

**VAN NUYS AIRPORT (VNY) CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL (CAC)**

**Meeting Minutes -- Tuesday, January 9, 2024**

Van Nuys City Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, 14410 Sylvan St., Van Nuys, CA 91401  
Minutes

**CALL TO ORDER – CHAIRMAN JASON PRICE**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Jason Price. Twelve Council Members were present: Alicia Avery, Eliot Cohen, Doug Decker, Kathy Delle Donne, Leonel Fuentes, MaryKate Harris, Tom Materna, Heren Molina, John Parker, Lisa Petrus, Jason Price (Chair) and Wayne Williams (Vice-Chair). Araz Parseghian and Bob Rodine (Parliamentarian) arrived later. Absent: Roslyn Dahl, Sharon Bronson (CD12) and Eric Robinson. Wendy Saunders had resigned. Per the VNY CAC Bylaws, eight Members shall constitute a quorum, so a quorum was present. Approximately 26 guests attended.

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a. Approval of minutes for October 3, 2023.

A Motion was made by Ms. Harris, seconded by Mr. Cohen, to approve the October 3, 2023 Minutes. The Motion was unanimously approved; zero opposed; zero abstained.

b. Approval of discussion notes for November 7, 2023.

The above Item was POSTPONED until the next meeting. No Motion was made or vote taken.

**II. Staff Reports**

a. VNY Airport Manager

Paul Herrera reminded that this was being recorded and that they continue to work on technology to also provide video. This is his report:

“Good Evening! Welcome everyone to our first VNY CAC Meeting for 2024. I hope everyone had a pleasant holiday season and a Happy New Years. I’m grateful that the Van Nuys City Council Chambers has allowed us to hold our VNY CAC meetings here in this space, however, we were notified last month that there are plans to renovate this area beginning in March of this year. Therefore, we will likely hold our meeting here in February and then decide where we plan to continue to hold our CAC meetings until construction is complete. Please keep an eye for any changes to the location when the agenda is published and posted. As was noted last month, we would like to welcome three new members to our Van Nuys Citizens Advisory Council.

We had Doug Decker appointed by Council District 6 (CM Imelda Padilla). Doug grew up in Louisville Kentucky and attended the University of Kentucky. After moving to California in 1977, Doug worked as an Assistant Vice President at

Wells Fargo Bank in the International Banking Division. He attended night school at the University of California, Berkeley, and has a degree in Accounting. Doug was always interested in service to his community and served as treasurer on the board of the San Francisco Food Bank for five years. Doug has lived in Lake Balboa since 2001, with his beagle, Becca. He has served on the Neighborhood Watch for 10 years.

We also have Alicia Avery appointed by Council District 6 (CM Imelda Padilla). Alicia is a seasoned entrepreneur with a rich background in public relations, senior care and property management. Originally from Michigan, she earned a bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University where she graduated Magna Cum Laude with honors. In her early career, Alicia served as a public relations specialist in the fashion industry where she collaborated with magazine editors, publicists, celebrities, and wardrobe stylists on red-carpet events as well as print, television, and film projects. Later, Alicia's entrepreneurial spirit and commitment to community service led her to establish a senior placement agency where she assisted and advocated for her clients and their families. Among many of her important accomplishments in this role, she helped underserved senior citizens secure vital resources through various government programs. Currently, Alicia owns and operates a small business specializing in property management and other real estate ventures. Since 2015, Alicia has been a proud resident and homeowner in Lake Balboa where she resides with her husband and two daughters. Alicia is actively involved in her community where she volunteers regularly at her daughters' schools and is a reliable participant in the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council.

We also have Roslyn Dahl appointed by the Mayor's Office (Mayor Bass). Roslyn is ...See LinkedIn

We thank Wendy Saunders (Martinez) who represented CD6 since July 2009. We also accepted the resignation of Kimberly Chan and Ryan Sanders earlier in the year of 2023. LAWA is actively working on identifying their replacements on the Council. We thank our former CAC members for their service on the Council and welcome our new members going into 2024.

### **Vision Study Update**

LAWA continues to work closely with other City departments and Council District offices on the City's update to the southwest valley community plans. LAWA continues to develop a vision study report.

