



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH AVIATION COMMITTEE AGENDA

City Council Chambers - 100 Civic Center Drive, NB 92660

Monday, January 26, 2026 - 5:00 PM

Aviation Committee Members:

Mayor Lauren Kleiman, Chair

Mayor Pro Tem Noah Blom, 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 Yaghsezian, 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, January 26, 2026 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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[Written Comments](#)

IV. CURRENT BUSINESS

a. Oral Reports

- i. Report from the County of Orange - 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 aviation-related, federal legislation and the firm's advocacy efforts on behalf of the City.

- iii. Still Protecting Our Newport (SPON) Update - SPON Representative Lorian Petry will provide an update on SPON's aviation-related activities.

[Written Comments](#)

b. Archer Aviation Presentation

George Kivork, general manager - Los Angeles, will provide an overview of the company's work in designing and developing electric vertical takeoff and landing aircraft and its future plans.

c. Review of Proposed Revisions to Council Policy A-17

Tara Finnigan, assistant city manager, will provide an overview of the proposed updates to Council Policy A-17, the City Council's Airport Policy.

[Staff Report](#)

[Attachment A - Revised Council Policy A-17 \(Proposed\)](#)

[Attachment B - Council Policy A-17 \(Current\)](#)

[Written Comments](#)

VI. 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.

Public Comments on Non Agenda Items

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VII. NEXT MEETING: TBD

VIII. ADJOURNMENT