

April, 09 2026

The Board of Commissioners of the Arapahoe County Public Airport Authority, Arapahoe County, Colorado, held a regular meeting open to the public at Centennial Airport Administration Complex, 7565 South Peoria St., Englewood, Colorado, located within the County, on April 9, 2026, at 3:00 pm

The following members were present:

Commissioner Bagnato, Chair
Commissioner Campbell, Chair Pro-Tem
Commissioner Baker, Clerk
Commissioner Beatty, Assistant Clerk
Commissioner Huffinan, Ex-Officio
Commissioner Sieber, Ex-Officio

The following members were absent, but excused:

Commissioner Laydon, Ex-Officio
Commissioner Summey, Treasurer

Each Commissioner was notified of the date, time, and place of the meeting and the purpose to which it was called. At least three (3) days prior to the date of the meeting, Public Meeting notices were posted, and an agenda was posted on the Authority's website and in the window of the door at the Administration building. Please note that this public meeting was held through video and web conferencing software options for the Board members, staff, and public.

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Bagnato called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Next Meetings

- May 6th, 2026 @ 6:30 p.m. – Noise Roundtable Meeting – Wright Brothers' Room, Hybrid/Virtual
- May 14th, 2026 @ 3:00 p.m. – Regular Board Meeting – Wright Brothers' Room, Hybrid/Virtual

Amendments to the Agenda

An Executive Session will be held at the end of the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Approve Minutes of March 12, 2026** Stacey Davenport
Recommendation: Motion to approve the minutes of March 12, 2026 and authorize the Chair to sign
2. **Ratification of First Quarter 2026 Expenditures** Andrew Gillespie
Recommendation: Motion to ratify First Quarter 2026 Expenditures in the amounts of \$5,329,641,34
3. **February 2026 Financial Reports** Andrew Gillespie
Recommendation: Advisory
4. **Consent to Assignment of Lease for Lot 50-1 from Grif Aviation, LLC to Red Hangar 8, LLC** Luke Skaffen
Recommendation: Motion to approve the Consent to assignment of Lease and authorize Chair and Clerk to sign
5. **Approval of Consent Agenda** Thad Bagnato
Recommendation: Approval of the Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the consent agenda as amended was made by Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Beatty. Motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS AGENDA

6. **Items Moved from Consent Agenda for Discussion** Thad Bagnato
Item #2 moved from Consent Agenda for discussion
7. **Legislative Report and Airport Update** Mike Fronapfel
Recommendation: Advisory

Mr. Fronapfel reported that on April 1st, the Assistant FAA Administrator for the Northwest Mountain Region visited the airport, toured the facilities, and discussed FAA plans to produce educational videos about the Denver-Metro airspace.

Chair Bagnato asked about the intended audience for this video and how they see it. Mr. Fronapfel explained that the materials were intended for external communities and indicated they would likely be shared through social media, presented in meetings, and distributed to flight schools.

He continued by providing an update on the Study Group and the flight school dashboard was provided, and while no timeline was given for FAA re-engagement in Study Group meetings, appreciation for their participation in Noise Roundtable meetings was expressed.

He confirmed that a meeting was held with Douglas County and Airport Commissioners to provide updates, discuss Douglas County priorities, and recommend updates to the Centennial Airport Review Area zoning document to reflect revised noise contours and the Airport Influence Area.

He noted that in March he attended the AAAE Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C., where discussions with congressional staff covered the Study Group, flight school dashboard, concerns over potential loss of ADS-B data access, the unleaded fuel transition program, entitlement funding allocation, and the long-term goal of constructing a new control tower.

Mr. Fronapfel reported that ALERT Bill had advanced through committee with provisions affecting ADS-B data access, and that further coordination efforts were planned to address this issue. He explained the implications of the bill and the origins of it, noting that it has a high chance of being approved.

Commissioner Campbell commented that the Arapahoe County Board of Commissioners had become more assertive in its federal lobbying efforts regarding tax dollars benefiting the community. She noted that during their meetings she had highlighted this issue and described the individual involved as a strong partner to the Airport, expressing appreciation for that support. She added that the community had a right to see the results of the Airport's efforts, particularly in relation to the Fly Quiet program.

Mr. Fronapfel further remarked that pilot associations and other groups also supported the Airport, and that this presented an opportunity to better align with the community.

