Frank Elsholz
  - **Pilot Makers:** Jared Cobia, Erika Robinson
  - **UVU:** Michelle Chapman, John James, Nicholas Marsh
  - **Duncan Aviation:** Keith Pecko, Phil Suglia
  - **General Aviation:** Clay Liston, Josh Bryant

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve minutes from December 4th with a correction to attendee list.
- Motion seconded and approved unanimously.

4. Agenda Amendment

- A motion was approved to add a presentation by Epic Flight Academy to the agenda.

5. Control Tower Update (Frank)

- Over 200,000 operations were recorded in the past month.
- Challenges in recruiting and retaining air traffic controllers due to the high workload and cost of living.
- Airport administration is exploring ways to improve controller compensation locally.

6. Flight Pattern Working Group Update (Matt Jensen)

- Coordination between Provo and Spanish Fork airports to standardize training airspace.
- Spanish Fork's proposed “Fly Friendly” initiative includes updated practice area maps.
- Awaiting feedback from Salt Lake ATC.
- Community noise concerns discussed, particularly in areas like Fairfield.
- Emphasis on safety, deconfliction of airspace, and continued collaboration among flight schools.

7. Epic Flight Academy Proposal

- Presentation by Epic representatives Brock Reece and Shane Williams.
- Proposed flight school with two Cessna 172s in partnership with Alpine Air.
- Office and classroom space through Signature Aviation.
- Focus on professional, career-oriented training under Part 141.
- Safety management, noise abatement practices, and experience operating in high-traffic airspaces emphasized.
- Conditional approval granted to proceed with further discussions and planning, pending coordination with Signature Aviation and airport administration.

8. Master Plan Update (Jeremy McAllister)

- Review of project timeline, existing conditions, pavement condition assessments, and environmental overview.
- Public open house scheduled for April 14, 2025, from 5:00–7:00 PM at the airport.

- Goals include future facility planning, airspace considerations, and long-term airport growth.
- Advisory committees (Technical and Community) established to guide the planning process.

9. Hangar Site Concept Proposal (Jared Cobia, Pilot Makers)

- Proposed construction of a hangar near the North Charlie area to support flight operations and maintenance.
- Hanger would support Pilot Makers and Peak Elevated Aircraft services.
- Concept includes public access, increased capacity, and additional jobs.
- Board granted provisional approval pending further development of the site plan.

10. Other Business

- Future agenda items include addressing security compliance, ramp usage coordination, and space allocation for training and general aviation.

11. Adjournment

- Meeting concluded with no further items.

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