



**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
MESA GATEWAY AIRPORT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS | June 16, 2026**

A public meeting of the Mesa Gateway Airport Authority (MGAA, Authority) was convened on Tuesday, June 16, 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 (*via audioconference*)

Airport Staff Present

J. Brian O'Neill, Executive Director/CEO
Scott Brownlee, Deputy Director/COO
Misty Johnson, Clerk of the Board
Jill Casson Owen, Attorney

** Neither present nor represented*

1. Call to Order at 9:04 a.m. (Lt. Governor Antone, Chair)

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. 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:

- April 2026 Net Operating Income is \$1,020,446 compared to \$767,407 in April 2025.
- Fiscal Year-to-Date 2026 (FYTD) Net Operating Income is \$6,143,615 compared to \$4,879,858 in FYTD25.
- Mesa Gateway Airport (Airport, Gateway Airport) welcomed 173,742 commercial passengers during April 2026 compared to the 184,995 passengers during April 2025. FYTD26 commercial passenger activity is 1,696,242 compared to 1,686,621 in FYTD25.
- For MGAA's Community Noise Program, MGAA had nine individual callers in April of this year, and 12 individual callers in April last year. This fiscal year, MGAA has had 114 individual callers, compared to 107 callers last fiscal year.
- Gateway Aviation Services (GAS) pumped 1.86MM gallons of fuel in April 2026 compared to 1.85MM gallons last April. FYTD26, GAS has pumped 17.64MM gallons compared to 16.70MM gallons last fiscal year.
- Non-airline revenue for April 2026 is \$1.02MM compared to \$889,371 last April. FYTD26 is \$8.47MM compared to \$8.14MM last fiscal year.
- Due to high oil prices caused by the war in Iran, Allegiant is canceling an additional 20 roundtrip flights (40 flights) in August through November 2026. The impacted cities include Fargo, ND, Cedar Rapids, IA, Idaho Falls, ID and Missoula, MT.
- MGAA's Airfield Cost Center continues to operate at a deficit. With the more than 95% of the 305,000 yearly aircraft operations at the Airport not paying any landing fee to use the Airport, the delta between revenues and expenses is projected to increase.
- The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) recently released a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) as a part of its Phoenix Area Modernization Project. Some of the proposed changes to the Runway 30

flight departure paths at Gateway Airport will route flights over area neighborhoods that have not historically been under departure flight paths. The East Valley drew the largest audience out of the four virtual workshops held recently by the FAA. MGAA is encouraging residents and community leaders to review the EA and have their voices heard before the FAA makes a final decision on the project. The deadline for the EA comment period is June 30, 2026.

- The Airport hosts three websites (GatewayAirport.com, GatewayFBO.com and ChooseGatewayAirport.com). The current websites were developed prior to many of the accessibility standards now in effect and do not fully meet the Americans with Disabilities Act Title II compliance. These three websites are undergoing redesigns and necessary updates to modernize the Airport's digital presence and improve service to the public.
- A Mesa/MGAA fire suppression system study is currently underway. This comprehensive overview of the complete system is to determine how the three fire suppression systems work together and the opportunities available for more tenants to transition to the City of Mesa's water system considering the improvements that have been made to the availability, volume, and flow of water.
- UND's flight school is a long-time partner at the Airport. They are continuing to increase their investment at the Airport with their recent purchase of a hangar on the south ramp.
- Gateway East SpringHill Suites by Marriott is going vertical with steel structure and masonry blocks visible from Ellsworth Road. This five-story, 125-room hotel is scheduled to open in summer 2027.
- In April a groundbreaking event was held at the south end of the Airport for the SkyBridge Arizona Wyndham Hotel. Since that day, crews have been preparing the site and installing utilities and plumbing. The hotel will have more than 125 extended stay and traditional hotel rooms.
- Reconstruction of the northern half of Runway 12R-30L (Phase II) 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.
- 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. Installation of the building's roof is now complete and the concrete flooring is being poured. Interior work is continuing throughout the summer. The TSA and Gateway Airport anticipate the new facility coming online in the fall of 2027.
- Spotted on the tarmac at Gateway Airport is Allegiant's patriotic "America 250" livery on an aircraft to commemorate the nation's 250th Anniversary.

4. Consent Agenda

- a) **Minutes** of the MGAA Board Meeting held on **May 19, 2026**.
- b) **Resolution No. 26-28** – Authorizing the purchase of janitorial supplies from **Waxie Enterprises, LLC** and its affiliates, **BradyPLUS Companies** for FY27, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.
- c) **Resolution No. 26-29** – Authorizing the purchase of services with the **U.S. Customs & Border Protection** for the fiscal year of 2027 with costs estimated to be approximately \$294,065.
- d) **Resolution No. 26-30** – Authorizing the purchase of Jet A fuel and 100LL Avgas from **Ascent Aviation** for Airport Authority resale in the amount of \$12,018,000.

- e) **Resolution No. 26-31** – Authorizing the purchase of Unleaded and Diesel fuel from the lowest priced **State contract vendor** at market prices for Mesa Gateway Airport Authority use and resale in an amount not to exceed \$527,203. This amount will provide fuel for the 2027 fiscal year.

Mayor Chip Wilson moved to approve the Consent Agenda.
Mayor Scott Anderson seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

5. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Mayor Chip Wilson motioned to nominate Mayor Mark Freeman to become Chair and Mayor Scott Anderson to become Vice Chair.
Mayor Julia Wheatley seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

6. Election of Secretary and Treasurer

Mayor Mark Freeman motioned to nominate Mayor Chip Wilson to become Secretary and Mayor Julia Wheatley to become Treasurer.
Mayor Scott Anderson seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

5. Board Member Comments/Announcements

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

6. Call to the Public

None.

- 7. Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 18, 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.

8. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

Dated this ____ day of _____ 20__.

Misty Johnson, Clerk of the Board