



**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE  
MESA GATEWAY AIRPORT AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS | April 21, 2026**

A public meeting of the Mesa Gateway Airport Authority (MGAA, Authority) was convened on Tuesday, April 21, 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\*  
Mayor Mark Freeman, 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  
Misty Johnson, Clerk of the Board  
Jill Casson Owen, Attorney

*\* Neither present nor represented*

1. **Call to Order** at 9:07 a.m. (Mayor Mark Freeman, Vice Chair)
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Presentation** – Chuck Odom, Chief Financial Officer
  - Mr. Odom provided a presentation on MGAA's proposed FY27 Operating and Capital Budget for the Board's review. The Board will be asked to consider the budget for approval at the May 19, 2026, MGAA Board meeting.
4. **Executive Director's Report** – J. Brian O'Neill, A.A.E., Executive Director/CEO  
Executive Director O'Neill shared information on MGAA's monthly and year-to-date financial performance, passenger activity, community noise report, and various other Airport projects:
  - February 2026 Net Operating Income is \$555,148 compared to \$542,319 in February 2025.
  - Fiscal Year-to-Date 2026 (FYTD) Net Operating Income is \$4,047,848 compared to \$3,058,502 in FYTD25.
  - Mesa Gateway Airport (Airport, Gateway Airport) welcomed 174,028 commercial passengers during February 2026 compared to the 173,093 passengers during February 2025. FYTD26 commercial passengers' activity is 1,267,241 compared to 1,240,090 in FYTD25.
  - For Community Noise Complaints, MGAA had 18 callers in February of this year, and 16 in February last year. This fiscal year, MGAA has had 91 callers, compared to 79 callers last fiscal year.
  - Gateway Aviation Services (GAS) pumped 1.79MM gallons of fuel in February 2026 compared to 1.77MM gallons last February. FYTD26, GAS has pumped 13.5MM gallons compared to 12.4MM gallons last fiscal year.
  - MGAA participates in select national air service conferences each year as part of its strategic air service development program. Executive Director O'Neill met with seven existing and prospective airlines during March.
  - Gateway Airport's Facebook followers were recently surveyed to identify the top ten markets they would like to see offered at Gateway Airport. Survey data helps identify and reinforce new airline destinations. The most requested nonstop destinations are in this order; San Diego, Orlando, Chicago, Denver, Seattle/Everett, Dallas – Fort Worth, Las Vegas, Nashville, Tampa Bay and Burbank/Los Angeles.

- Allegiant Airlines is cancelling select flights at Mesa Gateway Airport from July – September due to the increased cost of aviation fuel.
- The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and Gateway Airport are partnering on the development of a new \$44MM Checked Baggage Inspection Facility. Ground preparation, utility installation, footings and concrete block walls are in place and the steel is starting to go up. The TSA and Gateway Airport anticipate the new facility coming online in the fall of 2027.
- 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.
- At the March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Board of Directors authorized the 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 on aircraft below 12,500 lbs. MGLW. On April 16<sup>th</sup> the Authority received a letter from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Office of Airport Compliance recommending Gateway Airport delay the new landing fee while the FAA investigates a similarly situated fee schedule at another Phoenix area airport. The FAA is an important partner of the Airport and MGAA will delay implementation of its new landing fee schedule pending resolution of the FAA's investigation.
- FAA Phoenix Area Modernization is proposing changes to the Runway 30 flight departure paths at Gateway Airport. On May 20<sup>th</sup>, there will be a virtual workshop held by the FAA. The Airport is encouraging neighborhoods and elected officials to attend, giving everyone the opportunity to comment on the proposed FAA changes to the flight departure paths. The Airport is planning a greatly enhanced public outreach program to highlight the proposed flight track changes.
- A one-minute, time-lapse video was shown of the manufacturing of one of Virgin Galactic's six-passenger Delta spaceships being manufactured at Gateway Airport.
- A groundbreaking event was held at the south end of the Airport for the SkyBridge Arizona Wyndham Hotel. The hotel will have more than 125 extended stay and traditional hotel rooms and other first-class amenities. SkyBridge plans to be under construction by summer 2026.

