



**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
MESA GATEWAY AIRPORT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS | June 17, 2025**

A public meeting of the Mesa Gateway Airport Authority (MGAA, Authority) was convened on Tuesday, June 17, 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
Jill Casson Owen, Attorney

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Call to the Public

There were no public comments.

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

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

- Fiscal Year-to-Date 2025 (FYTD) Net Operating Income is \$4,879,857 compared to \$3,789,692 FYTD24.
- Mesa Gateway Airport (Airport, Gateway Airport) welcomed 184,995 commercial passengers in April 2025. This is up from the 150,785 passengers during April of last year. This marks the best May ever, the sixth consecutive monthly increase, and monthly increases for 11 out of the last 13 months.
- Cargo activity soars in FY25. In May alone, the Airport saw as much cargo activity as in all of FY24.
- FY25 is the highest financial performance year in the history of the Airport, and there are still two months of reporting left in the fiscal year! The record financial results can be attributed to new land leases and increased passenger activity.
- The five-year Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Capital Improvement Plan (ACIP), highlights airfield infrastructure projects identified by the Airport, FAA and Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) as safety and operational efficiency priorities. These identified projects total approximately \$80MM.
- A critical component of the funding plan for a future commercial passenger terminal complex to be located on the east side of the Airport are long-term land leases. The land lease revenue combined with the Airport's expanding commercial air service will enable the Authority to establish a favorable bond rating and secure tens of millions of dollars in General Airport Revenue Bonds as part of a much broader project funding plan. Land lease revenue will be pledged to pay the debt service on these bonds.

- XNRGY Climate Systems, a Canadian-based high-end climate control system manufacturer has hired more than 100 local employees and begun assembling and fabricating HVAC systems for clients at their new 275,000 SF facility/U.S. Headquarters located on the east side of the Airport.
- Gateway Airport provides a Common Use Passenger Processing System to support airline operations at 11 passenger boarding gates and 32 ticket counters. Replacement of all computer hardware and software upgrades will not exceed \$1.4MM. This project is scheduled for completion by July 31, 2025.
- The reconstruction of Runway 12R-30L is halfway through the completion process. Phase I began in October 2024. The southern portion was completed at the end of May. The full runway is open and will remain open until Phase II, the northern half of Runway 12R-30L, begins reconstruction in the fall of 2025, pending a continuation of federal funding. This important infrastructure project totals approximately \$45MM, with a majority of the funding coming from FAA grants.

5. Consent Agenda

- a) **Minutes** of the Board Meeting held on **May 20, 2025**.
- b) **Resolution No. 25-22** – 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 FY26, effective July 1, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$112,000.
- c) **Resolution No. 25-23** – Authorizing an agreement for business continuity plan development services with **Mead and Hunt, Inc.** in an amount not to exceed \$135,665.
- d) **Resolution No. 25-24** – Authorizing the purchase of janitorial supplies from **Waxie Enterprises, LLC** and its affiliates, **BradyPLUS Companies** for FY26, in an amount not to exceed \$171,637.
- e) **Resolution No. 25-25** – Authorizing the purchase of services with the **U.S. Customs & Border Protection** for the fiscal year of 2026 with costs estimated to be approximately \$302,000.
- f) **Resolution No. 25-26** – Authorizing an amendment to the Board of Director's **Budget Policy** 15-04.
- g) **Resolution No. 25-27** – Authorizing the increase to FY26 Budget for Cost of Goods Sold for Jet A fuel and 100LL Avgas from **Ascent Aviation** for Airport Authority resale in the amount of \$2,888,150.
- h) **Resolution No. 25-28** – Authorizing the purchase of Jet A fuel and 100LL Avgas from **Ascent Aviation** for Airport Authority resale in the amount of \$8,000,000.
- i) **Resolution No. 25-29** – Authorizing the purchase of Unleaded and Diesel fuel from the lowest priced **State contract vendor** at market prices for Airport Authority use and resale in an amount not to exceed of \$615,724. This amount will provide fuel for the 2026 fiscal year.

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

6. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Mayor Scott Anderson motioned to nominate Lt. Governor Regina Antone to become Chair and Mayor Mark Freeman to become Vice Chair.
Mayor Chip Wilson seconded the motion.
The motion was carried unanimously.

7. Election of Secretary and Treasurer

Lt. Governor Regina Antone motioned to nominate Mayor Scott Anderson to become Secretary and Mayor Chip Wilson to become Treasurer.
Mayor Mark Freeman seconded the motion.
The motion was carried unanimously.

8. Board Member Comments/Announcements.

Lt. Governor Antone asked if there are any updates regarding the peaceful protests that occurred at the Airport recently. Executive Director O'Neill said there is nothing new to report.

Mayor Wheatley listed a number of the Authority's accomplishments from FY25 and how these translate into hundreds of jobs in the East Valley. During the coming fiscal year, she has asked Councilmember Jeff Brown to represent the Town of Queen Creek on the Authority's Board of Directors.

On behalf of the Mesa Gateway Airport Authority Board of Directors, the member communities, and Airport staff, Lt. Governor Antone presented Mayor Wheatley with a crystal trophy as a token of appreciation for her exceptional leadership during the past year as chairwoman of the Board of Directors.

9. Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 19, 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.

10. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

Dated this ____ day of _____ 20____.

Misty Johnson, Clerk of the Board