



AIRPORT COMMISSION  
**NOISE COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, October 20, 2021 – 4:00 P.M.

**ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Committee Chair Philbrook called the Committee to order at 4:00 P.M.

**2. POSTING OF AGENDA:** Agenda posted on October 15, 2021.

**3. ROLL CALL:**

**Commissioners Present:** Breslin, Burke, Philbrook

**Commissioners Absent:** Commissioners Corcoran and Dada

**Staff Present:** Ulises Aguirre, Airport Executive Director

Ramon Sanchez, Interim Airport Operations Manager

Nadia Seery, Airport Executive Administrative Assistant

**Public Presence:** None.

**4. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:**

**ACTION:** Accept the agenda as presented. **Moved by Commissioner Burke and seconded by Commissioner Breslin and unanimously approved noting the absence of Commissioners Corcoran and Dada.**

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Airport Executive Director Aguirre acknowledged an emailed noise complaint from Mr. Philip Sakalian.

Mr. Dennis Hacker voiced his concern in regard to the air traffic and noise that occurs daily over his home, and he suggested that all aircraft should be directed to turn right after takeoff to reduce the number of homes that they fly over when taking off.

Mrs. Jenny Hacker also voiced her concern in regard to the air traffic and noise that occurs over her home, and she directed the Commissioner's attention to the noise that was coming from an airplane that was landing. She asked the Airport Commission to seriously think about the noise issue before they bring in anymore airlines.

Mr. Ron Sylvester, neighbor of the Hacker's, said that he believes that something needs to be done to mitigate the noise. He said that he would prefer to have an open discussion with the Committee to discuss if there are any actions that should be taken or if there is anything being considered to address the noise issue, and if an open discussion is not possible, he would like for the Committee to provide direction on how he could get more information on the matter. Mr. Sylvester said that the airport cannot continue to keep adding flights without any regard to those that live within the landing and takeoff path.

Committee Chair Philbrook asked airport staff what the protocol was for addressing Mr. Sylvester's request for information. Mr. Aguirre referred to Agenda Item No. 9 - Commissioners Reports and Requests, and he advised the Committee that a Commissioner could request that airport staff address Mr. Sylvester's request for information during that agenda item.

## **6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**ACTION:** Approve the minutes of the Noise Committee meeting held on July 21, 2021. **Moved by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Breslin and unanimously approved noting the absence of Commissioners Corcoran and Dada.**

## **7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:**

Airport Executive Director Aguirre invited Interim Airport Operations Manager Ramon Sanchez to present the noise complaints received since the last quarter.

Mr. Sanchez stated that in the last three months airport staff had received 16 noise complaints. He noted that half of the complaints had been received from a resident that lives approximately 13 miles from the airport, four of the calls were due to military activity, two of the calls were due to general aviation activity, and one call was due to noise from a medical helicopter.

Commissioner Burke asked how this quarter compared to the previous quarter. Mr. Sanchez said that the noise complaints for this quarter were lower than the noise complaints that were received for the previous quarter. Mr. Aguirre noted that it was

likely that the resident that had filed several complaints was also experiencing aircraft noise from Bermuda Dunes Airport and Thermal Airport, and he asked the Commissioners to keep in mind that the decrease in complaints could be contributed to the decrease in operations during the summer months.

**8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS: None**

**9. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS AND REQUESTS:**

Commissioner Burke asked if an aircraft was within the jurisdiction of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) once it takes off. Mr. Aguirre confirmed that an aircraft was within the jurisdiction of the FAA once it takes off. Commissioner Burke said that he believed that Palm Springs International Airport (PSP) has a very robust website, and he encouraged members of the public to review the noise information that is located within the general information tab that can be viewed at [www.palmspringsairport.com](http://www.palmspringsairport.com). He said that both PSP and the FAA take noise complaints seriously, and he encouraged the public to also share their comments with the FAA.

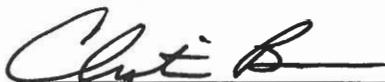
Commissioner Breslin noted that Organized Neighborhoods of Palm Springs (ONE-PS) were working on discussing ground noise mitigation with the City Council and that this could possibly be a good time to look at what could be done for other noise mitigation issues, and she said that she agreed with Commissioner Burke's recommendation.

Commissioner Breslin welcomed Committee Chair Philbrook.

**10. ADJOURNMENT:**

**ACTION:** Motion to adjourn. **Moved by Commissioner Breslin and seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved noting the absence of Commissioners Corcoran and Dada.**

The Airport Noise Committee Meeting adjourned at 4:20 P.M. to January 19, 2022, at 4:00 P.M.



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APPROVED BY THE NOISE COMMITTEE: 1/19/2022