



**MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
PHOENIX-MESA GATEWAY AIRPORT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS | May 21, 2019**

A public meeting of the Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport Authority (PMGAA) was convened on **Tuesday, May 21, 2019**, 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 Jeff Serdy, Apache Junction
Lt. Governor Robert Stone, Gila River Indian
Community*
Vice Mayor Robin Benning, Queen Creek
Councilwoman Thelda Williams, Phoenix (*via telephone*)
Mayor John Giles, Mesa
Councilmember Jordan Ray, Gilbert

** Neither present nor represented*

Airport Staff Present

J. Brian O'Neill, Executive Director/CEO
Scott Brownlee, Deputy Director/COO
Chuck Odom, CFO
Maria Gonzalez, Clerk of the Board
Jill Casson Owen, Attorney

Guests Present

Amy Arguilez, Town of Gilbert
Eric Bashaw, CFC
Matt Busby, City of Apache Junction
Candice Copple, City of Mesa
Monica D'Ortenzio, Town of Gilbert
Jenny d'Escoto, Goodmans
Fred Himovitz, HPI
Brian Howard, CEI
Karyn MacVean, Keyser & AZ Spaceport Alliance

Pearl Meza, City of Phoenix
Jose Pablo Martinez, SkyBridge Arizona
Paul Salinas, Wetta Ventures
Nicole Snyder, Johnson Carlier
David Sperling, C&S Companies
David Wetta, Wetta Ventures
Heather Wilkey, Town of Queen Creek
Bob Winrow, WSP
Melissa Yeager, AZ Republic

1. Call to Order at 9:00 a.m. (Mayor Jeff Serdy)

2. Call to the Public.

There were no public comments.

3. Executive Director's Report. - J. Brian O'Neill, A.A.E., Executive Director/CEO

Executive Director O'Neill provided a briefing on PMGAA financial performance, passenger activity, the community noise report, and various Airport projects. Fiscal Year-to-Date (FYTD) Net Operating Income is \$2,858,466.

- The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) was provided with a one billion dollar supplemental budget allocation by the Trump Administration for aviation-related projects. PMGAA submitted a grant request for \$18M to construct a new air traffic control tower. Unfortunately, PMGAA's project was not selected and staff has begun discussions with the FAA and our congressional delegation on a future pathway forward. PMGAA remains optimistic that it will receive funding for this important infrastructure project.
- Air Service Development Update – Service to Kalispell, Montana began on May 10th. Swoop has preliminarily added PMGAA to their Fall 2019 schedule to begin in October. Staff is talking with WestJet and Flair on their possible return for another season.

- Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport (Airport, Gateway Airport) was awarded the 2019 Arizona Airport of the Year from the Arizona Department of Transportation. The Airport was recognized for its success in commercial air service development, exceptional community relations, thoughtful strategic planning, robust private and public investment, and the positive impact the Airport has had on the regional economy. Marketing efforts to highlight this achievement are in progress.
- PMGAA is enhancing the customer experience by adding approximately 200 covered parking spaces in the Ray Road Economy Parking Lot. The covered spaces will be provided at a premium rate that is proposed for approval in the revised Airport Rates and Charges (item #6 on the May PMGAA Board agenda). PMGAA is also constructing covered parking in the Car Rental Ready Lot adjacent to the passenger terminal. Customer Facility Charges (CFC) are being used to pay for the car rental operation enhancements.
- The Taxiway Charlie Construction Project is complete and Runway 30R-12L has reopened for aircraft activity. The FAA, in partnership with PMGAA, provided a significant Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Discretionary Grant to help complete this important \$10M airport infrastructure project. This project provides increased efficiencies for air traffic controllers and enhances aviation-related frontage for the 700+ acres of developable land on the eastside of the Airport.
- LED Ramp Lighting Upgrade – the high-sodium bulbs were replaced with directional LED lighting, and the project is scheduled for completion next week. Staff worked with SRP on rebates to save money, reduce maintenance, and provide better lighting for the airfield.
- Economic Impact of Increased Military Activity – Gateway Airport recently hosted 21 F-18's that were relocating from an aircraft carrier in Jacksonville, Florida to their home base in San Diego. During their two-day stay, the group purchased approximately 53,000 gallons of aviation fuel, booked 20 hotel rooms in Gilbert, and spent money at local restaurants. These types of transient military visits provide substantial economic benefit to the region.
- PMGAA celebrated its 25th Anniversary as a Joint Powers Authority and commercial service Airport. To mark the occasion, arriving passengers on a lucky Allegiant flight from Minot, ND found colorful gift boxes revolving around the baggage carousel when they arrived to claim their baggage. The boxes contained various gift certificates, airlines vouchers, snacks and other prizes from Allegiant and several generous East Valley businesses.

4. **SkyBridge Annual Report.** Jose Pablo Martinez, Vice President & Chief Project Officer - Mesa SkyBridge, LLC

As required in the Master Development Agreement, Mr. Martinez briefed the Board on prior year activity, the initiation of the Environmental Assessment required by the FAA, SkyBridge Arizona's growing presence at Gateway Airport, the takedown status and two Cat-Ex development projects, the Unified Cargo Processing Program, and the project's overall marketing strategy.

5. **Consent Agenda**

- a) **Minutes** of the Board Meeting held on **April 16, 2019**.
- b) **Resolution No. 19-22** - Authorizing Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport Authority's insurance broker, **USI Insurance Service LLC**, to purchase benefit plans (medical, dental, vision, basic life/accidental death & dismemberment, short-term disability and employee assistance program) from various carriers. This consists of an 18-month renewal July 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020 with an estimated plan cost of \$1,052,198 for the fiscal year.

- c) **Resolution No. 19-23** - Authorizing the **Denver Series of Lockton Companies, LLC** (Lockton) under the terms of its existing Insurance Broker/Risk Management Consulting Agreement with the Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport Authority to purchase specific lines of insurance on behalf of the Authority for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 at an aggregate premium cost not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$425,704.

**Mayor John Giles moved to approve the Consent Agenda
Councilmember Jordan Ray seconded the motion.
The motion was carried unanimously.**

Consideration and Possible Approval of:

6. **Resolution No. 19-24** Adoption of the revised **Airport Rates and Charges** schedule, effective June 1, 2019.

**Councilmember Jordan Ray moved to approve Resolution No. 19-24
Mayor John Giles seconded the motion.
The motion was carried unanimously.**

7. **Resolution No. 19-25** Authorizing a contract with **Snell and Wilmer L.L.P.** for Primary Legal Counsel Services.

**Mayor John Giles moved to approve Resolution No. 19-25
Vice Mayor Robin Benning seconded the motion.
The motion was carried unanimously.**

8. **Resolution No. 19-26** Authorizing a ground transportation license Agreement with **Raiser, LLC (Uber)** to provide Transportation Network Company (TNC) service at Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport. The Agreement term shall be through December 31, 2019.

**Mayor John Giles moved to approve Resolution No. 19-26
Councilmember Jordan Ray seconded the motion.
The motion was carried unanimously.**

9. **Board Member Comments/Announcements.**

There were no comments or announcements.

10. **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room (Saguaro A&B) of the Gateway Administration Building, 5835 S Sossaman Road, Mesa, Arizona.

11. **Adjournment.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

Dated this 18th day of June, 2019.



Maria E. Gonzalez, Clerk of the Board