



# Aviation Commission Governance – Comparative Analysis

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# Comparative Analysis

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Nine comparable airports and their commissions were analyzed and were selected based on similar operations. Only airports owned by a City or County with an Aviation Commission were analyzed.

## **Areas of Structure to Review:**

### **Membership make-up**

- *Representation Requirements (if any) by District and/or Area of Knowledge*
- *Number of members*

### **Terms**

- *Term Length*
- *Term Limits*

### **Appointments**

- *District*
- *At Large*
- *Commission*



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## Other Airports Reviewed

### Washington

- Everett
- Bellingham

### Oregon

- Eugene
- Redmond
- Medford

### California

- Santa Barbara
- Arcata
- Redding
- Stockton



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## Metrics of Comparable Airports

Airports	Size	Terms	2023 Enplanements	2023 Airline Departures	2023 Total Operations
<b>Sonoma County (STS)</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>318,197</b>	<b>4,293</b>	<b>82,710</b>
Eugene (EUG)	13	2	841,919	8,945	57,977
Santa Barbara (SBA)	7	4	638,802	7,267	93,644
Redmond (RDM)	9	4	558,804	7,668	89,156
Medford (MFR)	9	3	478,121	6,538	39,168
Bellingham (BLI)	24	3	311,234	2,855	61,261
Everett (PAE)	13	4	306,499	4,347	167,072
Arcata (ACV)	9	4	117,972	1,875	37,760
Redding (RDD)	5	4	87,670	1,713	51,287
Stockton (SCK)	9	3	67,688	537	58,660



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## Authority Detail

<b>Airports</b> <span style="color: blue;">●</span> City <span style="color: brown;">●</span> County	Advise	Recommend	Review
<b>Sonoma County – Charles M. Schulz (STS)</b>	✓	✓	✓
Eugene – Mahlon Sweet Field (EUG)		✓	✓
Santa Barbara – Santa Barbara Municipal (SBA)			✓
Redmond – Robert's Field (RDM)	✓	✓	
Medford – Rouge Valley International (MFR)	✓	✓	
Bellingham – Bellingham International (BLI)	✓	✓	
Everett – Seattle Paine Field (PAE)	✓	✓	✓
Arcata – Humboldt County (ACV)	✓	✓	✓
Redding – Redding Regional (RDD)	As Needed		
Stockton – Stockton Metro (SCK)	✓	✓	



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## Airport Advisory Scopes

	STS	EUG	SBA	RDM	MFR	BLI	PAE	ACV	RDD	SCK
Administration				✓	✓	✓				✓
Airport Property			✓							
As Needed									✓	
Aviation Agreements			✓							
Budgets	✓	✓					✓	✓		
Community	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Economic Development				✓	✓	✓				✓
Improvements		✓								
Maintenance				✓	✓	✓				✓
Master Plan	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Noise Management	✓						✓	✓		
Operations	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Policy		✓								





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## Commissioner Required Representation by Airport

Airport	Size	Required Representation	Term Length
Sonoma County (STS)	7	At-Large (2), Community Members (5)	4
Eugene (EUG)	13	Academic (1), Airport Business (2), Aviation (2), Community Members (4), General Business (2), Tourism/Travel (2)	13
Santa Barbara (SBA)	7	Community Members	4
Redmond (RDM)	9	Community Members	4
Medford (MFR)	9	Airport Business (2), At-Large (2), Aviation (2), Community Members (1), General Business (2)	3
Bellingham (BLI)	24	Academic (1), Airport Business (4), Aviation (3), Aviation Operations (3), Community Members (6), Environmental (1), General Business (1), Community Members (4), Tourism/Travel (1)	3



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<b>Airport</b>	<b>Size</b>	<b>Required Representation</b>	<b>Term Length</b>
Everett (PAE)	13	Airport Business (3), At-Large (2), Community Members (5), General Business (3)	4
Arcata (ACV)	9	Community Members	4
Redding (RDD)	9	Community Members	4
Stockton (SCK)	9	Academic (1), Aviation (1), Aviation Operations (2), General Business (4), Labor & Agriculture (1)	3

