

Robert W. Shaffer, Chair.



PENNSYLVANIA AVIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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September 15, 2026 MEETING AGENDA

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Commonwealth Keystone Building

400 North Street

Harrisburg, PA 17120

(See enclosed meeting location instructions)

- A. CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME – Chairman Robert Shaffer
- B. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS – Chairman Shaffer
- C. MARCH 17, 2026 MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL – Chairman Shaffer
- D. Election of Vice Chairman/Secretary/Treasurer
- E. AAC VACANCY APPOINTMENT STATUS
 - Cory Cree & Shane Doud
- F. PENNDOT BUREAU OF AVIATION UPDATE –Tony McCloskey, PennDOT BOA Director
- G. AVIATION COUNCIL OF PA, (ACP) UPDATE – BJ Teichman, ACP President
- H. PRESENTATIONS (None Yet Identified)
- I. JOINT AAC/ACP SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS
 - Aviation Funding – David Heath
 - PA Air Act Update – David Heath
 - Legislative and Policy – David Heath
 - Aviation Workforce, Economic Impact and Partnerships – Chair, Cory Cree
 - Air Freight and Commercial Air Service – Chair Steve Keefer
 - Aviation Technology – Co-Chairs, Tes Ali & David Heath
- J. OLD/NEW BUSINESS – Chairman Shaffer
- K. REMAINING 2026 AAC QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING DATES
 - **December 15, 2026**
- L. ADJOURNMENT – Chairman Shaffer

PA AVIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP ROSTER (As of 6/4/26)

AAC Voting Member	Representing	Designated Voting Alternate
Robert Shaffer	AAC Chair Fixed Base Operator	Mark Murawski (AAC Vice Chair as per Bylaws)
	Vice- Chair/Secretary MPO's	Emily Mrochko
David Heath	Pilots	Sydney Harris
Secretary Mike Carroll	PennDOT	Anthony McCloskey, PennDOT BOA Director
Secretary Rick Siger	PA DCED	Tree Zuzzio
Senator Judy Ward	Senate Trans. Committee Majority Chair	Nolan Ritchie
Senator Marty Flynn	Senate Trans. Committee Minority Chair	Justin Genismore
Representative Ed Neilson	House Trans. Committee Majority Chair	Kyle Waggonseiler
Representative Kerry Benninghoff	House Trans. Committee Minority Chair	Josiah Shelly or Laryssa Gaughen
Carl Beardsley	Aviation Council	Not Designated
Tim Edwards	Aviation Council	Ryan Collins
John Minninger	Aviation Council	Fran Strouse
Steve Keefer	Airline Industry	John Pursell
Wade Steel	Airline Industry	Not Designated
VACANT	PA Airport System	Mary Bethea
David Garver	PA Airport System	Connor Lapps
BJ Teichman	PA Airport System	Carl Beardsley
VACANT	PA Airport System	Shane Doud
Ken Shadursky	Fixed Base Operator	Zachary Tempesco
Michael Ruane	MPO's	Michael Boyer
Chuck Brewer	General Public	John Melville
Brian Phillips	General Public	Dale Russell
Andrew Allen	Aviation Manufacturing	Not Designated
Tes Ali	General Public	John Walker
David Fiore	Air Cargo	Not Designated

Robert W. Shaffer, Chair.
Mark R. Murawski, ViceChair - Sec.



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MARCH 17, 2026 MEETING MINUTES

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PA AAC MEMBERS & ALTERNATES IN PERSON OR VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE: Robert Shaffer, Chair, Mark Murawski, Vice-Chair, David Heath, Tony McCloskey, Tree Zuzzio, Nolan Ritchie, Kyle Waggonsealer, John Minninger, Fran Strouse, Andrew Allen, Tes Ali, John Walker, Mary Bethea, David Garver, BJ Teichman, David Garver, John Melville, Jessica Sander, Emily Mrochko.

GUESTS: Anna Sabol, Robert Betz, Andrew Carter, Eric Mckish, Sean Collins, James Shaffer, Reiner Pelzer, Justin Palmer, Stanley Thigpen, Gregg Davis, Cory Cree, Mark Matlock, James Shaffer, Alexander Burns, David Lawson, Gregory Davis.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Robert Shaffer, called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Secretary Murawski performed the roll call of members. It was confirmed that a voting quorum was achieved necessary to conduct business in accordance with the bylaws.

