CITY OF LONGMONT | Vance Brand Airport Advisory Board

AGENDA
AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
350 Kimbark St.
JULY 10, 2025 -- 6:00 PM
Regular Meeting (In Person Only)

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Public Invited to be Heard
4. Approval of the June 12, 2025 Minutes
5. Updates from the Airport Manager
6. Information Items
   i. Vance Brand Noise Abatement Program
7. Action Items
   i. Rates and Charges Study
   ii. Emergency Response Plan
8. Final Public Invited to be Heard
9. Board, City Council Representative, and/or Staff Comments
10. Adjourn

*Notice: In the event, the Airport Advisory Board does not reach a quorum of 4 board members, the board is required to adjourn.

MINUTES
Airport Advisory Board
June 12, 2025
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The June 12, 2025, Airport Advisory Board meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jordan at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

2. ROLL CALL

Kayla Picciau, Recording Secretary, called roll. Those present were Chairperson Melinda Jordan, Vice Chairperson Dan Meester, and Board Members Malcolm Dean, Steve Shook, and Charles Shilling.

Those absent were Board Member Matt Gibson.

City Council Member Matthew Popkin arrived at 6:04 p.m.

Staff present were Levi Brown, Airport Manager, and Kayla Picciau, Recording Secretary.

3. PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD

Chairperson Jordan opened the Public Invited to be Heard.

Edward Sejud, 1213 Twin Peaks Circle, Longmont; he spoke about the recent increase of flight school aircrafts not following the Noise Abatement program. He also spoke about his concern for safety due to low flying aircrafts.

Matt Menza, 2235 Parkview Drive, Longmont; he provided his professional opinion stating he has not seen any violations with the operations at the airport. He also stated the amount of traffic at the airport hasn't changed since 2017.

Scott Stewart, 229 Grant Street, Longmont; he requested that the airport community speak more appropriate about the community it serves. He reviewed what was stated about the airport at the City Council meeting and his belief that this information was incorrect. He stated there is a need for better data collection methods.

John Grunsfeld, 229 Airport Road, Longmont; he stated in the last month he visited 18 airports across the US and Caribbean. He stated that the Vance Brand Airport was the worse he visited. He stated if the Vance Brand Airport allowed development it could improve its impact on the community. He stated there is significant Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) funding available to the airport for improvements. He suggested that the board asked the City Council to provide support to Levi for writing grants for the available FAA grants.

EK Griff, 6024 St Vrain Rd, Longmont; he proposed that the board assemble a group of local pilots, locals from the community, Levi Brown, Council Member Popkin, an FAA representative and anyone else from the board that would like to join to have an open discussion about the issues at the airport.

Geremy Korreich, 809 Bittersweet Ln, Longmont; he introduced himself to the board stating he applied to join the board.

Seeing no one else wishing to speak with the board, Chairperson Jordan closed Public Invited to be Heard.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

i. May 8, 2025 – Minutes

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BOARD MEMBER DEAN MOVED, SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER MEESTER, TO APPROVE THE MAY 8, 2025, MINUTES AS AMENDED.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

5. UPDATES FROM AIRPORT MANAGER

Levi Brown, Airport Manager, provided an update on the following items:

Levi stated that the pavement rehab project has been delayed.

Levi stated that the work is continuing on the Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS). He stated the Engineers are working with FAA to make sure they have approval for the phone line repairs.

Levi provided an overview of what was discussed at the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE) Conference.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

i. Vance Brand Noise Abatement Program

Levi stated he attended the Front Range Noise Abatement Program/Procedures meeting. He stated there was great attendance. He also reviewed what was discussed.

Levi stated that on June 5th he attended the Top Five meeting for the airport managers from Boulder, Rocky Mountain, Longmont, Erie and Centennial.

Levi stated that Good Neighbor Initiative Program has started.

Levi presented the board with a Voluntary Noise Abatement Procedures Implementation Checklist. He stated that these will be handed out to flight schools.

Council Member Popkin asked Levi what's the most effective way to communicate the Noise Abatement Program and how do we evaluated what is working.

Levi responded that he believes the most effective to communicate the Noise Abatement Program would be by improving the information available on the website and broadcasting on the AWOS.

Board Member Shilling stated that at the May 20th City Council Meeting there was a motion made for the Airport Advisory Board to evaluate the effectiveness of the Noise Abatement Program. He recommended that noise needs to measure to properly evaluate if the Noise Abatement Program is working. He stated currently the program is being measured by community complaints which he believes is not an effective way to measure the efficacy of the program.

BOARD MEMBER SHILLING MADE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL TO DIRECT STAFF TO RESEARCH AN EFFECTIVE WAY TO MEASURE NOISE AT THE AIRPORT, SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER SHOOK.

Board member Shook responded to the motion stating he does not support the motion, and that automotive noise is more of an issue.

Board Member Meester stated he is worried about the accuracy of the data.

Chairperson Jordan recommended to the board to work independently or in pairs to brainstorm ways to measure the efficacy of the program.

MOTION CARRIED: 1-4.

7. ACTION ITEMS

Chairperson Jordan stated it is time to start working on the Rates and Charges Study.

Levi responded stating he has made a recommendation to the City Management to get a Rates and Charges Study by an independent consultant. He stated he is hoping to have preliminary information by the next meeting.

City Council Member Popkin stated that there was a second motion made by City Council. He stated that the second motion Council directed the Airport Advisory Board to review the current public safety communications and notifications practices.

Levi responded he developed an emergency response plan, and it is with City Management for input and approval.

Chairperson Jordan stated the most reliable source for aircraft incidents and accidents is the National Transportation Safety Board.

8. FINAL PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD

Chairperson Jordan opened the Public Invited to be Heard.

Matt Menza, 2235 Parkview Drive, Longmont; he stated to make the airport sustainable financially you have incentives private investors. He stated that the city's lease terms are not favorable for investors. He stated there is an abundance of funds available through the FAA and the city has done nothing to obtain those funds to improve the airport.

Edward Sejud, 1213 Twin Peaks Circle, Longmont; he stated there is a lack of information in critical areas. He stated the problem that needs to be addressed is where are the complaints coming from in the community. He volunteered to work with the board to find a resolution.

Scott Stewart, 229 Grant Street, Longmont; he provided a list of companies that measure noise. He stated there is no comparison for aircrafts to cars, as cars are regulated more the aircrafts.

Johns Grunsfeld, 229 Airport Road, Longmont; he stated it would be helpful to have signs at the end of all runways stating Noise Abatement Procedures in effect. He talked about changing the verbiage on the AWOS to direct pilots to the city website for additional information about the Noise Abatement Program. He

recommended to Levi to hold quarterly meetings to discuss current issues. He recommended reaching out to high school student at the tech center about developing a device to measure noise.

Tara Menza, 2235 Parkview Drive, Longmont; she stated she hopes that car noise will not affect aircraft noise study.

Seeing no one else wishing to speak with the board, Chairperson Jordan closed Public Invited to be Heard.

9. BOARD, CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE AND/OR STAFF COMMENTS

i. Ideas for future agenda items

City Council Member Popkin stated that City Council discussed landing fees, and more direction will be forth coming.

10. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 08:13 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Chairperson Melinda Jordan

Airport Advisory Board

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