

# Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) Full Committee Meeting Summary

Hybrid Meeting // December 14, 2023

## Attendees

22 of 27 committee members\*  
20 support members (in person)  
4 members of the public (in person)

\* One absent committee member is withdrawing from the committee.

## Opening Remarks

Senator Parker, who was the legislative sponsor, talked about the innovation and jobs that could come from AAM. He encouraged a thorough deep dive into existing statutes to allow Texas to be a leader in AAM. He said he is committed for the long haul to make this happen.

Representative David Cook, legislative cosponsor, echoed the Senator and emphasized getting specific information prepared for consideration during the next legislative session. He said Texas is a leader in AAM, but we're not all the way there yet, and our airspace is currently underutilized.

## Introduction of Members and Staff

TxDOT introduced their staff who will be available to support the committee for the duration of the Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) effort. Similarly, Texas State University made the committee aware of their support role.

## Administrative Remarks

This committee is expected to build on, not replicate, the previous UAM (Urban Air Mobility) committee [report](#) with contemporary information and actionable items.

### Key Project Milestones

- August 1, 2024: Draft deliverables available for review by the committee
- October 1, 2024: Revised deliverables available for review by TxDOT
- November 1, 2024: Report and Recommendations delivered to the Legislature
- January 1, 2025: The AAM Committee is disbanded

## Selection of Chair and Vice Chair

- Dan Dalton was elected as the Chair of the committee.
- Michael Sanders was elected as Vice Chair of the committee.

## Chair and Vice Chair Remarks

- The Chair expressed excitement about the future of AAM in Texas and the economic opportunities it presents.

- The Chair emphasized the need for thoroughness in reviewing existing regulations and understanding what needs to be done going forward.
- The Chair and Vice Chair expressed their commitment to supporting the committee's work and ensuring Texas becomes a leader in advanced air mobility.

## Organizational Items

- The committee discussed the meeting schedule and agreed to hold the next full committee meeting the second or third week of January.
- It was suggested that the committee meet quarterly, with working groups meeting monthly to focus on specific areas of interest.

## Committee Member Comments

The committee agreed the report and recommendations need to be tailored for the state legislature. The committee emphasized the importance of providing specific and tangible recommendations to the legislature and protecting state interests and airspace users.

During the discussion, various committee members shared their thoughts and suggestions on different aspects of AAM. Topics included the need for:

- Regulatory review,
- Funding opportunities,
- Workforce development, including academic involvement,
- Fostering community integration at the local level,
- The overlap between AAM and healthcare,
- The value of public/private partnerships,
- The use of AAM for public safety and disaster response,
- The importance of digital infrastructure,
- The need for coordination with operators and existing operations
- The capacity of the electrical grid for AAM,
- Coordination with the FAA, and
- Municipal coordination.

## Public Comments

Members of the public offered statements of support and made the committee aware of existing public education materials developed by AUVSI (Association for Uncrewed Vehicle Systems International) called [AAM Prepared](#).

## Next Steps

- The chair and vice chair will review the discussion and organize the committee's working groups.
- An email will be sent to committee members to confirm the scope and deliverables.
- The committee will reconvene in the second or third week of January to create working groups and discuss specific deliverables.

## Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned, and the committee members expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to serve and their excitement for the future of AAM in Texas.

## Attendance

### Committee members

#### In attendance

- Ahsan Choudhuri
- Amanda Nelson
- Andrew Chang
- Ben Ivers
- Brent Klavon
- Brent Skorum
- Cade Clark
- Cameron Walker
- Dan Dalton (elected chair)
- David Fields
- Ernest Huffman
- Grant Guillot
- Gus Khankarli
- Jason Day
- Jeff Bilyeu
- Jim Perschbach
- Kendall Prosack
- Kim Williams
- Mark Ozenik
- Michael Sanders (elected vice chair)
- Nathan Trail
- Tom Swoyer

#### Not in attendance

- Angel Newhart
- George Kivork
- John Ackerman (withdrawing)
- Maruthi Akella
- Sergio Saenz

### Support

#### State Legislative team

- Senator Tan Parker
- Representative David Cook
- Caleb Humphrey, Sen. Parker's staff
- Nick Eastwood, Sen. Parker's staff
- Sara Trott, Representative Cook's staff

#### TXST team

- Andres Carvallo
- Rebecca Davio
- Matt Pantuso
- Molly Allred
- Michael Seaborn
- Khan Mortuza

#### TxDOT team

- Dan Harmon
- Daniel Bagwell
- Elisa Greenberg
- Erika Kemp
- Fernando Hernandez
- Keifer Odell
- Michelle Burcham
- Stephanie Kleiber
- Zeke Reyna

### Public attendees

- Beth Kigel
- Scott Shtofman
- Ricardo Lopez-Guerra
- Kevin Tipton
- Carlos Swonke

# Agenda

Texas Department of Transportation  
Advance Air Mobility (AAM) Meeting  
December 14, 2023  
9:00 a.m.  
Duro Canyon Conference Room  
6263 E. Stassney Lane  
Austin, Texas 78719

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