(As I have shared previously, this is not a plan. We will continue to use the 2006 Airport Plan into 2024/2025 and well after the Vision Study Report is complete. If and/or when the City Planning Department identifies a planning tool i.e. development of a Specific Plan we will then develop the replacement document and call it a plan. This new plan will replace the current 2006 Airport Plan. The Vision Study is not that document that will replace the Airport Plan).

The Vision Study is a set of ideas or scenarios that will inform the City's community plan update, as well as inform the City Planning Department on potential changes to the current arrangement of on-airport land uses, community feedback on potential changes and suggestions for improving community compatibility. The Vision Study will also address opportunities for establishing development standards for the Van Nuys Airport in the future. We have met with members of our Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council, Encino Neighborhood Council, and Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council. By the end of 2023, we met with over 20 small focus groups that represent the adjacent neighboring communities of the airport, allowing LAWA to have a productive, collaborative discussion about the future update to the 2006 Airport Plan. More information will be made available in the future as we look to update and eventually replace the 2006 Airport Plan as requested by this Council and members of our community that have spoken about having an update to our 2006 Airport Plan. You can continue to provide feedback to our team(s) regarding the Vision Study by emailing [vnyvisionstudy@lawa.org](mailto:vnyvisionstudy@lawa.org). In addition, if you would like to view the presentation that was discussed with the small groups, there is a recording of the presentation in Spanish and English on the VNY Vision Study webpage under Information and Materials (<https://www.iflyvny.com/vision-study/information-materials>).

### **An Update on Federal Regulatory Activity Regarding Charter Services**

The FAA has published a Notice of Intent to Reconsider the Regulatory Definitions Associated with Public Charter Operations (Part 380). LAWA is actively tracking this FAA Notice of Intent and the opportunity it presents for LAWA to encourage revisions to the rule.

In recent years scheduled public charter flights operating under Part 380 have expanded in frequency and complexity. This rapid growth poses an increased risk to safety if left unchecked. The FAA intends to initiate rulemaking to address the safety risks. The Notice of Intent provides transparency with Congress as it deliberates FAA re-authorization should it wish to address this issue, while simultaneously beginning a collaborative, public process for rulemaking. The FAA issued this Notice of Intent on August 24, 2023. More information can be found at [www.faa.gov](http://www.faa.gov).

### **Assemblywoman Luz Rivas Visits VNY**

On Dec. 15, California Assemblymember Luz Rivas, who represents the northeast San Fernando Valley, visited VNY and received a briefing and tour of the airport. She also had the opportunity to engage with Los Angeles Fire Department helicopter crew at VNY.

### **New LAWA CEO – John Ackerman**

On September 7th Justin Erbacci indicated that he would be resigning from the position of CEO for Los Angeles World Airports effective October 6, 2023, to pursue a once in a lifetime opportunity as the CEO for NEOM Airports. The Board of Airport Commissioners unanimously approved the appointment of John

Ackerman on December 7th. The City Council unanimously confirmed the Board's motion. John's start date as the head of LAWA will be February 5th, 2024.

John Ackerman brings decades of experience in the aviation industry. He previously held senior executive roles with Dallas Fort Worth International Airport (DFW) and Denver International Airport (DEN). He is currently serving as Executive Vice President of Global Strategy and Development for DFW, where he expanded the airport's global footprint by driving the first-ever cargo strategy, a multi-year program focused on Asia-Latin America trade flows, among other accomplishments. Prior to his time at DFW, Mr. Ackerman served as the Chief Commercial Officer at DEN, where he led teams that transformed the customer experience at every touchpoint. He is also a trained pilot and veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces.

### **Operational Recovery**

LAX surpassed pre-pandemic passenger levels during a two-day travel period last month. The milestone was first reached on Monday, October 9, when the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) reported screening 111,017 passengers at LAX, which represents about 103% of the number of passengers screened on the same day in 2019 (107,675). On Tuesday, October 10, the TSA screened 94,686 passengers representing more than 100% of the passengers screened on the same day in 2019 (94,211). From October 1-16, we welcomed 3,317,276 passengers compared to 3,509,522 passengers during the same time in 2019, which represents a 94.5% recovery.

