



**MINUTES OF THE  
WILLIAMS GATEWAY AIRPORT AUTHORITY**

**BOARD MEETING**

**MARCH 16, 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**

Matt Busby, City of Apache Junction	Larry Kieser, Mesa Police Department
Scott Butler, City of Mesa	Johannes Kurz, Gilbert Resident
Shane Dille, Town of Queen Creek	Floyd Moore, Valle del Oro
Ken Halverson, KMH Holdings	Jim Peterson, City of Phoenix
Fred Himovitz, HPI	Scot Rigby, City of Mesa
Dr. Keith Hjelmstad, ASU Polytechnic	Christopher Schmaltz, Gust Rosenfeld
	Art Thomason, Arizona Republic

**AIRPORT STAFF PRESENT**

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Smith at 9:03 a.m.

## AWARDS, GUEST INTRODUCTIONS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

No report.

## 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, commented that ASU’s budget issues are far from resolved but he wanted to report on some positive activities. He provided a clarification about ASU Polytechnic’s Bachelor of Applied Science degrees by explaining the plan is to reconstitute broader and more flexible degrees. The fire program is an example of a program which will be incorporated into other degrees.

The campus welcomed new students last week.

Other building projects include Backus Mall which will open this summer, an auditorium renovation, and a new residence hall which will open in late 2010.

- Chandler-Gilbert Community College (CGCC) – Mayor Smith reported that he attended the CGCC hangar ribbon cutting ceremony.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT - Review of Monthly Staff Reports – Updates on: Construction ♦ Commercial Service ♦ Finance ♦ Economic Stimulus Program - Lynn Kusy, Executive Director**

Mr. Kusy reported that he and Deputy Director Casey Denny attended the Allegiant Air 2009 Airport Conference. He noted that Mr. Denny made a presentation on our terminal expansion project.

- The Airport will average about 54 to 59 flights per week, handled approximately 44,000 passengers in February, and anticipates about 60,000 passengers in March.
- Cessna opened their Citation Service Center.
- Gateway’s Design Review Committee reviewed plans for Fire Station #215 and for the Crownair facility.
- Income and expenses are each down over \$700,000 for the year.
- Gateway will receive no stimulus funds, but staff has applied for Military Airport Program funding at \$5 to \$7 million per year over a five-year period.
- Staff received three ADOIT grants totaling \$310,000.
- Staff applied for a Department of Homeland Security funding grant for law enforcement officer reimbursement.

Mayor Sanders thanked Mr. Kusy and staff for their hard work and Mayor Smith reported that he recently met with FAA staff in Washington DC. He noted that FAA staff said, “Phoenix–Mesa Gateway Airport is a shining example of good things that can happen.” He said FAA is “. . . excited about our potential,” and “will work to ensure funding commitments continue.”

**CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL** of Minutes of Board Meeting held on February 17, 2009.

**Mayor Berman moved to approve the Minutes of the February 17, 2009 Board Meeting. Mayor Sanders seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

**CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-04** – Authorizing a Contract with Regional Pavement Maintenance of Arizona, Inc. for Pavement Maintenance Services at a Cost of \$111,979.44.

This item was removed from the agenda for future consideration.

**CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-05** – Adopting member government contributions for fiscal year 2009-2010.

Mr. Kusy briefly reviewed this resolution and said it has been reviewed with all city managers. He noted that the FY 2010 contributions are the same as the FY 2009 contributions, and that there has been no increase in local government contribution in six years.

**Mayor Sanders moved to approve Resolution No. 09-05. Mayor Berman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

**CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-06** – Adopting Budget Package for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

This agenda item was tabled and will be brought back for consideration at the April Board meeting. Doug Drown gave a presentation on the draft fiscal year 2010 budget package.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

Monday, April 20, 2009 – 9:00 am. The Airport's 15-year anniversary luncheon is scheduled for 11:30 the same day.

#### **ADJOURN**

The Board adjourned the meeting at 9:31 am.