



**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
PHOENIX-MESA GATEWAY AIRPORT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS | December 17, 2024**

A public meeting of the Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport Authority (PMGAA, Authority) was convened on Tuesday, December 17, 2024, 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

Mayor Julia Wheatley, Queen Creek
Lt. Governor Regina Antone, Gila River Indian
Community
Mayor John Giles, Mesa
Mayor Brigitte Peterson, Gilbert
Mayor Chip Wilson, Apache Junction
** Neither present nor represented*

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

1. **Call to Order** at 9:00 a.m. (Mayor Wheatley, Chairwoman)

2. **Roll Call**

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Call to the Public**

A public comment was made by Marc Garcia with Visit Mesa. He spoke in support of removing Phoenix from the name of the Authority and Airport.

5. **Airport and Authority Name Change Discussion** – City of Mesa Mayor John Giles

With the City of Phoenix removing itself as an owner of the Authority earlier this year, Mayor Giles proposes this is the right time to remove Phoenix from the Authority and Airport name.

6. **Resolution No. 24-58** – Authorizing changing the Airport Authority name to **Mesa Gateway Airport Authority** and changing the Airport name to **Mesa Gateway Airport**, effective December 17, 2024, and to authorize Airport staff to take the necessary steps towards implementing the name change, including preparation of the legal document amendments, rebranding with the new name, coordinating with state and federal aviation officials, and updating the name with industry and business organizations.

Mayor John Giles moved to approve Resolution No. 24-58.

Mayor Chip Wilson seconded the motion.

The motion was carried 4-1.

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

Executive Director O’Neill provided a briefing on various Airport projects.

- Allegiant will begin twice-weekly nonstop service from Mesa Gateway Airport (Airport, Gateway Airport) to Colorado Springs, CO starting in Q1 2025.
- Allegiant’s spring 2025 schedule includes a 35% year-over-year increase in March flights and a 32% year-over-year increase in April flights.

- TSA has committed to providing adequate staffing levels during the Christmas holiday season so as not to disrupt travelers with long lines at the security checkpoint.
- Terminal concession revenue per enplaned passenger continues to climb even with relatively flat passenger activity over the past year.
- Virgin Galactic's hangar and manufacturing facility are complete. The hangar will house the mothership and the manufacturing facility will begin production of the six-passenger Delta spaceships in Q1 2025.
- Gulfstream Aerospace has opened their new West Coast Service Center. This state-of-the-art facility will host a Grand Opening Ribbon-Cutting Event for January 9, 2025. This is a private event by invitation only.
- SkyBridge Arizona is a 360-acre master development project offering both aeronautical and non-aeronautical private development opportunities. SkyBridge has completed the construction of two 250,000 sq. ft. flex industrial buildings designed to accommodate single and multi-tenant users, a 53,000 sq. ft. industrial building, an 82,500 sq. ft. hangar and various roadways and utility infrastructure across the site.
- Gateway East is a 273-acre Airport Business Park located on the east side of the Airport. Construction of a 275,000 sq. ft. manufacturing facility for Gateway East's first tenant, XNRGY Climate Systems, is currently underway. The horizontal infrastructure – roadways, utilities, and landscaping - is progressing. Gateway Boulevard and Aviation Way are now open. The developer, The Boyer Company out of Salt Lake City is working with the City of Mesa for pre-design of a five-acre development at the intersection of Ellsworth Road and Gateway Boulevard that will include a hotel, two retail buildings and a restaurant.
- Gateway Commerce Center III is being developed along the southeast corner of Sossaman Road and Velocity Way. This project is two industrial buildings totaling just less than 100,000 sq. ft. Vertical construction will begin in January.
- Thanks to continued strong support from the FAA, the substantial reconstruction of Runway 12R-30L will be completed over the next two years. Phase I began in October 2024. Once the southern portion is completed, Phase II, the northern half of Runway 12R-30L, will be reconstructed. All of the concrete is being removed, crushed, and reused as the base course before pouring 16" of new concrete. This important infrastructure project totals approximately \$45MM.
- PMGAA is updating the signage for the front entrance of the Airport at the intersection of Ray and Sossaman Roads. A new monument sign, landscaping, irrigation, and lighting will be in place by the end of March 2025.
- The demolition of several old Airport buildings has created a new aeronautical development opportunity at the south end of the Airport. In September a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the ± 8.00 acres of property designated for aeronautical redevelopment was released. The evaluation panel will meet on January 7, 2025 to review all qualified submittals.

8. Consent Agenda

- a) **Minutes** of the Board Meeting held on **October 15, 2024**.
- b) **Resolution No. 24-59** – Authorizing an amendment to the Board of Director's **Procurement Policy 22-01**.

- c) **Resolution No. 24-60** – Authorizing the revised **Airport Rates and Charges** schedule with an effective date of January 1, 2025.
- d) **Resolution No. 24-61** – Authorizing an Authorization of Services with **Kimley-Horn & Associates** (Kimley-Horn) for Design Services for the Airfield Electrical Upgrades Project, in an amount not to exceed \$55,087.73 under CIP 1318.
- e) **Resolution No. 24-62** – Authorizing the Executive Director/CEO and/or delegate to negotiate and for the Executive Director/CEO to execute an Air Carrier Operating Agreement with **Allegiant Air, LLC** for commercial air service at the Airport.
- f) **Resolution No. 24-63** – Authorizing an Authorization of Services with **Combs Construction Company, Inc. (Combs)** for Construction of the Vehicle Service Road, in an amount not to exceed \$595,515 under CIP1322.

Mayor Brigitte Peterson moved to approve the Consent Agenda.
Mayor Chip Wilson seconded the motion.
The motion was carried unanimously.

10. Board Member Comments/Announcements.

Chairwoman Wheatley thanked Mesa Mayor John Giles for his years of service as a member of the PMGAA Board of Directors from 2015 through 2024. She also thanked Gilbert Mayor Brigitte Peterson for her years of services as a member of the PMGAA Board of Directors from 2021 through 2024.

11. Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 21, 2025 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 Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport Authority may attend either in person or by audioconference.

12. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

Dated this ____ day of _____ 20__.

Misty Johnson, Clerk of the Board