

# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SANFORD AVIATION NOISE ABATEMENT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE ORLANDO SANFORD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT VIGILANTE ROOM TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2025 – 9:00 A.M.

# I. CALL TO ORDER/QUORUM CALL

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. COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATE

# **Voting Members**

Kenneth Starnes City of Sanford (impacted)
Scott Runkel City of Lake Mary (impacted)
Erin Archey Seminole County (non-impacted)

# **Non-Voting Members**

Chris Smith City of Sanford
Michael Lopez City of Lake Mary
Maya Athanas Seminole County

Chairman Speake advised that the above members were all reappointed. This leaves 1 voting member from Seminole County and 1 General Aviation representative still to be appointed.

# III. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 17, 2024, MINUTES

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

# IV. NOISE REPORT: REVIEW OF DECEMBER 2024, JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2025

#### December 2024

 Total Complaints:
 405
 (2023: 405)

 Total Operations:
 22,287
 (2023: 20,744)

### **Complaints by Location:**

Geneva 400 Heathrow 1 Sanford 4

 Number of Households:
 4
 (2023: 4)

 New Households:
 0
 (2023: 0)



# January 2025

 Total Complaints:
 294
 (2024: 294)

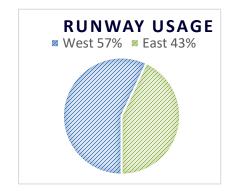
 Total Operations:
 28,585
 (2024: 25,370)

**Complaints by Location:** 

Geneva 290 Lake Mary 1 Sanford 3

 Number of Households:
 3
 (2024: 3)

 New Households:
 0
 (2024: 0)



# February 2025

 Total Complaints:
 324 (2024: 327)

 Total Operations:
 27,113 (2024: 22,310)

**Complaints by Location:** 

Casselberry1Deltona3Geneva310Sanford10

 Number of Households:
 7
 (2024: 7)

 New Households:
 3
 (2024: 3)



Chairman Speake explained that operations are getting back to pre-Covid numbers.

# V. REVIEW OF ANNUAL DATA FOR 2024

Chairman Speake presented the annual data. The highest complainers were as follows:

Jane Marsden	2681 Shad Ln, Geneva, FL 32732	2,845
Dawn Kruger	1752 Cherry Ridge Dr, Heathrow, FL 32746	
Peter Buis	5376 Ohio Ave, Sanford, FL 32771	
Mary Ellen Brower	wer 165 Rosedale Dr, Deltona, FL 32738	
Melissa/Glen Fletcher	3310 Ohio Ave, Sanford, FL 32773	5

All other complainers made 2 or less complaints for the year.

	2023	2024
TOTAL OPERATIONS	267,566	308,867
TOTAL COMPLAINTS	4,269	2,967
TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS	27	21

Chairman Speake said 2024 was a busier year and we had fewer complaints. He predicted that operations would reach 345,000 this year.

Scott Runkel asked if anything could be done to eliminate future complaints from these people.

Chairman Speake said no, that is a very large question in terms of the people that complain.

Mr. Runkel said there were 3 complaints from Deltona in February, which seemed quite high. He asked Chairman Speake if there was something new or something that we need to explain to them, is there anything outstanding that we need to follow up on?

Chairman Speake advised that he had spoken with Ms. Brower and her husband from Deltona and they thanked him for the information he provided them, and they have not made any more complaints since.

Ryan Johannsen asked what time the complaints had been for Ms. Brower, as the 9L project may have caused the issue as that is happening at night and operations are coming into 18.

Chairman Speake said he does not think these complaints are because of the 9L project; they have complained about normal operations. Chairman Speake explained that we are putting new pavement down on our main runway which runs east-west, and the project is happening at night. The majority of our operations after about 10pm are coming in on 18, which is coming from the north, landing to the south. Most people affected by noise are seeing the same impacts, with the exception of Midway. Midway are getting many more, because the planes are around 200ft/300ft over their houses when they are landing. Chairman Speake said Midway are well aware of the project, he has been to several Midway Community meetings ahead of the project and explained the project to them, as it affects that community.

The first new complaint in February was from Sanford. It looks like the aircraft was doing a low approach and then departing, as the tracks do not show it landing.

The second new complaint in February was from Casselberry. Chairman Speake explained that he had spoken with this lady. Originally she had called Orlando Executive Airport, and they had told her it was us. Chairman Speake advised the complainant that she is in an area where there is a lot of flight training activity coming from Orlando Executive Airport and many other Airports.

The third new complaint in February was from Deltona, and Chairman Speake had also spoken with him.

#### **Comments from Committee**

# Other Liaison Reports

### Allegiant Air

Captain Ryan Johannsen said it is coming in to the busy season with Spring Break and people flying into Florida. One new Boeing was added recently, and there is one more to come. Five to seven will be based here and as others are onboarded, they will move to other bases.

#### **General Aviation**

Chairman Speake said L3Harris are still going through the sale to a new investment group, and the name of the flight school is Acron. They are not anticipating any major changes to the flight school. They expect to get back to 650 – 750 students. They are not increasing the number of planes; they are at 83 right now. They fly Monday to Friday from 6am to midnight, and every other Saturday, based on weather during the week.

### FAA

Chairman Speake said he had spoken with Gary Tucker recently and he had nothing to share from the FAA. The FAA will not be attending these meetings until they have had some training related to attending noise meetings, and they have no idea when that training is going to happen. That applies to Sanford ATCT and Orlando.

#### VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

#### Jane Marsden

1. Ms. Marsden said she hates coming to SANAC meetings and she hates filing noise complaints, but what the Airport does is a form of abuse to her health and quality of life.