### **Operations - VNY**

At VNY, there were 25,629 aircraft operations in November, including operations conducted while the Air Traffic Control Tower was closed (After Hour Operations). This represents a 10.43% increase in operations as compared to November 2022. VNY's YTD 2023 operations totals are currently up by 17.78% as compared to YTD 2022 totals.

Based on our Noise and Operations Monitoring System data, there were approximately total 5,651 jet operations at VNY in November. This is a 2.48% increase compared to Nov 2022 (5,514) and a 1% increase compared to the previous month of October (5,628).

### **Motion Passed Last Month – Six Steps of Success**

In October, a motion was brought to the floor at the VNY CAC Meeting that had an item discussed and action taken. The Motion supported the Six Steps of Success contained within the Community Presentation on the Vision Study. The SOCALSFV Airport Community Plan (Presented in September) outlined the Six Steps of Success 1) Moratorium on Aviation Development, 2) Forensic Audit, 3) Economic Report, 4) Community – Airport Plan Advisory Committee 5) Specific Airport Plan, 6) Best Use Model. The Motion discussed and voted on was to support these Six Steps of Success. However, the VNY CAC meetings fall under

the State of California Brown Act and as such, all discussion and actions must be clearly on the agenda 72 hours prior to any meeting.

As we shared with the VNY CAC in the early part of 2023, City Attorney Strefan Fauble gave an overview of the Brown Act and offered clarity to the importance of agendizing items and discussed Administrative Code 21.19. Similarly, the Chair addressed the council as it relates to the purpose of the CAC, expectations and how to introduce items to the Council for discussion and action, adding that the Brown Act must be followed. The Chair also reiterated in the meeting the role of the Parliamentarian.

Therefore, we recognize that members of the community and the VNY CAC have expectations that rules be followed so they can be alerted, in advance, of when items will be discussed and action taken prior to a meeting. The discussion and subsequent action taken in October did not comply with the Brown Act and was not moved forward. If the Council wishes to have this on the agenda for a future meeting, a motion to have an item on a future agenda should be presented to the Council for consideration, a vote would be taken, and the results could support the item being placed on a future meeting and properly agendized if the motion passes.”

After giving his report, Mr. Herrera added that it was the City Attorney that decided that the October 3, 2023 Item #VII Motion regarding the September 2023 community presentation on the Van Nuys Airport Plan. Mr. Moderna wanted to ensure that the Vision Study reflects “the community’s interest.” He requested that Agenda requests be Agendized. Mr. Parker encouraged considering areas of agreement. Mr. Cohen wanted a list of groups with which Mr. Herrera met.

b. VNY Chief of Airport Operations

*[This was addressed after item #II. d.]* Mr. Herrera indicated that there was no report.

c. VNY Airport Affairs Group

Mr. Herrera indicated that there was no report.

d. VNY Environmental Programs Group

Ryan Page presented October and November 2023 statistics. This is his report:

“Ø Early Turn Program [<https://www.iflyvny.com/no-early-turn>]

October - There were 4 Jet Early Turns that were directed by ATC to turn for a variety of reasons, wind drift and other pilot safety concerns. There were 4 Early Turns that deviated from VNY No Early Turn Policy.

November - There were 2 Jet Early Turns that were directed by ATC to turn for a variety of reasons, wind drift and other pilot safety concerns. There was 1 Early Turn that deviated from VNY No Early Turn Policy.

Ø VNY Noise Comments [<https://www.lawa.org/en/lawa-environment/noise-management/van-nuys/vny-noise-comments>]

October - There were approximately 190 (190) individuals who submitted over 15,500 comments (15,513) in October. Compared to October 2022, these numbers represent a 27% decrease in the number of individuals submitting comments and a 33 % decrease in the number of comments received.

November - There were approximately 170 (173) individuals who submitted over 11,100 comments (11,123) in November. Compared to November 2022 these numbers represent a 23% decrease in the number of individuals submitting comments and a 38% decrease in the number of comments received.

For December 2023, we have preliminary numbers showing approximately 150 (150) individuals submitting over 10,500 (10,548) comments.