## 5. Consent Agenda

- a) **Minutes** of the Board Meeting held on **March 17, 2026**.
- b) **Resolution No. 26-13** – Authorizing the filing of **grant applications** including agreeing to all understandings and assurances contained therein; and, authorizing the acceptance and execution of any Federal Aviation Administration or other Federal agency, State of Arizona, Arizona County or Arizona Local Municipal grant offer(s), applied for or received between July 1, 2026 and June 30, 2027 by the Chair of the Authority, the Executive Director/CEO, Deputy Director/COO or Chief Financial Officer/CFO.
- c) **Resolution No. 26-14** – Authorizing the purchase of one baggage tractor from **Harlan Global Manufacturing LLC**, in an amount not to exceed \$74,824.02.
- d) **Resolution No. 26-15** – Authorizing the purchase of landside asphalt repair services with **Sunland Asphalt of Arizona, Inc.** for an amount not to exceed \$120,000.

- e) **Resolution No. 26-16** – Authorizing a contract with **Veoci, Inc.** for the purchase, installation, and support and maintenance services, for a Safety Management System in an amount not to exceed \$40,458.33, for the first year of the contract. Subsequent contract years shall be limited to software licensing and ongoing support and maintenance services only, with price adjustments not to exceed six (6) percent annually, provided the adjustments are submitted in writing with sixty (60) days' advance notice. The estimated cost for contract year two for licensing and ongoing support and maintenance services is \$15,916.96. The contract shall have an initial term of three (3) years and shall automatically renew for successive one (1)-year terms unless Mesa Gateway Airport Authority provides at least sixty (60) days' prior written notice of non-renewal.
- f) **Resolution No. 26-17** – Approving an Authorization of Services for **Kimley-Horn & Associates** to provide Engineering Services to perform a Fire Suppression System Review, in an amount not to exceed \$173,536.68 in non-grant funding.
- g) **Resolution No. 26-18** – Authorizing the procurement of wireless network equipment, software, and installation and testing services from **Advanced Network Management, Inc.** in an amount not to exceed \$69,551.
- h) **Resolution No. 26-19** – Authorizing an **Amendment of the FY26 Capital Budget** to provide an additional \$952,000 in funding for the Taxiway Golf Realignment / Reconstruction Phase 1 Project under CIP 1092, subject to receipt of Federal Aviation Administration and Arizona Department of Transportation Grants. The new project total will be \$16,241,000 which includes Design, Early Procurement GMP1, Preconstruction Phase Services, Construction Administration Services, and GMP2.
- i) **Resolution No. 26-20** – Authorizing the Executive Director/CEO and/or a delegate to negotiate, and for the Executive Director/CEO to execute a Construction Manager at Risk Construction Services Contract Guaranteed Maximum Price 2 with **Pulice Construction, Inc.**, for the Taxiway Golf Realignment / Reconstruction – Phase 1 Project in an amount not to exceed \$13,909,000 pending Federal Aviation Administration and Arizona Department of Transportation grant funding under CIP 1092.

**Mayor Julia Wheatley moved to approve the Consent Agenda.**

**Mayor Scott Anderson seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

## **6. Board Member Comments/Announcements**

None.

## **7. Call to the Public**

Mr. Michael Stanley submitted to the Clerk of the Board a public comment card to speak on the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) operations at Mesa Gateway Airport, specifically the Arizona Removal Operations Coordination Center. His request to the Board is to use its authority to engage with ICE, with the City of Mesa, with legal counsel, and with community stakeholders to explore options; encourage ICE to make needed reforms; and agree to regular inspections by Mesa Fire and Medical, with results posted publicly.

**8. Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 19, 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 9:44 a.m.

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

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Misty Johnson, Clerk of the Board