

**Regular Meeting of the Airport Advisory Board
September 11, 2025 at 4:00 PM
Santa Fe Regional Airport Administrative Building
121 Aviation Drive, Santa Fe
MINUTES**

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m.

2. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jyl DeHaven
John Florez
Randal Limbacher
Len Rand
Rosemary Thompson
Lutz Arnold

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Councilor Signe Lindell

3. Approval of Agenda

- a. Approval of 09/11/2025 Airport Advisory Meeting Agenda.

MOTION A motion was made by Rand, seconded by Limbacher, to Approve.

VOTE The motion on a voice vote.

4. Approval of Minutes

- a. Approval of Minutes from 08/14/2025 Airport Advisory Board Meeting.

MOTION A motion was made by Limbacher, seconded by Rand, to Approve.

VOTE The motion on a voice vote.

5. Communications From the Public

6. Presentations

7. Old Business

- a. Airport Updates. (Jimmy Gunn, Interim Airport Director/Airport Security Manager, jgunn@santafenm.gov)

- Discussion about James Harris being promoted to Airport Director prior to leaving the position for a position in Waco, TX. The interim director is now Jimmy Gunn

who is overseeing security coordination and management of the entire airport.

8. New Business

The updates below were given by Interim Airport Director/Airport Security Coordinator, Jimmy Gunn:

Ongoing and Upcoming Airport Projects:

- Launch of a master plan with a contractor already in place. A larger meeting with key updates will occur in June.
 - Importance of involving stakeholders in the master plan's progression was stressed.
 - Past complaints about exclusivity in the process will be rectified to ensure better representation
 - Vendor that is completing the Airport Master Plan is Coffman & Associates.

- Recent approval of grants:
 - Grant for refurbishing the electrical vault instead of replacing it, saving significant costs.
 - Grant approval for runway and taxiway improvements.
 - Grant-approved for Jaguar Drive Extension. Design is being done by Molzen Corbin.
 - Phase 2 of construction on the RA (Runway Area) is expected to start after October.

Commercial Flights:

- Updates on new flight routes:
 - An LA flight agreement with American Airlines was finalized for December, expected to be successful.
 - Chicago flights may initially launch as a temporary route and could expand if demand is high.

9. Matters from Staff

10. Matters from the Committee

- Committee members asked questions about banging vehicles that will be on the

AOA.

- TSA required the airport to rebadge personnel again due to dissatisfaction with the previous badge design. A new rebadging process is nearly complete, with additional training and strict enforcement for badge collection emphasized.
- There are future plans for potential temporary vehicle identification solutions, such as a vehicle pass system that Jimmy Gunn will discuss with TSA at a later time.
- For time being, badges in cars will not be required.
- Discussed potentially reducing amount of meetings. For now, meetings will be left on monthly basis but will likely cancel every other month until construction picks up at the airport again.

11. Matters from the Chair

Rosemary Thompson sat in as the Chair of the Airport Advisory Board meeting due to the absence of Councilor Signe Lindell. Rosemary made the following comments:

- Discussed the importance of following procedures during meetings.
- Congratulated the Airport on the award of a \$4.5 million grant.
- Included a moment of remembrance for 9/11 and everyone impacted by it.

12. Next Meeting: October 9th, 2025.

13. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.



Liaison


Lee Garcia (Mar 5, 2026 18:52:06 MST)

Chair