



**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE  
MESA GATEWAY AIRPORT AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS | March 17, 2026**

A public meeting of the Mesa Gateway Airport Authority (MGAA, Authority) was convened on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room (Saguaro A&B) of the Gateway Administration Building, 5835 S Sossaman Road, Mesa, Arizona.

**Members Present**

Lt. Governor Regina Antone, Gila River Indian Community  
Vice Mayor Scott Somers, Mesa  
Mayor Scott Anderson, Gilbert  
Mayor Chip Wilson, Apache Junction  
Mayor Julia Wheatley, Queen Creek\*

**Airport Staff Present**

J. Brian O'Neill, Executive Director/CEO  
Scott Brownlee, Deputy Director/COO  
Chuck Odom, CFO  
Jeanine Rogers, Interim Clerk of the Board  
Jill Casson Owen, Attorney

*\* Neither present nor represented*

**1. Call to Order** at 9:02 a.m. (Lt. Governor Regina Antone, Chair)

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Executive Director's Report** – J. Brian O'Neill, A.A.E., Executive Director/CEO

Executive Director O'Neill provided a briefing on Gateway Tomorrow, then shared MGAA's financial performance, passenger activity, the community noise report, and various Airport projects.

- Gateway Tomorrow – East Side Terminal Complex Planning presentation to show the Board the location of the new terminal and discussed terminal concepts, phasing, and funding.
- January 2026 Net Operating Income is \$790,820 compared to \$718,562 in January 2025.
- Fiscal Year-to-Date 2026 (FYTD) Net Operating Income is \$3,492,701 compared to \$2,516,182 in FYTD25.
- Gateway Airport welcomed 166,158 commercial passengers during January 2026 compared to the 169,813 passengers during January 2025. FYTD26 commercial passengers' activity is 1,093,213 compared to 1,066,997 in FYTD25.
- For Community Noise Complaints, MGAA had 14 callers in January of this year, and 14 in January last year. This fiscal year, MGAA has had 73 calls, compared to 63 callers last fiscal year.
- Gateway Aviation Services (GAS) pumped 1.82MM gallons of fuel in January 2026 compared to 1.77MM gallons last January. FYTD26, GAS has sold 11.6MM gallons compared to 10.6MM gallons last fiscal year.
- Non-Airline Revenue in January was \$823,000, compared to \$835,000 last January.
- The DHS Shutdown has had a minimal impact at Gateway Airport. Although unpaid, the TSA continues to come to work each day.
- Allegiant has a very busy spring flight schedule, with some days having more than 40 departures.
- The TSA installed a third Explosive Detection System (EDS) machine in Gateway Airport's terminal as a temporary solution to meet the growing number of checked bags being processed. The machine will be in place until their new Checked Baggage Inspection Facility is completed next year.
- Reconstruction of the northern half of Runway 12R-30L (Phase II) began in October 2025 and is on schedule to be completed by the end of the year.

- The Taxiway Golf Realignment and Reconstruction Phase 1 Project is being completed simultaneously with the Runway 12R-30L Reconstruction Project to limit the amount of time Gateway Airport's primary runway is closed for construction.
- The TSA and Gateway Airport are partnering on the development of a new \$44MM Checked Baggage Inspection Facility. Ground preparation, utility installation, and footings are complete and the project is going vertical! Will be substantially complete by August 2027, and completely done in early 2028.
- Flight Safety International is submitting a building redesign.
- SkyBridge Arizona Wyndham Hotel is very close to breaking ground.
- In February, the Gateway East SpringHill Suites by Marriott Hotel project had a groundbreaking photo and the project is underway. Ground has also been cleared for retail development.
- AmpliFLY's design plans for a 140,000+ sq. ft hangar have been approved by MGAA and the City of Mesa is now reviewing them.
- Design plans for the Dunkin' concession near Gate 4 in the terminal are complete and with the City of Mesa for review.
- MGAA is redeveloping websites for Gateway Airport, GAS, and MGAA's Business Development Office.

#### 4. Consent Agenda

- a) **Minutes** of the Board Meeting held on **February 17, 2026**.
- b) **Resolution No. 26-09** – Authorizing a Construction Manager at Risk Construction Services Contract, Early Procurement for Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) 1 with **Pulice Construction, Inc.** for the Taxiway Golf Realignment / Reconstruction – Phase 1 Project in an amount not to exceed \$451,087.99 pending FAA and ADOT grant funding under CIP 1092.
- c) **Resolution No. 26-10** – Approving an Authorization of Services for **Kimley-Horn & Associates** to provide Construction Administration Services for the Taxiway G Realignment / Reconstruction - Phase 1 Project in an amount not to exceed \$546,741.54, pending receipt of FAA and ADOT Grant Funding.
- d) **Resolution No. 26-11** – Approve the 2026 updates and improvements to **Airport Minimum Standards**.

**Mayor Chip Wilson moved to approve the Consent Agenda.**

**Vice Mayor Scott Somers seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

#### Consideration and Approval of:

5. **Resolution No. 26-12** – Authorizing MGAA Executive Director to impose a **landing fee on itinerant aircraft** weighing less than 12,500 pounds Max Gross Landing Weight (MGLW) to increase revenue to support airfield operations, in an amount not to exceed the highest itinerant aircraft landing fee imposed at any other metropolitan Phoenix airport.
- The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requires airports to be financially self-sustainable. Executive Director O'Neill explained that MGAA is constantly exploring opportunities to increase revenue and help make Gateway Airport's various cost centers more self-sufficient.

- Currently Gateway Airport’s Airfield Cost Center operates at an approximate \$2MM deficit each year. MGAA subsidizes Gateway Airport’s Airfield Cost Center with other none airfield revenue.
- Last year, Gateway Airport reported over 305,000 operations (take off/landings), of which over 94% were general aviation flights. A vast majority of the general aviation activity at Gateway Airport does not currently pay a landing fee.
- For several years, MGAA has considered implementing a landing fee on itinerant aircraft weighing under 12,500 lbs MGLW to help offset increasing airfield costs, but has declined to do so because of the significant impact it could have on other regional airports serving greater Phoenix. However, if another airport in the greater Phoenix area were to impose a landing fee on smaller general aviation aircraft first, MGAA would then reconsider and reevaluate its decision due to the changing environment.

**Mayor Chip Wilson moved to approve Resolution No. 26-12.**

**Mayor Scott Anderson seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**6. Board Member Comments/Announcements**

None.

**7. Call to the Public**

None.

- 8. Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 21, 2026** at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room (Saguaro A&B) of the Gateway Administration Building, 5835 S Sossaman Road, Mesa, Arizona. Members of the Mesa Gateway Airport Authority may attend either in person or by audioconference.

**9. Adjournment.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_.

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Jeanine Rogers, Interim Clerk of the Board