He continued mentioning various airport construction projects, that are ongoing, including tower improvements, upcoming demolition for a small hangar, and progress on the Colorado Karting Circuit development. Also, the Maintenance storage facility is soon to be completed.

He then shared that UL94 fuel sales reached over 10,000 gallons in March with a reduced-price gap compared to 100LL. Mentioning the differences being due to the current political state of the country.

The Runway 5K event had sold out, and the scholarship applications remained open through April 15. Finally, he mentioned that the June Airport Board meeting had been rescheduled to June 18.

REPORTS

1. Fuel and Operations Report for March 2026

Brycen Hoover

March 2026

- Monthly Operations, March: Down 8.9% from 2025 at 24,275.
- 2026 YTD Operations: Up 2.5% from 2025 at 73,363.
- Monthly 94UL, March: Up 10.6% from 2025 at 10,546.
- 2026 YTD 94UL: Up 9.2% from 2025 at 31,836.
- Monthly 100LL, March: Up 0.8% from 2025 at 48,963.
- 2026 YTD 100LL: Up 7.4% from 2025 at 137,791.
- Monthly AvGas Total, March: Up 2.4% from 2025 at 59,509.
- 2026 YTD AvGas Total: Up 7.7% from 2025 at 169,637.
- Monthly Jet A, March: Down 2.9% from 2025 at 1,205,354.
- 2026 YTD Jet A: Up 3.5% from 2025 at 3,476,114.
- Monthly Fuel Totals, March: Down 2.6% from 2025 at 1,264,863.
- 2026 YTD Fuel Totals: Up 3.7% from 2025 at 3,645,751.

- Monthly Market Share for fuel sales, March: JCoC: 39.0%; Modern: 22.0%; Signature North: 21.4%; Signature South: 17.5%; Heliplex: 0.1%

2. Q1 2026 Land Use Referral Report

Zach Gabehart

Mr. Gabehart gave the following information.

- Received a total of 24 referrals during January 2026 through March 2026
- 9 were approved as submitted.
- 14 were subject to comments.
- 1 was not recommended.

He showed a map with the previous information. He mentioned that the one non-recommended item was a change to the Douglas County Zoning Resolution. Commissioner Huffman asked for more details on this, and Mr. Gabehart explained it.

3. Noise Report March 2026

Zach Gabehart

Recommendation: Advisory

Mr. Gabehart began the presentation by addressing a question regarding changes in traffic due to the tower closure. He stated that no meaningful change has been observed and that traffic levels remain consistent.

Commissioner Campbell asked about the usage of the second runway, and Mr. Gabehart responded that he would look into the matter and provide additional information.

March 2026

- For March 2026, there were 601 complaints from 51 households.
- The 2025 Year-to-Date complaints are 1537 from 80 households.
- In March 2026, Douglas County Unincorporated led the complaints with 28%, then Arapahoe County Unincorporated with 24%, followed by Greenwood Village with 18%, Centennial with 13% and Elbert County Unincorporated with 11%.
- Of the 601 complaints received in March 2026 total of 80 were responded, 81 by email and 6 by phone.
- Of the 601 complaints 554 came from daytime operations while 47 came from nighttime operations.
- For March 2026, there were 24,275 operations.
- For the Year 2026 there were 75,223 operations.
- The number one household resides in Elbert County with 280 complaints, which make up 18% of the complaints for the year 2026. The top five households make up 63% of the total complaints year-to-date.
- For March 2026: Propeller aircraft led complaints by aircraft type with 90%, 8% for Jets, and 2% for helicopter flights. Training led to complaints by operation type at 53% followed by Departures at 32% and arrivals at 15%.

Commissioner Sieber asked about the location of Household 3, and Mr. Gabehart provided clarification. Commissioner Huffman inquired about another location, which Mr. Gabehart also confirmed. Mr. Gabehart further informed the Board about a new location for a noise monitor at a site that had been specifically requested.

Commissioner Beatty asked about the average number of complaints received per month, and Mr. Gabehart responded with the average number stating that it can vary by season. Commissioner Beatty also mentioned the correlation between number of operations and complaints. Mr. Gabehart said it does not necessarily relate.

Commissioner Huffman asked an additional question regarding Elbert County and whether similar patterns were being observed there, to which Mr. Gabehart replied and confirmed the information.

Commissioner Campbell commented on feedback she had received regarding March complaints, noting that while conditions had improved, noise appeared to have shifted toward another neighborhood. She asked whether this could be reviewed, and Mr. Gabehart responded that the Airport was aware of the issue and was actively looking into it.