This Airport states that they own all of the land in the 65DNL zone, but they have not updated all the total noise levels in the area since the early 2000s. Due to the number of people moving to our area, the widening of roads and expansion of bridges, the total noise levels have increased tremendously. She said this Airport is able to take advantage of her property due to the little noise they used to have on their property, but it has increased tremendously.

Ms. Marsden said the Airport conducted two separate noise monitoring studies on her property in 2017, and the DNL was 59.9, and the loudest event recorded was 98.1 at 6:37am. The Airport employee who conducted the study confirmed that he was not able to capture the sound levels and associate them with specific moments in time. She said that tells her there is no way the Airport could have included the weighted penalties for the early and late flights. That was 8 years ago, and the noise in the area has increased tremendously.

- 2. Ms. Marsden said she has never received a response from Chairman Speake, he had asked her to give examples of when the flights turned before reaching her property. Ms. Marsden said when she had given examples, Chairman Speake had said he couldn't tell her why. She said she has witnessed it at times, there will be days when they do turn before going over her property, but she can't get any reasons for that.
- 3. It has also been stated that these new planes are quieter, but her experience is that they are even louder when they are going over her property. They may be quieter in another aspect, but they are not quieter when they are departing or arriving over her property.
- 4. Ms. Marsden said she has been advised to come to SANAC meetings by the Congressman and the FAA and they say this is how she would get things corrected, but nothing has changed and it has only gotten worse. Ms. Marsden said she is in the process of trying to get an independent noise study done that she can present to show what she is actually dealing with. She is going to try to request a special meeting and also get the FAA to attend, but that might be difficult these days.

5. Ms. Marsden said she has seen where the County has recommended that the Airport purchase land within the 60DNL zone. She does not want the Airport to buy her land, she wants the Airport to figure out how to make things better in her area, rather than keep abusing them because it's only going to get worse.

#### **Phoebe Bowers**

- 1. Phoebe Bowers said she lives across the street from Ms. Marsden. She moved back to the area in 2016, and it has gotten worse in the eight years she has been here. The arrivals are loud but the departures are worse. Ms. Bowers said she doesn't understand why the Airport can't change it up. She understands that the wind is a factor, but when they are taking off and heading east, why can't they bend to the south on some days, at least once a week, and give them a break. She said it sometimes starts before 6am and it also wakes her up on some nights. Why can't we alter the way the planes leave the airport and come into the airport, to give them a break?
- 2. Ms. Bowers asked how many complaints it takes to get things done. She said the Airport doesn't understand how much time it takes to make complaints. It takes a lot of time to get on the website, to find how to do it, and then she also has to make a list, that's why she stopped filing complaints.

Ms. Bowers said she has nothing against Allegiant, the problem is she has to listen to this almost every day. She does not understand why they can't just change the route some. She understands the wind has a lot to do with it, but the wind can't come from the same direction all the time every day.

Ms. Bowers asked again how many complaints it takes for the Airport to do something about this, because if she needs to start a campaign... and she feels so sorry for people in Midway as most of them are underprivileged people, and they have it even worse then she does, so they have even less rights, and she doesn't feel like she has any rights, right now.

Chairman Speake explained the process on public comments; we will take the comments down, and he will provide answers to the questions at the next meeting, to the extent that they have not already been answered in the past.

## **Peter Buis**

- 1. Mr. Buis asked why we have the Committee, why do we waste everyone's time? He asked why are we here? Nothing changes.
- 2. Mr. Buis said there is no reason for Allegiant to be flying over the top of his farm and scaring his chickens and goats. He said he would be happy to come over and teach Allegiant how to fly an airplane.

Mr. Buis said nothing gets accomplished. He said he has been coming to this meeting for 20 years, and other than about 6 years ago when he was on a subcommittee with Mr. Carew and Ms. Marsden and Rocky Harrelson was the Chairman, and they got some relief on departures. He said the arrivals are comical, he sees it every day and there is no reason for Allegiant to fly over his farm. He said Chairman Speake's answer is if they don't fly over your farm, they will fly over someone else, and they are going to complain. He said how about we push it over to

someone else and let them be discomforted for 5 years. He asked Chairman Speake where his house is and suggested they should be sent over his house for the next 5 years.

Mr. Buis said nothing changes, we come here and we plead with you and your answer is we will give you an answer in the morning, and the FAA can't do this, nobody can do anything so why do you have this committee? He suggested that all information provided in the meeting could be found online, and it would save a lot of time and energy.

Chairman Speake said he will provide answers to the public comment questions at the next meeting (if they have not been answered previously, some questions have been answered over and over). That does not mean that the answers given are going to be liked.

Chairman Speake said he lives underneath the traffic that goes to Orlando, so he gets planes over his house all day, every day, small planes, large planes, and he is on the path for Orlando Health, where their helicopter has to go, so he experiences noise as well. He has said repeatedly in these meetings, the disruption to someone is different from one person to the next. We are a public use airport and we have to be open for aircraft that want to use the Airport.

## VII. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- June 17, 2025
- September 16, 2025
- December 16, 2025

Meeting adjourned at 9:28am.

# **Voting Members**

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

#### **Others Present**

Mr. Carew, Heathrow resident Jane Marsden, Geneva resident Phoebe Bowers, Geneva resident Peter Buis, Sanford resident Brett Renton, Shutts & Bowen Kristina Gilmore, SAA Warda Yakub, SAA Operations **Non-Voting Members** 

Maya Athanas, Seminole County