



PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA

Tempe Aviation Commission

March 18, 2026

5:30 p.m. – Call to Order

HYBRID

Tempe City Hall, Garden Level East, Community Development Lobby Conference Room
31 East 5th Street, Tempe, AZ 85281

VIRTUAL

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AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Public Appearances:** the Tempe Aviation Commission welcomes public comments at this time. The Commission may not respond to public comments unless the topic has been placed on the agenda. There is a *three-minute time limit* per citizen.
3. **Commissioner's Introductions;**
4. **Consideration of Meeting Minutes, December 17, 2025 & January 21, 2026;** for discussion and approval.
5. **Presentation on the Tempe Aviation Commission's purpose, objectives and history;** presentation by Jacob Payne, for discussion.
6. **Staff updates and announcements;**
7. **Commissioners' Business;** suggestions for future agenda items.
8. **Schedule Next TAVCO Meeting;**
9. **Adjournment.**

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Minutes of the TAVCO REGULAR MEETING December 17, 2025

Tempe Aviation Commission meeting held via virtual Microsoft Teams meeting with call in +1 480-498-8745, 730410859#
Unites States, Phoenix (Toll) Conference ID: 730 410 859# at Community Development Conference Lobby.

Present:	Staff:
Lane Carraway	Jeff Tamulevich, Comm Dev Director
Jim Camargo*	Jacob Payne, Principal Planner
Lance Labun	
Desiree Walker*	
Alana Billingsley*	
Joel Hunter	Members Absent:
Peter H Schelstraete*	Stuart Mitnik
*Participants attending remotely	

1) Call to Order & Introductions

Meeting called to order at 5:32pm.

2) Public Appearances: the Tempe Aviation Commission welcomes public comments at this time.

None.

3) Voting of the Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Commissioner Labun to approve Meeting Minutes from November 19, 2025; second by Commissioner Hunter. Motion passed on **5-0** vote.

Ayes: Chair Carraway, Vice Chair Camargo, Commissioners Labun, Walker, and Hunter

Nays: None

Abstain: Commissioners Schelstraete and Billingsley

Absent: Commissioners Mitnik and Walker

4) Update on Sky Harbor; presentation by Jordan Feld, Deputy Aviation Director at Sky Harbor, for discussion.

Mr. Jordan Feld gave a presentation on the Sky Harbor update. One of the components of the agreement was that the 65 DNL Contour be updated in 2025, which Sky Harbor has done.

Vice Chair Camargo asked, regarding the factors that increase the contour, that it increases the square milage within the contour? Mr. Feld stated there are many factors that reduce the contour if you're looking at this map

from a perspective. He hopes the contour gets smaller on the Tempe side. You would hope to see OPS (operations), less departures and several other variables. Ultimately the contour square footage did increase significantly more on the West side of the airport because of the 7% increase.

Commissioner Labun asked, does the OPS include cargo or is that just passenger OPS? Mr. Feld stated that it is all operations. Commissioner Labun asked, how large of an effect that the new West Terminal will have on the number of OPS? Mr. Feld stated that the airport is around 500,000 now. Even with 75 or 80 million passengers he would not expect it to get over 600,000 OPS. The airport is at about 55 million passengers annually now.

Mr. Feld suggested that the Aviation Commission and Tempe residents provide feedback to the FAA on their website for Performance Based Navigation upgrades. The FAA will consider input over the summer. Modifications to the airspace and other implements would be in place around February 2027.

Mr. Feld noted discussions in the previous TAVCO meeting on the status of maintenance and repairs for the noise monitoring sensors. The sensor number 16 in Tempe is currently out of service due to mechanical issues and should be back in operations by January or February.

Commissioner Billingsley stated she did not see the west end noise contour and wonders how it compares to the east? Mr. Feld stated that it is larger, but did not map it for this meeting. Pursuant to the IGA, Sky Harbor is now obligated to do this every 5 years. Mr. Feld stated will be back to speak about the new contour at that time as well.

5) Commissioners' Business; suggestions for future agenda items.

Moved to Agenda Item #6

No business was discussed.

6) Staff updates and announcements:

Moved to Agenda Item #5

Mr. Jacob Payne stated that there were some questions at the last meeting about duration of terms for Commission members. Terms are 3 years. They will start in January and end in December. The term limit is 2 consecutive terms. This is the last meeting for Commissioners Mitnik, Schelstrate and Hunter. Mr. Payne thanked them all for their volunteerism and service to the City of Tempe. There will be 4 vacancies on the Commission. At the City Council meeting last week they appointed 2 new members. The next meeting will be January 21st. There is 1 agenda item, which will be the Quarter 4 2025 Phoenix East compliance report. Mr. Payne is working with the City Clerk on filling the other 2 vacancies. Commissioner Billingsley asked if someone wanted to join TAVCO, how would they go about that and will positions be open until filled? Mr. Payne stated that the city website has a page for Boards and Commissions. Positions will be open until they are filled. At the January meeting the Commission will also be nominating and appointing a new Chair and Vice Chair for the next calendar year.

Commissioner Hunter asked Mr. Payne if he has any information about the Phoenix Airspace Users Work Group. Mr. Payne said there is no update yet. Chair Carraway asked if there were any updates on the person complaining on the Phoenix side? Mr. Payne stated that we have seen a low volume of complaints come through 311. He has not checked the volume of complaints from the Phoenix system. Our resident has not submitted a

complaint since July. The complaints we have been receiving are from the Northern part of the city with departure frequencies.

7) Schedule Next TAVCO Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for January 21st.

8) Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Hunter to adjourn; second by Commissioner Schelstraete.

Motion passed on **7-0** vote.

