

**CITIZENS COMMITTEE ON AIRPORT NOISE  
PALM BEACH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 22, 2026 - 9:30 AM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

JOHN ALFORD, District #2  
ALICE MCLANE, District #3  
AARON WORMUS, District #4  
VICTORIA CHOURIS, District # 6  
MARTIN KLEIN, District # 7  
HENRY PAWSKI, Economic Council of Palm Beach  
LEW CRAMPTON, Town of Palm Beach Council  
NANCY PULLUM, Good Neighbor Council

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

CAROL ROBERTS, District # 1  
DR. TERESA M. JOHNSON, PBC League of Cities  
DARREL CRATE, District #5

**STAFF PRESENT:**

LAURA BEEBE, Director of Airports  
GARY SYPEK, Senior Deputy Director of Airports  
LAUREN SCOTT, Deputy Director, Planning & Development  
NICOLE HUGHES, Director, Airport Marketing  
BRITTANY JAMESON, Director Airport Planning  
CRAIG DELEGATO, Noise Abatement Manager

**OTHERS:**

ANNE HELFANT, Assistant County Attorney  
ROBERT MENTZER, HMMH

**I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:**

The January 22, 2026 meeting of the CITIZENS' COMMITTEE ON AIRPORT NOISE (CCAN) was called to order at 9:30 a.m. The following CCAN members were present: JOHN ALFORD, ALICE MCLANE, AARON WORMUS, VICTORIA CHOURIS, MARTIN KLEIN, HENRY PAWSKI, LEW CRAMPTON and NANCY PULLUM.

COMMITTEE MEMBER LEW CRAMPTON asked to reorder the meeting Agenda so that the topic of noise monitoring locations would be the first topic discussed. A motion was made to reorder the Agenda, the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

A motion was made to approve the December 11, 2025 CCAN meeting minutes, the motion was seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

CHAIRPERSON NANCY PULLUM informed members of the audience that there were comment cards available to complete if anyone chose to speak at the meeting.

**II. NOISE MONITORING TERMINAL (NMT) LOCATIONS:**

Senior Deputy Director of Airports Gary Sypek opened the discussion regarding the Noise Monitoring Terminals (NMTs). He began the discussion by informing the COMMITTEE that earlier in the day, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) implemented standard operating procedures for arrivals and departures at PBI, that could affect the recommendations that would be discussed at the meeting..

During the presentation, Director Sypek displayed six (6) different poster-sized slides displaying land-use information, NMT locations and both historical and current flight tracking information. He explained how the newly implemented standard instrument departure procedures would likely lead to a concentration of flights through a corridor north and east of the airport.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS inquired about the number of NMTs on Palm Beach Island and the location(s) of NMTs in West Palm Beach and Glen Ridge. Director Sypek explained that recommendations for placement of the seven (7) new NMTs the Department of Airports have come through the suggestions of HMMH, the Department of Airports' noise consultant. Robert Mentzer from HMMH contributed to the conversation explaining how and why NMT locations are recommended. HMMH recommended that five (5) NMT locations that were previously being used, continue to be used. Specifically those locations are: site # 4 Omar Rd., #5 Island Rd., #7 Easy St., # 10 Elmhurst Rd and #11 Lime Rd.

A motion was made to have NMTs installed on the five (5) locations recommended by HMMH and to discuss the location of the remaining two (2) NMTs and the use of the portable NMTs at the next CCAN meeting. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

A motion was made to have the Department of Airports meet with the Town of Palm Beach to determine an immediate location of a temporary monitor. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

A motion was made to create a CCAN subcommittee headed by AARON WORMUS and including HENRY PAWSKI to discuss and help develop the public facing dashboard for the Airport's Noise and Operations Monitoring System (NOMS). The motion was seconded and passed unanimously

The Committee also passed a motion for DOA to provide public notice on its website regarding the newly established climb gradient requirements.

The entire discussion regarding NMTs as well as the entirety of the CCAN meeting can be viewed using the link shown here:

<https://vimeo.com/event/5661100?fl=so&fe=fs&fbclid=IwY2xjawPfNxRleHRuA2FlbQlxMABicmlkETFydFINZ0q3UzA5YzRVZWVJc3J0YwZhcHBfaWQQMjlyMDM5MTc4ODlwMDg5MgABHlCh-xhpvfhUPDWmbhp2Ft-qzeyyIF-sNznZH3 DNhpDGh5lImo03vn20hd8 aem qSiffZwJ3JyLnZxF3e9siQ>

### **III. LITIGATION UPDATE:**

Palm Beach County Attorney Anne Helfant provided the COMMITTEE with an update regarding litigation related to the Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFR) imposed by the FAA in October 2025. She indicated that on December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Palm Beach County filed its petition to challenge the flight path restrictions over Mar-a-Lago in the US Court of Appeals. She indicated on the same day, the City of West Palm Beach and the Town of Palm Beach also filed petitions against the FAA; the cases have been consolidated and will be heard together. She explained events taking place in the near future include when Palm Beach County and the FAA will be required to submit legal briefs to the court.

LEW CRAMPTON mentioned that he is aware of citizen groups also forming to file their own lawsuits.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS:**

The COMMITTEE agreed to schedule their next meeting for 3:00pm on Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. They also agreed to discuss and schedule future meeting dates at the February 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Five members of the public chose to speak after submitting comment cards. The first speaker was Trevor Fleming from the office of US House Representative, Lois Frankel. He provided an update to a recent meeting the Congresswoman had with the US Secret Service. Mr. Fleming's comments and the comments of all the public speakers can be viewed using the link shown here:

<https://vimeo.com/event/5661100?fl=so&fe=fs&fbclid=IwY2xjawPfNxRleHRuA2FIbQIxMABicmlkETFydFINZ0g3UzA5YzRVZWVJc3J0YwZhcHBfaWQQMjlyMDM5MTc4ODlwMDg5MgABHlCh-xhpvfhUPDWmbhp2Ft-qzeyyIF-sNznZH3 DNhpDGh5lImo03vn20hd8 aem qSiffZwJ3JyLnZxF3e9siQ>

**VI. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30a.m.