

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SANFORD AVIATION NOISE ABATEMENT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE ORLANDO SANFORD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT VIGILANTE ROOM TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2024 – 9:00 A.M.

## I. CALL TO ORDER/QUORUM CALL

September 2024

The regular meeting of the Sanford Aviation Noise Abatement Committee (SANAC) was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman George Speake.

## II. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2024, MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes of the SANAC meeting held on September 17, 2024, made by Scott Runkel, seconded by Ryan Johannsen. Minutes approved as submitted, motion passed.

## III. NOISE REPORT: REVIEW OF SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, & NOVEMBER 2024

Total Complaints:	187	(2023: 221)
Total Operations:	25,403	(2023: 22,378)
Complaints by Location:		
Deltona	1	
Geneva	179	
Heathrow	2	
Lake Mary	3	
Sanford	2	
Number of Households:	8	(2023: 5)
New Households:	0	(2023: 1)



Chairman Speake advised there were no new complainers during September, and runway usage was primarily east, which is expected at this time of the year.

#### October 2024

Total Complaints:	214	(2023: 319)	RUNWAY USAGE
Total Operations:	30,843	(2023: 24,526)	West 14% East 86%
<b>Complaints by Location:</b> Geneva Heathrow Sanford	204 9 1		
Number of Households:	4	(2023: 3)	
New Households:	1	(2023: 1)	

We had over 100 fewer complaints during October, and a lot more operations. We were also closed for a couple of days in October due to the hurricanes, which impacted operations.

Runway usage was even more easterly in October.

The new complainer in October was from Heathrow. Chairman Speake said he had spoken with this lady, and she said she will probably sell her house, as she had just bought it and renovated it and hadn't realized that it was in the flight path, he said she is almost directly underneath the flight path.

#### November 2024

Total Complaints:	220	(2023: 325)	RUNWAY USAGE
Total Operations:	31,505	(2023: 23,610)	West 31% East 69%
<b>Complaints by Location:</b> Deltona Geneva Heathrow Sanford	1 211 5 3		
Number of Households:	6	(2023: 6)	
New Households:	2	(2023: 1)	

We had over 100 fewer complaints in November, and operations were considerably higher than last year.

Chairman Speake said he had spoken with the new complainer from Deltona and he was concerned about flight training aircraft. He said he had lived there for 24 years and it seemed like something has changed; Chairman Speake said he is pretty sure that nothing has changed there. He explained to him that traffic could be coming from anywhere.

Chairman Speake asked him to give some specifics, but he has not heard back from him.

The other new complainer in November was from one of the new neighborhoods that have been built in Sanford which is under the flight path for the flight training aircraft. They did not leave a name and did not ask for a call back. He said if they call back, we will reach out to them.

Ryan Johannsen said these flights do not necessarily all come from Sanford. Chairman Speake agreed, he said it doesn't mean they originated in Sanford because we get traffic from Embry Riddle, Flagler, Ormond Beach, FIT and we also get flights that come up from the south when they are doing their cross-countries.

Chairman Speake said he is pretty sure it is the flight training aircraft for this particular complainer because that's the pattern, and it is the smaller aircraft they were complaining about.

### **Comments from Committee**

Mr. Runkel asked if we have detected any drones or unusual flights around the Airport.

Chairman Speake said we do occasionally have drone activity around the airport, sometimes pilots see it and call it in. He said the Department of Homeland Security have put systems out here occasionally (that are shared with MCO) to detect drone activity around the airport.

He said there are an amazing number of drones up in the sky almost everywhere at any time, you just don't know it, and that certainly is true around here.

He said drone activity is generally prohibited within 5 miles of an airport, other than commercial drone activity which goes through a specific process to get permission to fly in the area, and even then there are certain areas where they can't fly as you get closer to the airport runway. Our Police Department have caught people operating drones around the airport, and they have educated them on the proper process of flying drones.

Chairman Speake said there has been nothing nefarious going on here around the airport that we are aware of. We have been looking into some permanent drone detection technology to put here at the airport, but it is very expensive. He said drones are a concern for aviation, and the FAA are working on it.

#### **Other Liaison Reports**

#### Allegiant Air

Captain Ryan Johannsen advised that Allegiant are onboarding more of the Boeing 737 Max generation aircraft to the fleet here in Sanford. The fourth one is arriving next week. They have noise abatement technology and there should be 40% less noise on departure than from the previous generation that they are replacing. He said the more of those we get, the quieter it should be for the neighborhood. We will have five based here eventually, and they are quieter aircraft.

#### **General Aviation**

Chairman Speake said our General Aviation representative typically comes from L3Harris, and they are currently going through a purchase which is taking much longer than anticipated, and

this has resulted in a revolving door for staff. The sale should be finalized in January and we will reach out to them after that time for a representative for this Committee.

Operations are going up; L3Harris are adding students and their goal is to get back to 600 to 650 students. November was our busiest month since 2019, and we should finish out the year at just over 300,000 operations.

## FAA

Chairman Speake said Gary Tucker had informed him that he would not be able to continue coming to these meetings because they are now required to do training on noise meetings, and he has no idea when that training is going to happen. Chairman Speake said he does not know when Mr. Tucker or anyone else from the Tower will be able to join us again.

Chairman Speake said he had not been able to get an answer on whether that also applies to F11. If it does, we don't know when they will be able to join us either. So, for now, they will not be part of this Committee.

## IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Speake advised that we have reinstated our Public Comment process which we had in place several years ago. There are forms to be filled in, and the idea is that anyone wishing to speak would fill a form out, he would recognize them, and they would have 3 minutes to make their comments.

Chairman Speake said as this was the first meeting we were bringing this back, we would provide some leeway today if anyone would like to make a public comment. There were no comments.

## V. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- March 18, 2025
- June 17, 2025
- September 16, 2025

Meeting adjourned at 9:16am.

#### **Voting Members**

Chairman George Speake, SAA Erin Archey, Seminole County Ryan Johannsen, Allegiant Scott Runkel, City of Lake Mary

#### **Others Present**

Mr. Carew, Heathrow resident Jane Marsden, Geneva resident Steve Smith, SAA Board Member Mike Gore, Shutts & Bowen Kristina Gilmore, SAA Warda Yakub, SAA Operations

# Non-Voting Members

Maya Athanas, Seminole County