Ø Quiet Departure/Fly Friendly Program [<https://www.iflyvny.com/vnyquieternights>]

October - VNY had 8 Jets that exceeded their specific Target noise levels out of 2,222 jet departures to the south from runway 16R. This represents a 99.6% compliance rate with VNY's Fly Friendly program.

November - VNY had 4 Jets that exceeded their specific Target noise levels out of 1,884 jet departures to the south from runway 16R. This represents a 99.8% compliance rate with VNY's Fly Friendly program."

After giving his report, Mr. Page added that he is analyzing Quieter Nights data and will report on it in February. Ms. Petrus requested and Mr. Page agreed to give year vs. year statistics in February.

e. VNY Officer-in-Charge, Airport Police

Mr. Herrera indicated for Sgt. Clint Beacom that there was no report.

**III. BOAC AGENDA ITEMS CONCERNING VNY**

This is Mr. Herrera's BOAC report: "Since the VNY CAC Meeting held on Tuesday, November 7th, we have had 1 Audit Committee Meeting, 2 Special Meetings 11/16 and 12/7 and 2 Regular Meetings of the BOAC 11/16, 12/7.

**CONSENT ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION**

1/4 consent items for board action were considered under consent.

**On Thursday November 16th at 10:00 a.m.**

RESOLUTION NO. - Award of three (3)-year Contract to Ocean Blue Environmental Services, Covering hazardous waste management and clean-up and disposal services at LAX and Van Nuys Airport, for cost not to exceed \$4,500,000

PURPOSE: The request is for a three (3)-year contract with Ocean Blue Environmental Services, Inc. to perform hazardous waste clean-up and disposal services at both airports, to maintain the health and safety of airport visitors and employees and comply with local, state, and federal regulatory requirements. Without a hazardous waste removal contract, Los Angeles World Airports would be unable to properly clean or dispose of hazardous waste, resulting in hazardous waste stockpiling on site, potential health hazards for employees and airport guests, and possible regulatory agencies fines ranging from \$42,000 to \$70,000 per day.

**On Thursday December 7th at 10:00 a.m.**

2. RESOLUTION NO. - Award of three (3)-year Contract to RDM Professional Services Covering professional pavement engineering services for the Airport Pavement Management System at LAX and Van Nuys Airport, for cost not to exceed \$4,987,574

PURPOSE: Award of the contract to RDM Professional Services Inc. enables Los Angeles World Airports to update the Airport Pavement Management System, to evaluate current pavement conditions, and to implement a Pavement Management Program for both airports in compliance with Federal Aviation Administration grant assurances and related requirements.

3. RESOLUTION NO. - Award of individual five (5)-year Contracts to [i] AAA Oil Inc. and [ii] Merrimac Petroleum Inc.: Covering supply and delivery of renewable diesel and unleaded gasoline fuels at Los Angeles International Airport and Van Nuys Airport, for cost not to exceed \$3,500,000 per contract

PURPOSE: The proposed action will establish two (2) five-year contracts for supply of renewable diesel and unleaded gasoline fuel to Los Angeles International Airport and Van Nuys Airport to ensure a steady supply for operational needs. Awarding two (2) contracts provides LAWA the ability to utilize redundant fuel suppliers in the event of disruptions or other constraints preventing a vendor from delivering fuel.

6. RESOLUTION NO. - Delegation of Authority to the Chief Executive Officer to pay not to exceed \$750,000 per fiscal year: From the Los Angeles World Airports annual budget, for environmental regulatory fees, imposed by governmental entities, at LAX, Van Nuys Airport, and Palmdale landholdings

PURPOSE: Environmental regulatory agencies issue permits and enforce rules related to environmental requirements outlined in various statutes and regulations.

The Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) approved payment of the regulatory fees on an annual basis, up to \$150,000 per agency, subject to the fees being available in the fiscal year budget. However, as regulatory agencies have increased their fees and as LAWA has added more facilities and equipment subject to those fees, the amount paid to individual agencies will exceed said amount. By delegating authority to the CEO to pay mandatory fees up to \$750,000 per fiscal year, staff will be able to pay the regulatory fees to all regulatory agencies out of the annual LAWA operating budget in a timely manner.