DECEMBER 16, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Heath motioned for approval of the meeting minutes which was seconded by Ms. Teichman and unanimously approved.

AAC VACANCY APPOINTMENT NOMINATIONS

Mr. Murawski indicated that Mr. Cory Cree has expressed interest in filling the AAC seat left vacant due to the resignation by Mr. Monzo due to his retirement from the Latrobe Airport. Mr. Cree has submitted his letter of interest and statement of qualifications to Chairman Shaffer which was included in the meeting packet. Mr. Cree is the Johnstown Airport Manager and would represent one of the PA Airport System seats. Likewise, Mr. Shane Doud, Philadelphia International Airport has expressed interest in filling the vacant seat due to Keith Brune's retirement from the Philadelphia International Airport. Again, this action would be filling another PA Airport System seat on the AAC. Mr. Doud still needs to submit his letter of interest and statement of qualifications to Chairman Shaffer. Ms. Teichman motioned to nominate both Mr. Cree and Mr. Doud to fill the two PA Airport System vacant seats subject to formal appointment by Governor Shapiro which was seconded by Mr. Heath and unanimously approved.

PENNDOT BUREAU OF AVIATION (BOA) UPDATE

PA Bureau of Aviation Director Tony McCloskey gave the BOA quarterly report. The NASAO Washington conference had great presenters. Tony met with our Congressional delegation on state aviation matters, including seeking support for the EIPP application. This partnership AAM application involves 17 states, six universities and many other stakeholders. Tony was pleased to announce that the PA application was selected as one of the projects nationwide and Tony will assume the lead role with the FAA on behalf of the involved partners which is an outstanding opportunity for us all. No federal funding is involved and the OTA has been executed. Medical logistics enhancement through AAM advancements will be a key focus in this initiative. Chairman Shaffer congratulated Tony and all at the BOA for their due diligence in preparing a successful application and we look forward to working with PennDOT during the implementation phase. Tony informed attendees that the capital budget requests are under final review by the PennDOT Multi-modal Deputy Secretary. Anna Sabol provided an update on the SASP survey progress and Mark Matlock noted that airport runway pavement condition trends are worsening. Tony added that unless funding is increased over current levels these negative trends are likely to continue and the concerns go beyond runways to also include taxiways and aprons again due to limited available airport funds for infrastructure maintenance and improvement. The pavement management system is an excellent tool to properly document existing conditions.

AVIATION COUNCIL OF PA (ACP) UPDATE

Ms. Teichman and Ms. Bethea provided the update by noting the 46th PA Aviation Conference will be held in Reading, PA on October 7-9, 2026 and the Reading Regional Airport has agreed to be the host sponsor for the event to be held at the Double Tree Hotel in downtown. Session planning is well underway with a reception to be held at the Mid Atlantic Aviation Museum. Registration is open so AAC members are encouraged to register early and attend. Preliminary planning for the 2027 Philadelphia conference has also been initiated with Shane Doud.

JOINT AAC/ACP SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Aviation Funding Sub-Committee

Mr. Murawski asked Mr. Heath to provide an update on the PA Air Act progress. Mr. Heath indicated that a co-sponsorship memo has been introduced by Senator Laughlin of Erie that now has up to 16 bipartisan co-sponsors. Bill language is now being finalized through the Legislative Reference Bureau and should be accomplished shortly. The PA Senate Transportation Committee will determine whether public hearings will be held. Chairman Shaffer indicated that the AAC provided an endorsement letter immediately to the Governor urging his full support of the Act and a copy of the letter was included in the AAC meeting packet.

Aviation Workforce, Economic Impact and Partnerships Sub-committee

Mr. Cree indicated there was no significant progress to report at this time as the main committee activities would require funding to the AAC to advance such as a P3 application for a hangar bundling initiative among other initiatives recommended in the RAC report.

Air Freight and Commercial Air Service Sub-committee

Subcommittee Chair, Steve Keefer was absent and his quarterly report was included in the meeting packet. Mr. Murawski noted that the committee is requesting PA DCED examine ways to improve aviation promotion as part of state tourism initiatives and the committee is formulating specific recommendations for consideration. Tree Zuzzio expressed willingness to work with the committee to schedule a meeting with the DCED Deputy Secretary later this year when the committee recommendations are finalized. Chairman Shaffer also indicated he requested PennDOT reschedule the State Freight Plan outreach meeting that was scheduled for today so that certain AAC members could participate so it is now happening on March 31, 2026.