Commissioner Sieber added a comment regarding a different location and that it could be good to add it to the report. Mr. Gabehart agreed.

Mr. Fronapfel added a comment regarding JSX's complaints, saying 1400 operations and no further complaints, we still have the same 2 complaints since last September when they started. Chair Bagnato asked if there is any information available on the location of the customers of JSX, and Mr. Fronapfel indicated he is waiting for that information from the air charter operator. Then Commissioner Huffman asked how many flights RetriveAir is completing and Mr. Fronapfel replied.

4. Centennial Airport Community Noise Roundtable (CACNR) Update

Pam Thompson

Mrs. Thompson began her presentation by summarizing public comments received from concerned residents across various locations, noting that many community members expressed appreciation for the Airport's efforts. She reported on a visit to Louviers, describing it as a quiet area experiencing new development, which could lead to increased complaints, and highlighted a resident's efforts in collecting noise-related data. She also discussed Elbert County, including the Three Towers area and the use of the training box, noting concerns about ongoing development and the need for the Airport to monitor impacts. She referenced correspondence received from Castle Pines and The Canyons and added that outreach had been conducted in the Chatfield area, where conversations with residents included guidance from Mr. Gabehart on how to report noise concerns.

She stated that the February noise report had been relatively uneventful, while March reflected some changes. She further noted that the executive team planned to engage a consultant and potentially hold workshops to enhance ongoing efforts. Updates were also provided regarding training box areas, emphasizing that focused attention and collaborative efforts were producing positive results. She observed that engagement with the community, pilots, flight instructors, and schools had improved awareness, and that pilots were increasingly incorporating noise considerations into their training practices.

Commissioner Sieber asked about The Canyons, and it was noted that communication had been sent to the developer regarding noise and recommending insulation measures, which had been taken into consideration. Mrs. Thompson added that while some residents were affected by noise, others were not. Commissioner Beatty referenced attending a Colorado Pilots Association meeting, noting improved communication and that noise guidelines for training areas were being observed, with pilots making conscious efforts to avoid sensitive locations.

Commissioner Huffnagel commented that there were methods to mitigate noise during flight operations and referenced altitude considerations in the Elbert training box. A member of the audience, identified as a pilot, responded with technical details on flight patterns and how such areas were avoided.

Chair Bagnato concluded by thanking Mrs. Thompson for the report and commending the progress made.

Public Comment

Public Comment started at 3:41 pm

At 3:41 p.m., a resident from Louviers provided online comments, noting that communication with the Airport had been positive and expressing hope that ongoing efforts were making a difference. He shared records he had kept of aircraft activity and the number of complaints he had submitted during the month, observing that only a small number of aircraft appeared to be contributing to the issue and that some pilots were actively avoiding his area. He also described participating in a site visit to experience the noise firsthand and stated that he had connected with Solstice representatives, expressing a willingness to assist both them and the Airport.

Commissioner Campbell acknowledged his efforts, noting that while certain households may not formally report concerns, his work served as a valuable representation of broader community experiences. She thanked him for his civic contribution.

An individual present in the room, identified as a flight instructor, commented on a recently denied lawsuit related to airport security and discussed the legal framework surrounding such matters. He also addressed the ALERT Act, emphasizing that aviation design prioritizes safety over noise considerations, and noted that the pilot community intended to advocate strongly on this issue, as well as on the flight school dashboard.

Comments from Board and Staff

At 3:50 p.m., Commissioner Campbell made a motion to Adjourn to Executive Session to discuss certain details pursuant to CRS Section 24-6-402(4): (a) purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale of any real, personal or other property interest; **(b) conference with an attorney for purposes of receiving advice on specific legal questions;** (c) matters to be kept confidential by federal or state law; (d) security arrangements; (e) determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations or negotiation strategies; and (f) personnel matters.

The primary discussion for this Executive Session will concern issues under (b) conference with an attorney to receive legal advice concerning AIP Grants.

The Board will not adopt any proposed policy, position, resolution, rule, regulation or take any formal action during this Executive Session.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Beatty to enter Executive Session; the motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Thad Bagnato

Meeting was adjourned at 4:37pm

Execution of Documents

Stacey Davenport

Approved

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thad Bagnato", written over a horizontal line.

Thad Bagnato, Chair