
**TUCSON AIRPORT AUTHORITY | Board of Directors Regular Meeting
Wednesday, May 7, 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

Vice Chair Swaim called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

Directors Present: Vice Chair Phil Swaim, Secretary Vance Falbaum, Director Fran Katz (via Teams), Director Tim Overton, Director Judy Rich (via Teams), Director Ellen Wheeler

Directors Absent: Chair Mike Hammond, Treasurer Rhonda Piña, Director Calline Sanchez, Director Todd Jackson, Director Keri Silvyn

Staff Present: President/CEO Danette Bewley, Executive Vice President/Chief Operations Officer Bruce Goetz, Executive Vice President/General Counsel Chris Schmaltz, Vice President/Chief Financial Officer Kim Allison, Chief People Officer Kim DeLaTorre, Deputy General Counsel Kim Outlaw Ryan, IT Customer Support Technician Hector Lopez, TAA Clerk Carolina Cordova, and TAA Legal Assistant Jennifer Shields

Others Present: Eric Maneval, BeachFleischman, PLLC

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Director Wheeler, seconded by Director Overton, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes (6) Swaim, Falbaum, Rich, Katz, Overton, and Wheeler

Nays (0)

3. BOARD CHAIR REPORT

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

- ☐ Vice Chair Swaim discussed industry challenges and uncertainty at the federal level related to funding and stated that the TAA is well positioned to advocate for itself and navigate through change. Ongoing projects at TUS including ASE and CBIS are addressing necessary infrastructure upgrades.

- ☐ Vice Chair Swaim and President/CEO Bewley along with other TAA advocates and representatives attended the Chamber of Southern Arizona kickoff luncheon, celebrating the merger of Tucson Metro Chamber and Sun Corridor.
- ☐ Vice Chair Swaim discussed People Operations' continuous work toward filling open positions within the TAA. The Deputy Chief of Finance position remains open, and it would aid Vice President/Chief Financial Officer Kim Allison in her duties. The TAA welcomes Carolina Cordova as the new TAA Clerk.
- ☐ Vice Chair Swaim discussed the 'Wheels Up Scholarship' and the partnership between the TAA and Pima Foundation supporting the Pima Community College of Aviation Technology Program. The scholarship program inspired a matching investment by one of the Airport's tenants. The TAA's annual scholarship commitment is \$7,500, and matched with another \$7,500 by the airport tenant, for a total of \$15,000.
- ☐ TAAPD Sergeant Ray Smith was awarded the Veteran Servant Award by Congressman Juan Ciscomani.

4. PRESIDENT/CEO REPORT

State of the Industry | Update

President/CEO Danette Bewley reported the following:

- ☐ Bewley extended congratulations to Mike Hammond for the 40th Anniversary of PICOR, and also congratulated Calline Sanchez for receiving the honor of "Woman of the Year" by Greater Tucson Leadership
- ☐ Bewley discussed industry challenges and uncertainty at the federal level related to funding and stated in response to a question from Director Falbaum that the TAA is taking a conservative approach with advancing the necessary phases of ASE and stated that the TAA is investigating other viable revenue sources including PFCs and bonds for reimbursement for other projects including CBIS;
- ☐ Responding to a question from Director Wheeler regarding federal funding commitments, Bewley reported that the TAA is monitoring the situation and emphasized that federal staffing is critical to airport safety.
- ☐ TAA is still collecting PFC's for the Terminal Optimization Project that occurred between 2015-2017 period. TAA projected to be paid back in 2027, which will allow the TAA flexibility to apply for authorization to collect PFC's for new projects.
- ☐ Economic Impact: Airport Council International commissioned a study to evaluate the impacts commercial service airports bring to the nation. The industry generates \$12.8 million jobs and \$619 billion in annual payroll, along with \$1.8 trillion in annual output.
- ☐ TUS continues to be poised to hit 4.1 million passenger loads in 2025 barring any economic disruptions.

- ☐ Delta Air Lines will be incorporating a new texture called the “riblet” to aircraft’s surfaces. This is inspired by sharks and the similarities shared by a shark’s body which will be meant to improve air flow and increase fuel efficiency on older 767 and newer 737 aircraft. By copying this texture, airflow becomes smoother and reduces drag by helping the aircraft use less fuel and reduce carbon emissions.

5. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION

Principal Eric Maneval, representing the auditing firm BeachFleischman, PLLC, presented the findings of the audit to the Board. The following items were presented:

- a. TAA FY 2022 and 2023 Annual Comprehensive Report
- b. TAA FY 2023 Passenger Facility Charge Program Report
- c. TAA FY2023 Single Audit Report
- ☐ Vice President/Chief Financial Officer Kim Allison addresses staffing challenges and delays to financial reports.
- ☐ Eric Maneval presented and reviewed the Audit reports.
- ☐ In response to a question from Director Rich regarding the Single Audit vs. the ACFR, Maneval responded that the Single Audit is required due to TAA receipt of federal funds and that staffing challenges are the primary cause for the finding of material weakness was due to staffing challenges
- ☐ In response to a question from Director Rich regarding delay in TAA financial reporting, Bewley committed to providing the Board with a current financial report at the August Board meeting

6. ACTION ITEM

Motion by Secretary Falbaum, seconded by Director Overton, to approve Resolution No. 2025-07, accepting the FY 2023 financial statements and related audit opinions as expressed by BeachFleischman.

Ayes (6) Swaim, Katz, Falbaum, Rich, Overton, and Wheeler

Nays (0)

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was held during this Board meeting.

8. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, August 6, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. | TAA Board Room

9. ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, Vice Chair Swaim adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

Vance Falbaum

Vance Falbaum (Aug 8, 2025 06:56:30 PDT)

Vance Falbaum, Secretary

Date: 08/08/25

Prepared by:

Carolina

Carolina Cordova, TAA Clerk

Date: 8/08/25