



**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
MESA GATEWAY AIRPORT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS | January 21, 2025**

A public meeting of the Mesa Gateway Airport Authority (MGAA, Authority) was convened on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, 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 Mark Freeman, Mesa
Mayor Scott Anderson, 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
Benjamin Hawkins, Attorney

1. Call to Order at 9:03 a.m. (Mayor Wheatley, Chairwoman)

2. Roll Call

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Call to the Public

Scott R. Figgins submitted to the Clerk of the Board a public comment card to speak on public safety and the triennial drill to be held at Mesa Gateway Airport on February 4, 2025.

5. 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.

- Calendar Year 2024 was the second-best year ever for total passenger activity with nearly 1.9MM commercial passengers.
- Allegiant will be adding new nonstop service to Colorado Springs, CO on February 12.
- Allegiant is projecting a 35% year-over-year increase in flights in March and a 32% year-over-year increase in flights in April. To prepare for the increase in passengers, Mesa Gateway Airport (Airport, Gateway Airport) staff is working with TSA and with Allegiant’s third-party contractor, WSF, to ensure their staffing levels will be adjusted to handle the increases in March and April.
- With the New Year and the new Airport name comes a new branding campaign. The Authority is providing education and awareness to staff, tenants, federal, state and local governments, regional communities, business/economic development organizations and current and prospective airlines.
- May 7, 2025 is the federal deadline for domestic airline travelers to have a federally compliant form of identification called Real ID, or in Arizona it’s called Travel ID. Standard Arizona drivers’ licenses and ID cards will no longer be accepted at TSA checkpoints. The Authority is advertising this deadline on the website and social media.
- The exterior of 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 later in 2025. Heavy machinery/assembly equipment will be arriving in the March/April timeframe.

- The official Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting for Gulfstream's new 225,000 sq. ft. West Coast Service Center was held on January 9. Many federal, state, and local elected officials and VIP's were in attendance.
- 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 surpassing \$25MM.
- 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. Phase I horizontal infrastructure – roadways, utilities, and landscaping – is substantially complete. 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 includes two industrial buildings totaling approximately 98,000 sq. ft. Vertical construction will begin at the end of January/early February.
- Thanks to the continued strong support from the FAA, the 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 for the southern half of the 10,400-foot runway has been removed and crushed, and will be reused as the base course for the new runway. This important infrastructure project totals approximately \$45MM.
- The Authority 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 met on January 7, 2025 to review all qualified submittals. A candidate has been selected. The Authority will present this recommendation before the Board for consideration and approval.
- The south end of the Airport's airside service road is being reconstructed to accommodate fuel trucks traveling between the east side and west side of the airfield.
- The Authority has received a federal grant to update the airfield electrical system. Over the next two years the electrical system will be updated in conjunction with ongoing runway projects. This will include new LED lighting, upgrading the vaults, and the wiring connecting the three 10,000 ft. runways and ramp areas.

6. Consent Agenda

- a) **Minutes** of the Board Meeting held on **December 17, 2024**.
- b) **Resolution No. 25-01** – Authorizing a contract with **ARINC Incorporated**, a part of **Collins Aerospace (Collins)** in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 for equipment and installation services for the Airport's Common Use Passenger Processing System (CUPPS) and for five years (a three-

year base term with two optional one-year extensions) of support and maintenance services in an amount not to exceed \$403,122.36.

- c) **Resolution No. 25-02** – Authorizing the purchase of cyber security software and services from **Advanced Network Management, Inc. (ANM)** over a three-year period in an amount not to exceed \$223,285.12.

Mayor Chip Wilson moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Mark Freeman seconded the motion.

The motion was carried unanimously.

7. **Resolution No. 25-03** – Authorizing a sole source five-year contract with **Allegiant Air** for Marketing Services in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 per year.

Mayor Chip Wilson moved to approve Resolution No. 25-03.

Mayor Scott Anderson seconded the motion.

The motion was carried unanimously.

8. **Resolution No. 25-04** – Authorizing the termination of the **SkyB Lot 116-B Development Lease** and to concurrently return **Lot 116-B to the Master Lease Agreement**.

Mayor Mark Freeman moved to approve Resolution No. 25-04.

Mayor Chip Wilson seconded the motion.

The motion was carried unanimously.

9. Board Member Comments/Announcements.

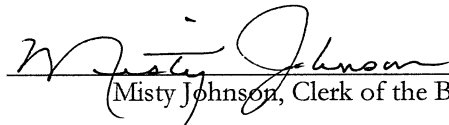
Chairwoman Wheatley welcomed Mesa Mayor Mark Freeman and Gilbert Mayor Scott Anderson as the newest board members of the Mesa Gateway Airport Authority.

10. **Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 18, 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 Mesa Gateway Airport Authority may attend either in person or by audioconference.

11. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

Dated this 18th day of February 2025.



Misty Johnson, Clerk of the Board