

Economic Impact Subcommittee Meeting Summary

Texas Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) Advisory Committee

Virtual Meeting // February 21, 2024, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon CST (Meeting No.: 1)

Chair: Cameron Walker

Vice Chair: George Kivork

Committee Attendance: Brent Skorup, Cameron Walker, George Kivork, Jeff Bilyeu, Michael Sanders

Summary:

The meeting agenda included opening remarks, housekeeping, reviewing relevant research, discussing workforce education recommendations, and closing remarks.

The subcommittee chose George Kivork as the Vice Chair.

Subcommittee members talked about the importance of education and workforce development, including an immediate need for pilot training and increased funding for engineering and related programs. They also talked about the need for university level degrees, education for real estate and the development industry, urban planning and community development, and a longer-term need for an operator and maintenance workforce.

The subcommittee was encouraged to illustrate the economic impact of AAM by compiling reports of the AAM investments other states have made and their economic impact. The subcommittee was also encouraged to determine the most critical budget needs for the next 2-year cycle rather than focusing on longer-term needs.

Subcommittee members discussed other topics, like the usefulness of utilizing existing infrastructure, such as helipads, and the potential to use AAM in the trucking industry.

Next Meeting: March 20, 2024, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon CST (Virtual)