Ayes: Chair Carraway, Vice Chair Camargo, Commissioners Labun, Walker, Billingsley, Schelstrate and Hunter

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner Mitnik



Minutes of the TAVCO REGULAR MEETING January 21, 2026

Tempe Aviation Commission meeting held via virtual Microsoft Teams meeting with call in +1 480-498-8745, 730410859#
Unites States, Phoenix (Toll) Conference ID: 730 410 859# at Community Development Conference Lobby.

Present:

Staff:

Lane Carraway	Jeff Tamulevich, Comm Dev Director
James Camargo	Jacob Payne, Principal Planner
Desiree Walker*	
Lance Labun	
Dawood Ahmed*	
Greg Larson	Members Absent:
Alana Billingsley	
*Participants attending remotely	

1) Call to Order & Introductions

Meeting called to order at 5:32pm.

2) Public Appearances: the Tempe Aviation Commission welcomes public comments at this time.

None.

3) Voting of the Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Commissioner Labun to approve Meeting Minutes from December 17, 2025; second by Vice Chair Camargo.

Ayes: Chair Carraway, Vice Chair Camargo, Commissioners Walker and Labun

Nays: None

Abstain: Commissioners Larson and Ahmed

Absent: Commissioner Billingsley

Vote: Motion does not pass **4-0**

**This vote does not meet the minimum quorum and will be on next month's agenda for a revote.*

4) Selection of Chair and Vice Chair for the 2026 year; for discussion and approval.

Mr. Jacob Payne asked the Commissioners to introduce themselves since we have two new members attending tonight. This may help inform some decisions on selection of a Chair and Vice Chair tonight.

Commissioner Members introduced themselves.

Motion by Chair Carraway to nominate James Camargo as Vice Chair; second by Commissioner Walker.

Ayes: Chair Carraway, Vice Chair Camargo, Commissioners Walker, Labun, Ahmed and Larson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner Billingsley

Vote: Motion passed **6-0**

Motion by Vice Chair Camargo to nominate Lane Carraway for Chair; second by Commissioner Walker.

Ayes: Chair Carraway, Vice Chair Camargo, Commissioners Walker, Labun, Ahmed and Larson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner Billingsley

Vote: Motion passed **6-0**

- 5) **Quarterly PHX East Compliance Report;** Quarter 4 2025 Report and presentation by Jacob Payne, for discussion.

Mr. Jacob Payne gave a presentation on the Quarterly PHX East Compliance Report.

Commissioner Ahmed asked if the new airlines that are being added come through this Commission and if it is correct that the east to west is usually on the morning flights. Mr. Payne stated that when Sky Harbor adds new routes or new airlines, we do not see that come through. The Commission's purpose here is more or less to talk about and discuss, make suggestions or recommendations on aviation mitigation for noise. We like to discuss emerging technology trends or any special topics you are more than welcome to put something for a future agenda item when we can get to the Commissioner business. Vice Chair Camargo stated that the new airlines that are coming through Sky Harbor are subject to the same rules, they must follow the FAA rules and the Tempe/Phoenix IGA. Mr. Payne stated that in the morning we'll have arrivals from the east and then they take off from the west.

Chair Carraway stated it would be nice to know who the person is that had put in the multiple noise complaints. Mr. Payne will reach out to Jordan for more information.

Vice Chair Camargo asked if the new application that people are applying for, is that for a new build. Mr. Payne stated that yes, if in this area we had interest in somebody saying they wanted to develop residential that would be something that we would report.

Commissioner Larson asked if there a penalty for the violation notice. Mr. Payne said no, not that he is aware of. Commissioner Larson asked, what would happen if they completely disregard the protocol? Mr. Payne stated that the provision for them to remain within that gate is coming from the IGA. I will find out and update you at the next meeting.

- 6) **Staff updates and announcements:**

Mr. Payne welcomed the two new Commissioners. The TAVCO still has two vacancies, and Mr. Payne is working with the City Clerk and trying to get the word out there. One thing that the Commission decided to make a priority this year was to get involved in the Phoenix Aerospace users working group, and Mr. Payne has reached out to the contact in Albuquerque but not heard anything back yet. He stated that he been looking online to find information about their meetings and is not sure if they are not as active or they've stopped advertising in the ways they were before. Mr. Payne said that if he finds anymore information he will update the Commission.

Chair Carraway asked Mr. Payne if he reached out to Jordan Feld about PAUWG? Mr. Payne stated he would speak with Jordan.

7) **Commissioners' Business;** suggestions for future agenda items.

Commissioner Labun stated that there was an interesting item a couple of days ago that a Chinese company called Ehang. They claim they will be offering an individual aircraft. It qualifies under the FAA Ultralight, meaning you do not need a pilot's license to fly it. Commissioner Ahmed stated he is not sure there is any success at this point. They do not have the battery to fly 100 miles.

Chair Carraway stated he would still like to know who the person is putting in all the complaints with Sky Harbor.

Commissioner Ahmed asked to have an introduction to what the goals are for this Commission. Mr. Payne stated that he will plan to put some slides together for the next meeting.

Commissioner Larson stated that there is a Commissioner's binder available on the Tempe Aviation Commission website. Mr. Payne stated he would send the link to all Commission members.

Vice Chair Camargo stated that if the Commission wanted to schedule a tour of the tower at Sky Harbor it would be best to schedule soon. Chair Carraway stated that they will make special arrangements for teenagers and younger people to do the tour as well.

8) **Schedule Next TAVCO Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for February 25th.

9) **Adjournment:** Hearing adjourned at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Carraway

Motion by Commissioner Labun to adjourn; second by Commissioner Billingsley.

Ayes: Chair Carraway, Vice Chair Camargo, Commissioners Walker, Labun, Ahmed, Larson and Billingsley

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Vote: Motion passed 7-0