Aviation Technology Sub-committee

Subcommittee Co-Chair Tes Ali noted that we have two special presentations. The first presentation is from David Garver on XTI Aircraft TriFan 600. The second presentation is about Resilienx. Mr. Garver used a powerpoint to provide a summary overview of TriFan 600. This airplane is under development. It is powered by traditional, highly reliable twin turbine engines with no tail rotor. It is versatile and can take off VTOL, STOL or CTOL and is less noise than a helicopter. The mission is regional point to point with vertical takeoff capability with a range up to 1,000 miles and speeds twice as fast as a helicopter. It has a 6 man payload with a max altitude of 25,000 feet. The potential revenue generation exceeds \$ 3 billion. The logistical advantage is it opens up access to thousands of additional Heliports, short airstrips and helipads. The xVTOL architecture supports corporate travel, regional and commercial, medivac and emergency response, defense and government, cargo and logistics and special missions. They are presently coordinating with FAA to establish certification criteria with certification anticipated by 2031. The timelines for the steps were outlined and the partners identified. VTOL expected growth is 9 trillion by 2050 via Morgan Stanley. Andrew Carter then gave the Resilienx presentation. They

were founded in 2019 as a software company developing in-time aviation safety management systems and now they are the leading system integrator of BVLOS UAS ecosystems nationally. Their vision is to operationalize a region for routine, scalable UAS operations that is commercially viable. The primary mission toward this end is to provide the physical and digital infrastructure which supports operator safety case. Their secure data exchange is a secure, modular integration platform that enables real-time, FAA aligned data sharing across surveillance, communications and safety systems. It serves as the digital backbone of AAM ecosystems, supporting scalable plug and plan interoperability for complex operations. The more than dozen ecosystem partners were outlined. They have projects underway in Syracuse, Winston-Salem, Tulsa and Battle Creek at various stages of development. Chairman Shaffer thanked Mr. Garver and Mr. Carter for excellent presentations and committee Q & A followed.

Legislative and Policy Sub-committee

Mr. Heath noted that Senator Langerholc's drone bill has come out of the PA House Transportation Committee but it may be held for awhile prior to a floor vote.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Shaffer noted that May 4, 2026 will be officially designated Aerospace Day in PA. He personally attended this event in the past and it is excellent so if other AAC members can attend it would be well worth it.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Shaffer adjourned the meeting at 12:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mark Murawski, Secretary

Pennsylvania Aviation Advisory Committee

TRANSPORTATION (74 PA.C.S.) - AMEND AVIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Act of Dec. 15, 1999, P.L. 911, No. 58

CL. 74

Session of 1999

No. 1999-58

SB 19

AN ACT

Amending Title 74 (Transportation) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, empowering the Governor to create an Aviation Advisory Committee to provide guidance to the Governor, the General Assembly, the Secretary of Transportation and the State Transportation Commission on aviation matters; and providing for the committee's powers and duties.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Title 74 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a chapter to read:

CHAPTER 63

AVIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Sec.

6301. Short title of chapter.

6302. Findings and declaration of policy.

6303. Definitions.

6304. Aviation Advisory Committee.

§ 6301. Short title of chapter.

This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the Aviation Advisory Committee Act.

§ 6302. Findings and declaration of policy.

(a) Findings.--It is hereby determined and declared as a matter of legislative findings that:

(1) The welfare and vitality of this Commonwealth, the satisfactory movement of people and goods within this Commonwealth and the economic health of Commonwealth industries must be preserved and enhanced.

(2) Federal and State assistance for the preservation, rehabilitation and improvement of efficient and coordinated aviation transportation services, systems and facilities is essential.

(3) The aviation transportation issues within this Commonwealth necessitate that a continuous aviation systems planning process be implemented concerning this Commonwealth's aviation transportation services, systems and facilities and concerning their preservation and improvement.

(4) Cooperative efforts between the aviation industry and State government can be useful in addressing issues of common concern.

