

Economic Impact Subcommittee Meeting Summary

Texas Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) Advisory Committee

Virtual Meeting // April 17, 2024, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon CST (Meeting No.: 3)

Chair: Cameron Walker

Vice Chair: George Kivork

Committee Attendance: Brent Klavon, Cameron Walker, George Kivork, Jeff Bilyeu

Summary:

The meeting agenda included opening remarks, a recap of the full committee meeting, discussion on workforce development needs and recommendations, and closing remarks.

The subcommittee was briefed on the initial recommendations that were related to the need for a diverse highly skilled workforce in the short-term plan and the need to create a knowledge and skills pipeline through K-12 curriculum in the long term. In addition to these recommendations related to workforce development, the subcommittee further discussed the need for an economic impact study for Texas and a statewide advanced air mobility plan that would set out goals, timeframes, and cover a bigger context for AAM in Texas.

The discussion on the need for workforce development included ongoing programs related to the AAM industry. These were the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) apprenticeship programs, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Program, and the Texas Industry Partnership Program. Based on those programs, the subcommittee refined the existing recommendation. It was noted that developing SOC codes is important for potential participation in workforce development programs.

Considering the importance of an economic impact study, the subcommittee recommended to fund the study to determine the cost benefit analysis for takeoff and landing locations for AAM in Texas, with industry and local partners as funding sources.

Next Meeting: May 15, 2024, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon CST (Virtual)