



**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
MESA GATEWAY AIRPORT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS | May 19, 2026**

A public meeting of the Mesa Gateway Airport Authority (MGAA, Authority) was convened on Tuesday, May 19, 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 9:01 a.m. (Lt. Governor Antone, Chair)

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Presentation: 2026 SkyBridge Arizona Annual Report – Will Mosely, SkyBridge Arizona General Manager

Mr. Mosely provided a brief update on SkyBridge Arizona's construction and marketing activities, as well as their progress over the past eight years within their 360-acre Master Development.

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:

- March 2026 Net Operating Income is \$1,075,321 compared to \$1,054,856 in March 2025.
- Fiscal Year-to-Date 2026 (FYTD) Net Operating Income is \$5,123,169 compared to \$4,112,452 in FYTD25.
- Mesa Gateway Airport (Airport, Gateway Airport) welcomed 255,259 commercial passengers during March 2026 compared to the 261,536 passengers during March 2025. FYTD26 commercial passenger activity is 1,522,500 compared to 1,501,626 in FYTD25.
- For MGAA's Community Noise Program, MGAA had 14 individual callers in March of this year, and 16 individual callers in March last year. This fiscal year, MGAA has had 105 individual callers, compared to 95 callers last fiscal year.
- Gateway Aviation Services (GAS) pumped 2.32MM gallons of fuel in March 2026 compared to 2.45MM gallons last March. FYTD26, GAS has pumped 15.78MM gallons compared to 14.84MM gallons last fiscal year.
- For the sixth consecutive month, MGAA is reporting a new monthly record for financial performance.
- On May 18, 2026, the FAA announced that it's moving forward with a pilot program aimed at transitioning a limited number of high-activity contract towers to FAA-staffed towers. The agency has selected the first two contract tower candidates to participate in the pilot program – Bozeman Yellowstone International in Montana and Mesa Gateway Airport in Arizona.

- On May 13, 2026, Allegiant announced it has officially acquired Sun Country Airlines. With all required approvals received, Allegiant announces the transaction combining Allegiant and Sun Country Airlines has closed. Both airlines will continue to operate independently while integration is underway.
- Virgin Galactic's six-passenger Delta-Class spaceships are being manufactured at Gateway Airport. A photo was shared at the Board meeting of the fuselage from the first spaceship as it was being moved from the manufacturing facility to the hangar for testing.
- At the March 17th 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 16th 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. Emails, letters and social media are being utilized by the Airport to educate and encourage residents and community leaders to attend the FAA's virtual, public workshop on May 20th and to submit public comments to the FAA. These are the two opportunities to review the draft of the FAA's Environmental Assessment (EA), and have their voices heard before the FAA makes a final decision on the project. The EA comment period is now open and runs through June 30, 2026.
- The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and Gateway Airport are partnering on the development of a new \$44MM Checked Baggage Inspection Facility. The new 13,000 sq. ft. facility will include two state-of-the-art Explosive Detection System machines capable of processing more than 1,500 checked bags per hour. The steel structure supporting the new facility is complete and the contractor is finishing the roof installation. 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.
- Projects still actively moving forward at the Airport include the following.
 - Garmin Research & Development and Testing Facility
 - FlightSafety International Learning Center
 - Gateway East SpringHill Suites by Marriott Hotel
 - Gateway East Retail Buildings
 - AmpliFLY Hangar
 - SkyBridge Arizona Wyndham Hotel

5. Consent Agenda

- a) **Minutes** of the MGAA Board Meeting held on **April 21, 2026**.
- b) **Resolution No. 26-21** – Authorizing **Alliant Insurance Services, Inc.** under the terms of its existing Insurance Broker / Risk Management Consulting Agreement with the Mesa Gateway

Airport Authority to purchase specific lines of insurance on behalf of the Authority beginning July 1, 2026, not to exceed premium cost of \$699,452.

- c) **Resolution No. 26-22** – Authorizing an agreement for financial participation between the **City of Mesa** and Mesa Gateway Airport Authority to share state and federal lobbyist and consulting services for FY27, effective July 1, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$112,000 for Mesa Gateway Airport Authority.
- d) **Resolution No. 26-23** – Authorizing a contract with **Salt River Project** for Design and Construction Services, to provide electrical power to the Checked Baggage Inspection Systems Building, in an amount not to exceed \$78,416.43.
- e) **Resolution No. 26-24** – Authorizing the procurement of a Terminal Public Address System and installation and testing services from **IES Communications LLC** in an amount not to exceed \$498,469.59.
- f) **Resolution No. 26-25** – Authorizing an agreement with **Innovest Portfolio Solutions LLC** to provide consulting services for Mesa Gateway Airport Authority’s Deferred Compensation Plan in an amount not to exceed \$12,500 for the first year. The agreement will have an initial term of one (1) year, and may be renewed for successive one (1)-year terms upon the mutual written agreement of both parties.
- g) **Resolution No. 26-26** – Authorizing the purchase of Jet A fuel and 100LL Avgas from **Ascent Aviation Group, Inc.** for Airport Authority resale in the amount of \$4,000,000.

Mayor Julia Wheatley moved to approve the Consent Agenda.
Mayor Chip Wilson seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

Consideration and Possible Approval of:

- 6. **Resolution No. 26-27** – Adopting the proposed **Operating Budget, Capital Budget, Debt Service Budget, and Member Government Contributions** for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027.

Mayor Mark Freeman moved to approve Resolution No. 26-27.
Mayor Scott Anderson seconded the motion.
The motion was carried unanimously.

7. Board Member Comments/Announcements

None.

8. Call to the Public

None.

- 9. **Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 16, 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.

10. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

Dated this _____ day of _____ 20__.

Misty Johnson, Clerk of the Board