

Economic Impact Subcommittee Meeting Summary

Texas Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) Advisory Committee

Virtual Meeting // May 15, 2024, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon CST (Meeting No.: 4)

Chair: Cameron Walker

Vice Chair: George Kivork

Committee Attendance: Brent Skorup, Cameron Walker, Ernest Huffman, Jeff Bilyeu

Summary:

The meeting agenda included a summary of the legislative tips, a detailed discussion to revise economic impact recommendations, and review of the other remaining recommendations.

The meeting began with an overview of the legislative tips to aid in the revision of the recommendations. Following that they looked at the crawl, walk, run, and soar phases of AAM to be mindful of where they are and to base their ask accordingly.

Two key recommendations related to the need for funding for AAM workforce development in higher education and K-12 was merged into a single recommendation, which now calls for the creation of an action plan detailing the requirements for developing a robust AAM industry.

Similarly, the recommendations related to the statewide AAM plan and the economic impact study were also combined. The subcommittee also revised the recommendation on the AAM Advisory Committee, suggesting its continuation and expansion to support the statewide economic impact and AAM plan.

During the review of other remaining recommendations, the subcommittee discussed the definition of AAM. They noted that the current AAM state definition includes highly automated aircraft, which would naturally include drones.

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