8. RESOLUTION NO. - Award of five (5)-year Concession Agreement to Bank of America NA: Covering non-exclusive automated teller machine services at Los Angeles International Airport and the Van Nuys FlyAway at Van Nuys Airport, for estimated revenue of \$2,200,000 over the term

PURPOSE: Staff request approval of the proposed Agreement to provide automated teller machine services to guests at Los Angeles International Airport and the Van Nuys FlyAway at Van Nuys Airport. Approval of the Agreement will generate approximately \$2,200,000 non-aeronautical revenue for Los Angeles World Airports over the five (5)-year term.

#### **REGULAR ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION**

2/5 regular items for board action were considered.

#### **On Thursday November 16th at 10:00 a.m.**

RESOLUTION NO. - First Amendment to Contract DA-5525 with WW Grainger, Inc. To increase the contract authority by \$2,500,000, for new total not to exceed \$9,100,000, covering maintenance, repair, and operational supplies; equipment; and services at both airports.

PURPOSE: Staff request an increase to the contract authority for purchase of a wide range of general tools, supplies, materials, parts, equipment, and services to (a) maintain and operate Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) facilities safely and effectively; (b) support LAWA's continuing mission to optimize opportunities for small local businesses, which include participating in providing those materials and services; (c) sustain the existing rate of utilization by many of LAWA's divisions, whose demand for general supplies and services has increased due to expiring contracts, and (d) withstand the rising costs associated with inflation, including higher fuel and transportation costs, and wage increases. Grainger Industrial Supply has proven to be a valuable tool in procuring needed supplies and services in the interim period when a contract lapse occurs. Increasing the contract authority will support those objectives.

RESOLUTION NO. - Award of individual three (3)-year Multiple Award Task Order Contracts. Covering entitlement and environmental planning professional services

on an as-needed basis at both airports and Palmdale landholdings, for total combined funding allocation not to exceed \$25,000,000

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of the requested action is to award Multiple Award Task Order Contracts to CDM Smith Inc., Craig Lawson & Co. LLC, HNTB Corporation, Ricondo and Associates Inc., and UltraSystems Environmental Inc. to provide environmental, entitlement, technical, and consulting services necessary for project planning, environmental clearances and mitigation reporting, and monitoring at Los Angeles International Airport, Van Nuys Airport, and Palmdale landholdings.

**On Thursday December 7th at 10:00 a.m.**

7. RESOLUTION NO. - Contract with Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus LLC: By joining Sourcewell Contract 120921-BLE, covering rental of a 3,000-gallon and a 1,500-gallon Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting vehicle for use at Los Angeles International Airport and Van Nuys Airport, respectively, for term not to exceed three (3) years and for total cost not to exceed \$705,000

**PURPOSE:** Staff request approval to join Sourcewell Contract 120921-BLE with Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus LLC to establish a contract not to exceed three (3) years for rental of one (1) 3,000-gallon Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) vehicle at Los Angeles International Airport and one (1) 1,500-gallon ARFF vehicle at Van Nuys Airport, to comply with Senate Bill 1044, Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 139, in order to (a) continue operating while ARFF vehicles are being rotated out of service for cleaning and remediation, (b) ensure that regulatory and safety requirements are met, and (c) replace existing aged ARFF vehicles.

8. RESOLUTION NO. - Award of eighteen (18) seven-year Contracts, under a Master Service Agreement, Covering digital experience and information technology services, on an as-needed basis, at LAX and Van Nuys Airport, for combined total amount not to exceed \$80,000,000

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of the requested action is to award eighteen (18) seven-year contracts, under a Master Service Agreement (MSA), to provide professional, expert, technical, and/or special information technology services at both airports. The MSA will provide the structure, terms and conditions, scope of services, and task order protocol for ten (10) catalogs of services.

9. RESOLUTION NO. - Land and Building Rental Rate Adjustment: For the non-aviation lease (VNA-2501) with Gausman Van Nuys Inc. at 16525-16575 Sherman Way and 7247-7277 Hayvenhurst Avenue at Van Nuys Airport

**PURPOSE:** The Interim Chief Executive Officer, upon recommendation of staff, requests approval of land and building rental rates for September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2024, in accordance with the terms of the Gausman lease (VNA-2501) at Van Nuys Airport.

