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Julia Pollard

MINUTES

**AIRPORT SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ASAC)
Second Quarter 2026 Meeting**

Date: Thursday, June 25, 2026

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Location: Reno-Tahoe International Airport, 2001 E. Plumb Lane, Reno
Admin Offices, Main Terminal Building, Second Floor

1. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

1.1. Call to Order

Lissa Butterfield called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

1.2. Roll Call

Roll was taken by the Clerk of the Committee.

Committee members present were Thomas Hill, Suzanne Groneman, Richard Brong, Justin Dixon, Albert Valladares, Matthew Greiner, Vince Griffith, Chris Tolley, and David McNally.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded, and the Committee approved the minutes from March 19, 2025, Airport Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting, with no changes.

4. COMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATES

Lissa Butterfield announced that interim CEO, Cris Jensen has been selected as the new CEO for RTAA. We are still awaiting a new ASAC Board Liaison.

5. BOARD LIAISON UPDATES

The Board has not yet selected a new ASAC Board Liaison.

6. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1. Nevada Green Business Certification – Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority

Presenter: *Natalie Allen, RTAA Environmental Analyst, and Brandon Reiff, RTAA Environmental Program Manager*

Natalie Allen and Brandon Reiff announced that the RTAA has been certified as a Nevada Green Business for the terminal facilities. Thomas Hill asked if we'd need to be re-certified yearly. Brandon Reiff said the certification was good until 2030. Suzanne Groneman asked how trash and recycling was being weighed. Natalie Allen said Waste Management did the weighing of trash, and Nevada Recycling and Salvage weighed the recycling. Richard Brong wanted to recognize RTAA Airfield Technician III Mike Evans for the work he's been doing to set up the airfield recycling program at RTAA.

6.2. How Weather Impacts Aircraft Noise

Presenter: *Natalie Allen, RTAA Environmental Analyst*

Natalie Allen gave a presentation on how weather impacts aircraft noise. David McNally added that another factor is on a windy day is wind shear. On a regular day, there can be a reduction in power of 20%-30% when a plane takes off. Whereas on a windy day, it takes full power take off which increases the noise.

7. QUARTERLY INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.1. Noise Report, January – March 2026

Presenter: *Brandon Reiff, RTAA Environmental Program Manager*

Brandon Reiff presented the noise report information for the First Quarter, January through March 2026. Lissa Butterfield mentioned that normally a proposed development with no noise issue would not be presented to the Committee. This project, the Boulevard soccer stadium and casino, is a rare development of regional interest. There are no noise concerns with this development.

Ms. Butterfield also mentioned that RTAA has been in the press recently for our scheduled daily passengers. We are getting close to our high peak years back in 2004-2005 where we hit almost 5 million passengers. But the difference is the airline load factors. There are fewer daily flights, but almost the same passenger numbers due to load factor, not more planes in the sky. Suzanne Groneman asked how we knew what kind of airplane each complaint was calling about. Lissa Butterfield said Web Trak can tell them but also Natalie Allen can figure it out by analyzing the complaint and the radar data.

Justin Dixon said a few years ago they changed the propeller on their planes and asked if it had changed the number of complaints on C-130s. Lissa Butterfield said they'd have to cross check by aircraft to see if there was a decrease.

8. GENERAL COMMITTEE COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Based on Committee member input, future agenda items are as follows:

- 8.1 Environmental Health & Safety / ConRAC Projects
- 8.2 Contrails (Condensation Trails) (September)
- 8.3 RNO Noise Abatement Procedures
- 8.4 Community/Neighborhood-Specific Presentation(s)

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Committee Clerk Julia Pollard had previously distributed an email sent by a community member, Katherine Andreatta prior to the meeting regarding noise west of the airport.

Thomas Hill asked if staff has followed up with Katherine Andreatta.

Lissa Butterfield said this was an email from a citizen requesting the information be sent to the ASAC Committee. This specific individual has been bothered by general aviation overflights or when aircraft use the crosswind runway 8/26. At RNO, Runway 8/26 is used for less than 5% of our annual operations. Staff reaches out to her when we can help answer questions for her, otherwise we are just repeating ourselves. Thomas Hill clarified that this is a reoccurring complaint from someone in our community. Lissa confirmed it was. David McNally asked if there was a complaint received whether we reached out each time. Ms. Butterfield said if they request us to reach out or if it's a new contact than we do. David McNally said at least they feel heard.

10. UPCOMING ASAC MEETING DATES

DATE	MEETING
09/17/2026	3:30 PM

12/17/2026	3:30 PM
03/18/2027	3:30 PM

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further questions or business to discuss, Lissa Butterfield adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.