



Tweed New Haven Airport Authority (TNHAA)

Environmental Stewardship Committee (ESC)

Minutes of October 14, 2025 via Zoom

Attendance

Members in Attendance: Tom Rafter, Chick Licata, Rose Chatterton, Michael Jones, Linda Hennessey, Justin Donaldson, Giovanni Zinn, Carlos Eyzaguirre

Members Absent: Jeremy Nielson, Ken Dagliere, & David Valentino.

Others in Attendance: Felipe Suriel, Malena Zanjani and Tom Cavaliere.

Minutes

1. Approval of Minutes for the August 19, 2025 ESC Meeting

The minutes were unanimously approved with a motion by Ms. Chatterton and a second by Ms. Hennessey.

2. Noise Monitor Update

Mr. Cavaliere presented a summary of recent noise monitoring. Two portable monitors located on airport property recorded average daily events of 31 and 42 (events ≥ 65 decibels), with typical noise events lasting around 20 seconds. Community noise sources (e.g., traffic, sirens) often exceeded aircraft noise levels. Monitoring will expand into residential areas for further context.

3. ZEV Grant Update

Mr. Rafter reported that the anticipated Zero Emissions Vehicle (ZEV) grant, which included funding for a sweeper and mowers, was not awarded due to shifting federal funding priorities.

4. RSIP (Residential Sound Insulation Program) Update

Mr. Cavaliere noted that approximately 12 homes are currently engaged in the evaluation phase of the RSIP. Eligibility is determined based on the airport's FAA-approved noise contour map and individual home assessments. Work is ongoing with homeowners in this latest phase.

5. Other Business

Air Purifier Program: As of October 1, 2025, 379 eligible applications had been received, 421 codes distributed, and 241 purifiers ordered. Each includes two filters with an expected lifespan of up to two years.

Voluntary Curfew: Mr. Donaldson inquired about curfew enforcement for private aircraft. Mr. Rafter confirmed that private jets are not restricted by the voluntary curfew followed by commercial airlines. An aeronautical user group is being formed to improve operator communication.

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Noise Barriers: Ms. Chatterton suggested exploring highway-style noise barriers. Mr. Rafter acknowledged the idea and noted potential high costs but agreed the topic is worth evaluating further with consultants.

Quieter Aircraft: Mr. Rafter shared that Avelo Airlines has committed to purchasing 50+ quieter, more efficient aircraft, with delivery expected in 1.5–2 years.

6. Adjournment

Ms. Chatterton made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Donaldson. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting concluded at 2:41 PM. The next ESC meeting is scheduled for December 16, 2025, at 2:00 PM EST.