18. RESOLUTION NO. - Administrative Action: To appoint the General Manager/Chief Executive Officer of the Los Angeles Department of Airports (Los Angeles World Airports)

19. RESOLUTION NO. - Administrative Action: To approve the salary and relocation costs for the newly appointed General Manager/Chief Executive Officer of the Los Angeles Department of Airports (Los Angeles World Airports)

The regular meetings of the Board of Airport Commissioners are scheduled on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 10:00 am

The next BOAC Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, December 21st at 10am. This meeting will be held in-person but will also be broadcast live. Members of the public wishing to make a public comment at the BOAC meetings must do so in-person, call-ins are not an option.

### **As it relates to VNY CAC Communication Process Regarding LAWA Procurements**

Negotiations continue for an Award of Lease to a successful bidder for the former National Helicopter site east of the Prop Park and south of the Sun Air Jet hangar(s). The RFP is referred to as **Ground Lease Non– FBO Aviation Facility at 16750 Roscoe Blvd.** This lease will be on an upcoming BOAC Meeting Agenda for an Award of Lease. A date for it to be placed on the BOAC agenda for consideration has not been scheduled.

Another set of Non-Aeronautical RFPs that was posted and is now closed is for an Award of Lease to a successful bidder for Roof-Top Solar for up to eight (8) rooftop locations at the Van Nuys Airport.

This item will be placed on an upcoming BOAC Meeting Agenda.

### *Communication Process Regarding LAWA Procurements – Being Considered*

Another set of Non-Aeronautical RFPs that are being considered for release by LAWA in the coming months include the following sites Airtel Plaza Hotel site, Home Depot site, and the Golf Course sites. If/when these RFPs get released before our next VNY CAC Meeting in February, we will have them available for review on our updated LAWA website labeled Modernization.

Finally, the Award of Lease for 16231 Waterman Dr. (Boncef Helinet, LLC), for the potential redevelopment of land and existing facilities at the Van Nuys Airport continues to track through the approval process.

Once the BOAC and City Council awards these lease(s), the proposer will move into the project phase where the successful bidder will be invited to make a project presentation to the VNY CAC to solicit input and feedback. In addition, the CAC and members of the community will be provided an opportunity to comment on the

developments as they progress through the entitlement and/or environmental process as required by the City.”

Mr. Herrera added that the next BOAC meeting would be January 21<sup>st</sup>.

#### **IV. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Larry Feuerhelm commented about an RFP. He said that the site has been occupied since 1971 and that LAWA usually gives a holdover tenant the option to renew. They started in 2003 to renew their lease; he believed that LAWA “renewed.” They’ve had three five-year leases in 36 years; they’ve been “21 years in a holdover status.” He asked questions about how LAWA conducted the RFP process.

Resident David Rankell encouraged to “bring those to” the Council “that will help the community.” Resident Robin Middleton reported that “there has been an increase [in flights] over my home”; she believed that the webtracker is inaccurate, and that Burbank Airport flights may be replacing VNY traffic over her home. She said “1:30 a.m. in the morning I’m awakened.” Resident David Yarowitz, a pilot, said he “would like some help with the noise . . . [from] propeller aircraft . . . single-engine planes . . . doing touch-and-goes . . . noise abatement . . . Procedure isn’t being followed . . . People in our neighborhood are upset about it.” He wanted pilots “to follow procedures.” Resident Suzanne Gutierrez, Founder of Fume Fighters, “lives right next to Van Nuys Airport.” She believed the Council Chair is not qualified to be the Chair. She listed a number of events related to Mr. Price’s Chairmanship.

Resident Jacqueline Torosian said “propellers are a source of unbearable noise” of which she has recordings. She said “we cannot work from home . . . We cannot live at home . . . I am sure the noise comments are higher . . . We are hearing that noise 18 hours a day . . . smelling . . . 24 hours a day.” Resident Timi Romolini believed that VNY is working for charter expansion, and that property was being “stolen” from Bonseph Helinet. She also believed that “there was nothing to negate the October third vote.” Mr. Williams requested that Air Center be agendized, including Air Center and LAWA perspectives. Mr. Price agreed to agendize Air Center for the February meeting.

