



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: October 14, 2025

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☒ Majority Vote Required

**Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California,
Reestablishing the Composition, Functions, and Policies of the Aviation Commission for
Sonoma County and Renaming Said Committee “The Charles M. Schulz – Sonoma County
Aviation Commission”**

Whereas, the Sonoma County Airport Advisory Committee was originally created by Resolution No. 12172-1 of this Board on March 16, 1965, and subsequently renamed the Aviation Commission for Sonoma County by Resolution No. 53319 in April 1976; and

Whereas, air travel, airport operations, and aviation-related economic development in Sonoma County have continued to grow in scope and importance, increasing the need for a clear, modern, and effective advisory structure; and

Whereas, it is the intent of the Board of Supervisors to update the structure, membership, and operating procedures of the Commission to align with current County policy for advisory bodies, and to reflect current needs and best practices; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Sonoma County as follows:

1. The name of the “Aviation Commission for Sonoma County” is hereby changed to and shall henceforth be known as “The Charles M. Schulz – Sonoma County Aviation Commission” (Commission).
2. The Commission shall be composed of nine (9) members appointed by the Board of Supervisors and serve at the pleasure of the Board as follows:

- Five (5) members representing each supervisorial district, with each member nominated by the Supervisor from their respective district. District appointees' term shall match the appointing Supervisor's term and shall serve until their successor is appointed.

- Two (2) members appointed by the Board of Supervisors from nominations from the Sonoma County Mayors and Councilmembers Association. The term for these representatives is four years or until the appointment of a successor.

- Two (2) at-large members appointed by the Board of Supervisors. The term for these representatives is four years or until the appointment of a successor. If there is a vacancy for the at-large position, the Airport Manager in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair, will make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for a new appointee.

Upon adoption of this resolution, the Supervisor representing each district and the Board of Supervisors, respectively, shall appoint members as set forth hereinabove. Supervisorial appointments and at-large members of the former Aviation Commission for Sonoma County under the terms of Resolution Nos. 12172-1 and 53319 shall serve on the newly reformed Commission until such time as Supervisors and Board of Supervisors appoint members to the newly reformed Commission under the terms of this resolution.

3. At the final meeting of each fiscal year, the Commission shall select from its members a Chair and Vice-Chair to serve for the upcoming fiscal year.

4. The Commission shall hold regular meetings open to the public on an every other month basis on the third Thursday of the month at a time and place to be designated by the Chair. At the final meeting of each fiscal year, the Commission shall review and adopt a meeting schedule with meeting dates and times for the upcoming fiscal year. Special meetings may be called by the Board of Supervisors, the Commission, or the Airport Manager as needed with proper notification.

All meetings shall be open to the public and comply with the Ralph M. Brown Act.

5. The Commission shall operate in accordance with the County Policy for Advisory Bodies (Administrative Policy 1-1: Policy for Advisory Bodies Roles and Relationships), as may be amended from time to time.

6. The Commission shall serve as an advisory body which shall, on request of this Board or the Airport Manager:

- a. advise the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors and Airport Manager as to matters of policy concerning the maintenance, operations, capital improvements and the acquisition of land and airspace rights at the Charles M. Schulz - Sonoma County Airport

- b. advise the Board on all policy matters concerning aviation and air transportation within Sonoma County including the acquisition, location and operation of any additional public airports and the land use regulations pertinent to such facilities.
- c. advise the Sonoma County Planning Commission, the Sonoma County Airport Land Use Commission, and any other agency, department or committee, regarding land use planning, zoning, restriction on land matters or similar matters having a direct impact on the Charles M. Schulz - Sonoma County Airport or any other airport operated in or contemplated for Sonoma County.
- d. initiate such studies and reviews as the Commission may deem proper and necessary to carry out its advisory responsibilities to the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors in any way involved in matters concerning aviation and air transportation in Sonoma County or in the North Bay Area having a direct impact on Sonoma County.
- e. review and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors or to other agencies at the Board's direction on any research studies made prior to final consideration of such studies by the Board. The Commission shall provide sufficient and proper guidance and input regarding matters concerning aviation and air transportation during any such research studies.
- f. review and make recommendations relative to the Air Transportation Element of the Sonoma County General Plan, prior to its final presentation to the public and prior to its adoption by the Board of Supervisors; and supply input regarding matters concerning aviation and air transportation in support of updates to the General Plan.
- g. be alert to ensure that aviation aspects of airports and land usages and divisions within the zones surrounding airports are environmentally acceptable and compatible with airport activities.
- h. offer every possible assistance, either as a committee or individually, to the Airport Manager of the Charles M. Schulz – Sonoma County Airport in furtherance of the discharge of their duties.
- i. assist the Charles M. Schulz -Sonoma County Airport to be completely self-sufficient and self-sustaining financially and to operate as an enterprise fund budget with financial accountability.

Be It Further Resolved that Resolution No. 53319 April 1976, shall upon the adoption of this resolution have no further force nor effect.

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Be It Further Resolved that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Supervisors:

Hermosillo:

Rabbitt:

Coursey:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.