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Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport Authority Names J. Brian O'Neill, A.A.E. Executive Director/CEO

MESA, Ariz. — The Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport Authority (PMGAA) Board of Directors unanimously voted today to remove the “Interim” tag and appoint J. Brian O’Neill, A.A.E. as full-time PMGAA Executive Director/CEO. O’Neill had served as Interim Executive Director/CEO since June 2nd, and as the Airport Authority’s Deputy Director/COO. O’Neill has more than twenty years of airport management experience; previously serving as Deputy Airport Director at Manchester-Boston Regional Airport for eight years before joining PMGAA.

“It is an honor to work for a Board that is committed and supportive; a privilege to work with a team of employees so dedicated and talented; and a pleasure to work with elected officials and their staffs in neighboring communities that truly understand the economic importance of this airport,” stated O’Neill in accepting his new position. “Gateway Airport is a dynamic place to work and I look forward to the many challenges ahead.”

According to PMGAA Board Chairman Mesa Mayor John Giles, “During his tenure with the Authority, Brian has proven himself as a knowledgeable and experienced aviation professional, enthusiastic leader, and an asset to the East Valley. We are confident in his ability to grow Gateway Airport.”

Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport is experiencing record-setting passenger activity as more and more Valley air travelers and sun-seeking visitors choose its unparalleled convenience and value. In recent months, Allegiant Air has added new nonstop flights to Sonoma County, CA, Cleveland, Memphis, Des Moines, and Fresno. For more information about the Airport or Allegiant’s service, please visit www.gatewayairport.com.

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About Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport Authority

Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport is owned and operated by the Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport Authority, which consists of Mesa, Gilbert, Queen Creek, Gila River Indian Community, Phoenix, and Apache Junction. Gateway Airport welcomed 1.3 million passengers in 2015 and offers nonstop service to 39 popular destinations through its airline partner Allegiant Air. The Airport has more than 1,000 acres of undeveloped land available for future job growth in the East Valley. For more information, visit www.phxmesagateway.org.

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