



**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE  
MESA GATEWAY AIRPORT AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS | January 20, 2026**

A public meeting of the Mesa Gateway Airport Authority (MGAA, Authority) was convened on Tuesday, January 20, 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

*\*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 9:02 a.m. (Lt. Governor Regina Antone, Chair)
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Motion to convene into Executive Session**  
a) Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431-03 (A)(1), the Board of Directors may convene into executive session for the purpose of discussion and consideration regarding the Executive Director/CEO's annual review.

**Mayor Julia Wheatley moved to convene into Executive Session.**

**Mayor Mark Freeman seconded the motion.**

**The motion was carried unanimously.**

4. **Motion to reconvene from Executive Session to Regular Session (9:59 a.m.)**

**Mayor Scott Anderson moved to reconvene the PMGAA Board of Directors meeting.**

**Mayor Julia Wheatley seconded the motion.**

**The motion was carried unanimously.**

5. **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.
  - Carmen Parks was introduced to the Board. She was recently hired as the Director of Engineering and Facilities for MGAA. She has an extensive employment background with multiple engineering firms and served as the State Airport Engineer for Arizona Department of Transportation.
  - November 2025 Net Operating Income is \$618,221 compared to \$273,098 in November 2024.
  - Fiscal Year-to-Date 2026 (FYTD) Net Operating Income is \$2,373,394 compared to \$1,697,076 FYTD25.
  - Mesa Gateway Airport (Airport, Gateway Airport) welcomed 169,859 commercial passengers during November 2025. This is a new November record compared to the 155,126 passengers during November of last year.
  - FYTD26 commercial passengers' activity is 729,521 compared to 700,953 in FYTD25.

- MGAA Briefs
  - Record-setting passenger activity occurred for Calendar Year 2025 with Gateway Airport welcoming 2,036,218 commercial passengers. Calendar Year 2025 also set a record with the Airport pumping 21,550,596 gallons of fuel.
  - In 2025 Gateway Airport saw 304,874 total flight operations. General Aviation was the bulk of it with 287,119 operations, while 15,344 were commercial operations and 2,411 were military.
  - Starting February 2026, Allegiant will begin services from Gateway Airport to three new nonstop destinations: Orange County, CA (SNA), La Crosse, WI (LSE) and Bloomington-Normal, IL (BMI).
  - Allegiant and Sun Country Airlines announced plans to merge and form a larger, more competitive low-cost airline.
- MGAA Private Development
  - The following private development projects will be underway in 2026.
    - FlightSafety International will begin development of their new 100,000 sq. ft. Learning Center at Mesa Gateway Airport.
    - AmpliFLY Mesa Gateway is designing and building a corporate hangar facility exceeding 125,000 square feet. This significant facility is planned for a 9.6-acre aeronautical redevelopment site at the south end of the Airport.
    - SkyBridge Arizona is planning to develop a 127-room dual-brand Wyndham Hotel along South Sossaman Road. The new hotel will have an extended stay option for longer-term guests and an option for guests looking for one or more nights.
    - Gateway East Springhill Suites by Marriott will be underway in 2026. This is a five-story, 129-room hotel with a restaurant, fitness facility, and conference rooms.
    - Development will begin in Gateway East for 17,000 SF of commercial retail building space at the intersection of Ellsworth and Gateway Boulevard.
    - Macayo's Mexican Food restaurant will be replaced with Cold Beers & Cheeseburgers in the terminal near Gate Five.
    - Dunkin' will be the newest concession opening in the terminal near Gate Four.
- MGAA Project Updates
  - Reconstruction of the northern half of Runway 12R-30L (Phase II) began in October 2025 and is on schedule to be completed later in 2026. This important infrastructure project totals approximately \$45MM. Thanks to continued strong support from the FAA, the substantial reconstruction of Runway 12R-30L will be completed within a two-year time frame. Phase I began in October 2024 and was completed in May 2025.
  - The Taxiway Golf Realignment Project will correct existing pavement issues and non-standard geometry. Construction is contingent on grant funding and this important airfield improvement project is scheduled for completion over the next two years.
  - A new Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Checked Baggage Inspection System installation is currently underway to replace two older explosive detection machines that can only clear 200 checked bags an hour with machines capable of clearing 750 bags an hour. This additional capacity will be necessary as the Airport continues to grow. The Authority and the TSA are sharing the \$46MM project cost.
  - The 200 covered parking spaces located within the Ray Road Economy Lot have experienced tremendous growth in popularity. To meet increasing demand, and to continue to bolster the customer experience, the Authority will be constructing an additional 200 covered parking spaces.

## 6. Consent Agenda

- a) Minutes of the Board Meeting held on December 16, 2025.

- b) Resolution No. 26-01** – Approving an eleventh amendment to the **Executive Director's** employment agreement effective October 1, 2025.
- c) Resolution No. 26-02** – Authorizing an **FY26 budget increase** for Fuel Cost of Goods Sold (COGS) for the additional purchase of Jet A fuel and 100LL Avgas from Ascent Aviation Group, Inc. in the amount of \$6,200,000.
- d) Resolution No. 26-03** – Authorizing the purchase of Jet A fuel and 100LL Avgas from **Ascent Aviation Group, Inc.** for Airport Authority resale in the amount of \$6,200,000.
- e) Resolution No. 26-04** – Authorizing a contract with **Aviatrix Communications LLC** for Website Redesign Services, Website Hosting, and Support and Maintenance Services, in an amount not to exceed \$189,000 for the first year of the contract. Contract years two through five shall be limited to website hosting and ongoing support and maintenance services only, with price adjustments to Aviatrix Communications LLC's professional service fees considered annually, not to exceed five percent (5%), provided such adjustments are submitted in writing prior to the contract anniversary date. Third-party software, licensing, or platform costs, which are not controlled by Aviatrix Communications LLC, may be adjusted based on documented market or vendor increases and shall not exceed such increases. The estimated cost for contract year two for website hosting, ongoing support, and maintenance services is \$34,717.47. The contract shall have an initial term of three (3) years with two (2) additional one (1)-year options to renew, exercisable at the sole discretion of MGAA.

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

**7. Board Member Comments/Announcements**

None.

**8. Call to the Public**

None.

**9. Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 17, 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 10:12 a.m.

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

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Misty Johnson, Clerk of the Board