#### **V. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR**

Mr. Price presented slides. VNY averages 2,700 arrivals per month. He described two types of approach: instrument, and VOR (Very hi-frequency Omni-directional Range). The VOR approach has “jets flying over the neighborhood at 900 feet . . . above the ground.” He described why missed approaches and fly-arounds happen. VNY is one of the relatively few U.S. airports that doesn’t have a GPS approach system, which would improve approach accuracy. He explained that “when the ILS [Instrument Landing System] is out of service, there are more missed approaches.” He said that “there’s virtually no cost to the City to” implement a GPS approach system. Mr. Williams requested to agendize discussion and possible action about a GPS approach system.

*Council Member Bob Rodine had arrived by this time, making 13 Council Members present (the VNY CAC quorum is eight).*

Mr. Rodine noted the difference between “departures” and “operations,” which can be double “departures.”

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Missed Approaches Runway 16R - GPS Approach Capability at VNY Presentation/Discussion.

See above Item #V.

- b. VNAA proposed VNY Tenant Tours – Discussion/Action.

Ms. Romolini believed that LAWA “shouldn’t facilitate these tours” and that Curt Castagna should’ve first presented to the Council. Mr. Rankell didn’t believe the tours are problematic and that the tours help the Council and community members “know what’s going on at the airport.” He noted previous tours given to Council Members. Mr. Williams recounted that a biofuel tour that Council Members took was “not for the benefit of any particular operator.” He preferred presentations to the Council, not tours that aren’t open to all Council Members. Ms. Avery said she and Mr. Decker toured Helinet this day; she wanted all Council Members to be able to tour at the same time. There was discussion regarding confirming tour invitations. Mr. Herrera reported that LAWA just facilitated contact between the VNAA (Van Nuys Airport Association) [<https://www.TheVNAA.org>] and Council Members. He said “if anybody wants to have an Airport tour, I’ll be happy to set that up.” He noted that VNY businesses “want to open their doors to show what they do” to Council Members. Mr. Cohen wanted to agendize Mr. Castagna to present to the Council regarding the VNAA. Mr. Williams believed that LAWA shouldn’t “promote” businesses: “let them come to” the Council . . . “transparency is everything.”

## **VII. OLD BUSINESS –**

- a. Response to Wayne’s letter of interest in Adhoc – Paul Herrera, Presentation/Discussion.

Ms. Romolini wanted to know the date that Mr. Williams submitted the letter. Mr. Herrera said “the response has to do with a variety of things . . . we are eager to . . . complete the Vision Study report . . . within the next 30-60 days.” Mr. Cohen noted that Mr. Williams’ letter was not present.

## **VIII. REPORT FROM THE WORKING GROUPS**

- a. Membership Committee – Araz Parseghian

*Council Member Araz Parseghian had arrived by this time, making 14 Council Members present (the VNY CAC quorum is eight).*

Mr. Parseghian reported that he's working with the Mayor's Office to fill Seats.

b. Vision Study Ad Hoc Committee - MaryKate Harris, John Parker and Wayne Williams.

Mr. Williams said there was "nothing specific to report."

#### **IX. ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

Mr. Moderna wanted more VNY operations statements. Ms. Harris thanked guests for attending. Ms. Avery wanted to know more about meeting procedures and how items are agendized. Ms. Molina wanted more cooperation among Members. Mr. Parseghian noted that Brown Act [[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes\\_displayText.xhtml?division=2.&chapter=9.&part=1.&lawCode=GOV&title=5](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displayText.xhtml?division=2.&chapter=9.&part=1.&lawCode=GOV&title=5)] training had previously been provided for Council Members; he wanted the training provided again. Mr. Rodine encouraged attending VNY tours; he noted previous tours he attended that were hosted by different businesses. Ms. Petrus reminded that the Brown Act is "to protect the public . . . let's be respectful of the Brown Act." Mr. Cohen believed that Palmdale Airport is "a viable alternative" to VNY. He "would like to see a true cost accounting" of VNY operations.

#### **X. ADJOURNMENT:**

A Motion to Adjourn was made by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Williams. The Motion was unanimously approved; zero opposed; zero abstained.

The Meeting **adjourned** at 9:30 p.m.