**TUCSON AIRPORT AUTHORITY | Board of Directors Regular Meeting**

**Wednesday, August 6, 2025 | 3:00 p.m. | TAA Board Room and Microsoft Teams**

**THIS REGULAR MEETING OF THE TUCSON AIRPORT AUTHORITY (TAA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS WAS HELD IN A HYBRID MANNER. BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDED THE MEETING IN PERSON OR VIRTUALLY VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WERE INVITED TO ATTEND IN PERSON.**

1. CALL TO ORDER │ ROLL CALL

Chair Hammond called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

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| **Directors Present:** Chair Mike Hammond, Vice Chair Phil Swaim, Treasure Rhonda Piña (via Teams), Director Tim Overton (via Teams), Director Judy Rich (via Teams), Director Calline Sanchez (via Teams), Director Todd Jackson (via Teams), and Director Ellen Wheeler |
| **Directors Absent:** Secretary Vance Falbaum, Director Keri Silvyn, and Director Fran Katz |
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| **Staff Present:** President/CEO Danette Bewley, Executive Vice President/Chief Operations Officer Bruce Goetz, Executive Vice President/General Counsel Chris Schmaltz, Vice President/Chief Revenue Officer John ‘Dutch’ Voorhees, Vice President/Chief Information Officer Anthony Casella, Chief Communications Officer Austin Wright, Deputy General Counsel Kim Outlaw Ryan, IT Customer Support Technician Hector Lopez, and TAA Clerk Carolina Cordova |
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| **Others Present:** David Mackey, outside TAA counsel |

1. CONSENT AGENDA

**Motion by Vice Chair Swaim, seconded by Director Wheeler, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes (8) Hammond, Swaim, Piña, Rich, Jackson, Wheeler, Sanchez, Overton**

**Nays (0)**

1. BOARD CHAIR REPORT

TAA and Staff Recognition │ New or Promoted Employees, Awards, and Acknowledgments

* + Chair Hammond reported that the TAA continues to recruit for a candidate to fill the Deputy Chief of Finance position, who would support CFO Kim Allsion and lead the Finance Division to transfer accurate financial knowledge to the staff and TAA. Chair Hammond congratulated and welcomed Vince Michaels, who joins the Information Technology Department.
  + President/CEO Bewley has been nominated for another term on the Airports Council International (ACI) Board. She also serves on the ACI Governance Committee, U.S. Policy Council, Community Opportunities Working Group and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Ad Hoc Working Group. Chair Hammond also reported the following TAA executives engaged with ACI: Chris Schmaltz (Legal Committee Steering Group), Anthony Casella (Business Information Technology Council), Austin Wright (Marketing and Communications Council), Police Chief Scott Bader (Security Council), John ‘Dutch’ Voorhees, and Kim Allison.

1. PRESIDENT/CEO REPORT

State of the Industry | Update

* 1. **President/CEO Danette Bewley reported the following:**
* President/CEO Bewley reported that Bryan Bedford was confirmed as the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Administrator. She reported that he has served as an American business executive for over 30 years in the aviation industry. With this background he will be familiar with how to approach the oversight of Boeing, and other critical issues.
* President/CEO Bewley reported the TAA staff met with Representative Juan Ciscomani to discuss and tour the Airport Safety Enhancement (ASE) Project. There was ongoing discussion on grant funding needs, and highlighted PFAS issues and the need for the federal government to be responsible for the cost burden on airports due to mandated use of PFAS containing firefighting foam.
* The One Big Beautiful Bill Act was signed into law on July 4, 2025, and includes $4 billion budgeted for the airports, and $12.5 billion for the ATC Modernization.
* TUS passenger statistics are holding well and have survived several opportunities by airlines to reduce services. President/CEO Bewley reported that our airport is positioned well to receive additional funding. TUS is poised to hit 4.1 million passengers in 2025.
  1. **TAA Strategic Plan 3.0 Update**
* Executive Vice President/Chief Operations Officer Bruce Goetz reviewed the memorandum distributed, highlighting the revenue per enplaned passenger tracking has increased. There is a large amount of interest in the general aviation hangers off Valencia Road, along with construction on new hangers.
* EVP/COO Goetz reported that carpets and seating will begin to be replaced and updated within the next two weeks, along with the fall signage masterplan approaching completion. Additionally, EVP/COO Goetz reported on the Parking Revenue Control System (PARCS) and Airport Management System (AMS) projects.

1. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION

Vice President/Chief Revenue Officer John ‘Dutch’ Voorhees reported on the proposed Parking Lot Rates Adjustment:

* + - He reported that it has been three years since the last parking rate increase, and the presented increase is to address increased costs and is carefully calibrated to be sensitive to limit the increase. Additionally, now that PARCS has been rolled out, there is the need to recapture the cost of that project.
    - TAA staff partnered with ASE Parking, the current parking operations management team, to develop a reasonable increase in rates and verify that the TAA will not be priced out by available off-site parking. This increase is projected to provide a potential $2.1 million additional revenue to the airport system.
    - Vice Chair Swaim asked if there were any concerns about the marketing strategy being impacted by the proposed increase in rates. CCO Wright advised that these teams worked together to ensure no issues arise from this.

1. DIVISION UPDATES
   1. **Air Service Development | Update** 
      * CCO Wright reported that domestic air travel is down nationwide, however, TUS is still above average in this statistic.
      * Consumers are spending more money on premium experiences which produce above average revenue for airlines. TUS is doing well in filling the seats the airlines are providing to and from TUS.
      * Additional updates included the Sacramento flights not returning from Alaska Airlines, however, there will be a second daily flight to Portland, Oregon. Frontier continues to have three non-stop flights, and TUS continues to advocate with the airlines for East Coast flights.
      * Vice Chair Swaim asked whether international travel was down and how this was impacting TUS. CCO Wright advised that this does not have a direct impact on TUS as the majority of our travel is domestic, however, we are still working toward flights to Mexico.
   2. **ASE | Update** 
      * EVP/COO Goetz shared a drone video of the ASE project progress. He reported that the goal is to start pouring concrete in the November time frame. The batch plant will be mixing concrete on site with the total depth of the concrete plus base courses being 51 inches.
      * EVP/COO Goetz reported that TUS is expecting to receive at least an additional $50 million in grant funding in the next month or so. Chair Mike Hammond asked if any portion of the runway would be usable if the funding is not agreed upon, and EVP/COO Goetz advised that it would not be usable.
2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Vice Chair Swaim, seconded by Director Wheeler, to enter Executive Session. Executive Session entered at 3:50 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes (8) Hammond, Swaim, Piña, Rich, Jackson, Wheeler, Sanchez, Overton**

Nays (0)

Director Rich left the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

1. RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

The Board returned to regular session at 4:57 p.m.

1. ACTION ITEM

Motion by Vice Chair Swaim, seconded by Director Wheeler directing TAA Counsel to proceed as discussed in executive session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes (7) Hammond, Piña, Rich, Jackson, Wheeler, Sanchez, Overton

Nays (0)

1. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, September 3, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. │ TAA Board Room

1. ADJOURN

Chair Hammond adjourned the meeting at 5:01 p.m.

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