



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH AVIATION COMMITTEE AGENDA

Civic Center Community Room - 100 Civic Center Dr. Newport Beach, CA
92660

Monday, October 20, 2025 - 5:00 PM

Aviation Committee Members:

Councilmember, Noah Blom, Chair
Mayor Pro Tem Lauren Kleiman, Vice Chair

Kurt Belcher, Committee Member
Nicholas Prytherch, Committee Member
Michael Radigan, Committee Member
Jack Stranberg, Committee Member
M.C. Sungaila, Committee Member

Staff Members:

Tara Finnigan, Assistant City Manager
Lorig Yaghsejian, Management Analyst
Jennifer Biddle, Executive Assistant to the City Manager

The Aviation Committee meeting is subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act. Among other things, the Brown Act requires that the Aviation Committee agenda be posted at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of each regular meeting and that the public be allowed to comment on agenda items before the Committee and items not on the agenda but are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Aviation Committee. The Chair may limit public comments to a reasonable amount of time, generally three (3) minutes per person.

The public can submit questions and comments in writing for the Aviation Committee to consider by sending them by email to Aviation@newportbeachca.gov by Monday, October 20, at 10 a.m. to give the Aviation Committee time to consider your comments. All emails will be made part of the record.

The City of Newport Beach's goal is to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in all respects. If, as an attendee or a participant at this meeting, you will need special assistance beyond what is normally provided, we will attempt to accommodate you in every reasonable manner. Please contact Jennifer Biddle, Executive Assistant to the City Manager, at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting to inform us of your particular needs and to determine if accommodation is feasible at (949) 644-3001 or jbiddle@newportbeachca.gov.

NOTICE REGARDING PRESENTATIONS REQUIRING USE OF CITY EQUIPMENT

Any presentation requiring the use of the City of Newport Beach's equipment must be submitted to the City Manager's Office 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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IV. CURRENT BUSINESS

a. Committee Member Introductions

Each committee member will provide a brief overview of their expertise and experience.

b. Regular Meeting Schedule Discussion

City staff and the committee will select a regular meeting day and time and the 2026 meeting calendar.

c. Oral Reports

- i. Report from County of Orange - Staff from the office of Orange County Board of Supervisors' Vice Chair Katrina Foley will provide an update on County airport-related matters.
- ii. Federal Advocacy Update - Zac Commins, Carpi & Clay, will provide an update on the aviation-related, federal advocacy efforts the consultant is working on for the City.
- iii. Airport Working Group (AWG) Update - Mel Beale, president of AWG will provide an update on AWG's activities.
- iv. Still Protecting Our Newport (SPON) Update - A SPON representative will provide an update on the organization's aviation-related activities.

d. John Wayne Airport Plan Year 2026 Capacity Allocations

Nick Gaskins, access and noise manager for John Wayne Airport, will discuss the airport's 2026 Capacity Allocations.

e. Preparing for the Implementation of Advanced Air Mobility (AAM)

Kevin Karpe, a consultant with Diverse Vector Aviation Consulting, and Tara Finnigan, assistant city manager, will present an update on federal, industry and City of Newport Beach actions related to Advanced Air Mobility and help facilitate a committee discussion on how it could help the City of Newport Beach plan and prepare for AAM.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Public comments are invited on non-agenda items generally considered to be within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Aviation Committee. Speakers must limit comments to three (3) minutes. Before speaking, we invite, but do not require, you to state your name for the record. The Aviation Committee has the discretion to extend or shorten the speakers' time limit on non-agenda items, provided the time limit adjustment is applied equally to all speakers. As a courtesy, please turn cell phones off or set them in the silent mode.

VI. NEXT MEETING: TBD

VII. ADJOURNMENT