



**MINUTES OF THE  
WILLIAMS GATEWAY AIRPORT AUTHORITY  
BOARD MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 17, 2009**

**AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBERS**

Mayor Scott Smith, Mesa  
Mayor Art Sanders, Queen Creek  
Councilwoman Thelda Williams, Phoenix \*\*  
Mayor Steve Berman, Gilbert  
Lt. Governor Joseph Manuel, Gila River Indian Community

*\*\* neither present nor represented*

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Bryan Amarel, Hensel Phelps Construction Co.	Ken Halverson, KMH Holdings
Nikki Amberg, City of Mesa	Dr. Keith Hjelmstad, ASU Polytechnic
Roc Arnett, East Valley Partnership	Larry Kieser, Mesa Police Department
Ken Beckwith, Cessna	Johannes Kurz, Gilbert Resident
Andre Bonser, East Valley Tribune	Floyd Moore, Valle del Oro
Chris Brady, City of Mesa	Jim Peterson, City of Phoenix
Scott Butler, City of Mesa	Scot Rigby, City of Mesa
Jeff Carr, Air Force Research Laboratory	Christopher Schmaltz, Gust Rosenfeld
Shane Dille, Town of Queen Creek	John Schroeder, Chandler-Gilbert Community College
Tamie Fisher, City of Phoenix	Pat Tennant, ASU Polytechnic
	Paul Womack, Phoenix Fire Center

**AIRPORT STAFF PRESENT**

Sam Cruz, Business and Properties Specialist  
Casey Denny, Deputy Director  
Doug Drown, Director of Financial Planning & Budgeting  
Walter Fix, Director of Planning and Special Projects  
Gretchen Hawkins, Executive Assistant/Clerk to the Board of Directors  
Lynn Kusy, Executive Director  
Marian Russey, Grants and Procurement Manager  
Brian Wallace, Business Systems Analyst

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Smith at 9:04 a.m.

## **AWARDS, GUEST INTRODUCTIONS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Airport Executive Director Lynn Kusy presented 10-year service awards to Sam Cruz and Brian Wallace, and a 15-year service award to Marian Russey.

## **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no comments from members of the public.

## **PROGRESS REPORTS**

- ASU Polytechnic – Dr. Keith Hjelmstad, Vice President & Dean, College of Technology & Innovation, reported the University is under extraordinary financial stress resulting from recent budget cuts. Dr. Hjelmstad shared the following financial impact:
  - \$88 million has been cut in fiscal year 2009;
  - loss of 550 staff positions and 200 faculty positions;
  - a hiring freeze;
  - 10-15 day furlough of all 12,000 employees; and
  - substantial reorganization of administrative units.

Dr. Hjelmstad noted that the 2010 budget is unknown, but the Polytechnic campus could possibly be put in jeopardy. He said the reorganization includes moving some programs to other campuses. Some programs have been merged and some have been “disestablished.” He noted that all students will be able to complete their degrees. Dr. Hjelmstad said he “remains optimistic” and that spring enrollment is up 8 percent over fall’s enrollment.

Mayor Smith expressed concern about some of the programs moving to different campuses. He said ASU Polytechnic needs to continue to offer leadership. He also said he hopes the changes are temporary. Mayor Berman added that others have interpreted a “lack of concern” by the public, but he reassured Dr. Hjelmstad that the member governments are concerned. Mayor Sanders stated that ASU is of major importance, both publicly and personally.

Lt. Governor Joseph Manuel was introduced as a new Board member representing the Gila River Indian Community. Lt. Governor said it was an honor and pleasure to be a part of the Board and he looks forward to helping things move forward.

- Chandler-Gilbert Community College (CGCC) – Provost John Schroeder reported that CGCC was named for the third year in a row to the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. He noted that 2,100 CGCC faculty members, staff, and students donated over 80,000 hours to the community.

Engel Hall grand opening is Monday, February 23.

The new hangar facility grand opening will be Wednesday, March 11, just prior to their Annual Maintenance Symposium.

A bid opening for the fire sciences and general studies building remodeling is today.

Enrollment is up about 4.5 percent at the Williams campus for spring.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT Executive Director’s Report –Updates on:**

**Construction ♦ Commercial Service ♦ Finance ♦ 2010 Budget ♦ Economic Stimulus Program**

**♦ Review of Monthly Staff Reports - Lynn Kusy, Executive Director**

Mr. Kusy provided highlights from the staff reports:

- Gallons of fuel delivered up 5.8 percent over December of last year
- Mayor Smith appeared in a television commercial about flights at Gateway
- 10 callers made 23 noise complaint calls (one person made 8 calls)
- Last week's Allegiant Air conference was well attended and Lynn and Casey had good interaction with other airport personnel throughout the Allegiant system
- Hawker Beechcraft submitted expansion plans to City of Mesa
- Revenues are down 14 percent
- Expenses are down 11 percent. In total for the year we are at \$35,000 negative compared to budget
- Staff is managing expenses to balance the decrease in revenues which are due to real estate and reduced general aviation flying
- Gateway handled 357,000 passengers for calendar year 2008
- Staff expects 30,000 enplanements in March
- Allegiant's load factor is over 92 percent
- 37 percent of all Allegiant's ticket sales are initiated in the Phoenix-Mesa area without any advertising in this market
- John Barry will attend Network 2009 in March and will meet with six airlines

Mr. Kusy gave a PowerPoint presentation which provided highlights of calendar year 2008, and outlined the draft FY 2010 operating and capital budgets. Mr. Kusy said staff will bring the budget back to the Board for discussion in March.

Mayor Smith commented that it is better to compare the draft 2010 budget figures to the projected 2009 figures rather than the adopted 2009 budget, especially where the projected figures differ substantially from the budget. Mr. Kusy assured the Board that staff carefully analyzes expenditures to date and anticipated expenditures when developing budgets for future years.

**CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of Board Meeting held on December 15, 2008

**CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-01** – Approving Authorization of Services with DWL Architects & Planners, Inc. for a Code Study for Hangar 24 in the Amount of \$34,498.59

**Mayor Berman moved to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2008 Board meeting and Resolution No. 09-01. Mayor Sanders seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

**CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-02** – Recommending Approval of Amendment #1 to the Amended and Restated Joint Powers Airport Authority (JPAA) Agreement Dated May 22, 2006 to Officially Change the Name of the JPAA to Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport Authority.

**Mayor Berman moved to approve Resolution No. 09-02. Mayor Sanders seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

**INFORMATION ITEM:** Food and Beverage RFP (no discussion)

**NEXT MEETING:**

Monday, March 16, 2009 – 9:00 am

**ADJOURN**

The Board adjourned the meeting at 9:53 am.