(b) Policy declaration.--The purpose of this chapter is to further the public interest and aeronautical progress by providing for the protection, promotion and development of aeronautics within this Commonwealth.

§ 6303. Definitions.

The following words and phrases when used in this chapter shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Committee." The Aviation Advisory Committee created by this chapter.

"Department." The Department of Transportation of the Commonwealth

Commonwealth.

"Secretary." The Secretary of Transportation of the Commonwealth.

"State Transportation Commission." The commission created in section 2011 of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, or any successor organization.
§ 6304. Aviation Advisory Committee.

(a) Creation.--There is hereby created an Aviation Advisory Committee, which shall consist of 25 members. The members shall be as follows:

- (1) The Secretary of Transportation.
- (2) The Secretary of Community and Economic Development.
- (3) The chairman and minority chairman of the Transportation Committee of the Senate.
- (4) The chairman and minority chairman of the Transportation Committee of the House of Representatives.
- (5) Nineteen members of the public representing the areas of concern specified, who shall have extensive experience and knowledge of air transportation activities throughout this Commonwealth, to be appointed by the Governor as follows:
 - (i) Three persons from the board of directors of the Aviation Council of Pennsylvania.
 - (ii) Two persons from the airline industry.
 - (iii) One person from the aviation manufacturing/maintenance industry.
 - (iv) Four persons from Pennsylvania's airport system.
 - (v) Two persons representing general aviation fixed base operators.
 - (vi) One person representing the air cargo industry.
 - (vii) Two persons representing the metropolitan planning organizations and local development districts in this Commonwealth.
 - (viii) One pilot representing the pilot community in this Commonwealth.
 - (ix) Three members of the general public.

(b) Designees.--Each of the members of the committee may designate a representative to serve in his or her stead. A member who designates a representative shall notify the chairman in writing of the designation.

(c) Terms of appointees.--The term of all members of the committee appointed by the Governor shall be for three years. Any member of the committee may be reappointed for no more than two full successive terms. Any person appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term to which his predecessor was appointed shall serve only for the unexpired term. Each member shall serve until the appointment of a successor.

(d) Meetings and expenses.--

(1) The committee shall meet at least four times every 12 months but may hold such additional meetings as are called by the chairman or by petition of at least six committee members. The chairman shall provide notice at least 14 days in advance for regular meetings and provide a minimum of three days' notice for special meetings. A majority of the appointed members shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business. The secretary shall maintain a record of meeting attendance by members and shall provide written notice to members who miss two consecutive meetings. Three consecutive absences of committee meetings by a member shall be grounds for removal if affirmed by a majority vote of the committee.

(2) Minutes of meetings shall be prepared by the secretary and filed with the committee and distributed to all members. All records shall be a matter of public record.

(3) The public members of the committee shall be allowed reasonable per diem expenses to be set by the committee. The department shall provide appropriate staff support to enable the committee to properly carry out its function.

(e) Powers and duties.--The committee shall have the power and duty to:

(1) Make recommendations to promote and preserve the aviation and the air transportation system in this Commonwealth and propose methods, strategies or technologies that can be used to improve these systems.

(2) Provide guidance on aviation-related issues to the Governor, the General Assembly, the secretary and the State Transportation Commission.

(3) Promote aviation systems and capital infrastructure improvements.

(4) Review the department's capital project program prioritization process and provide recommendations on the method for determining priorities among locations.

(5) Guide the department's continuous State aviation systems planning process.

(6) Review and promote Federal and State aviation rules and regulations as may be proper and necessary to promote and develop beneficial aviation practices and operations.

(7) Promote aviation education opportunities and encourage research and development for aviation safety and security.

(8) Define intermodal opportunities for airports within this Commonwealth.

(9) Provide a forum for exchange of information concerning the users' view of needs and requirements of this Commonwealth's aviation systems.

(10) Address other appropriate aviation issues that arise from time to time.

(f) Reports.--The committee shall submit reports of its deliberations and conclusions to the Governor, members of the General Assembly and the State Transportation Commission.

(g) Chairperson.--The Governor shall appoint one member of the committee as chairperson. The members of the committee shall annually elect a vice chairperson, a secretary and a treasurer from among the members appointed to the committee.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED--The 15th day of December, A. D. 1999.

THOMAS J. RIDGE