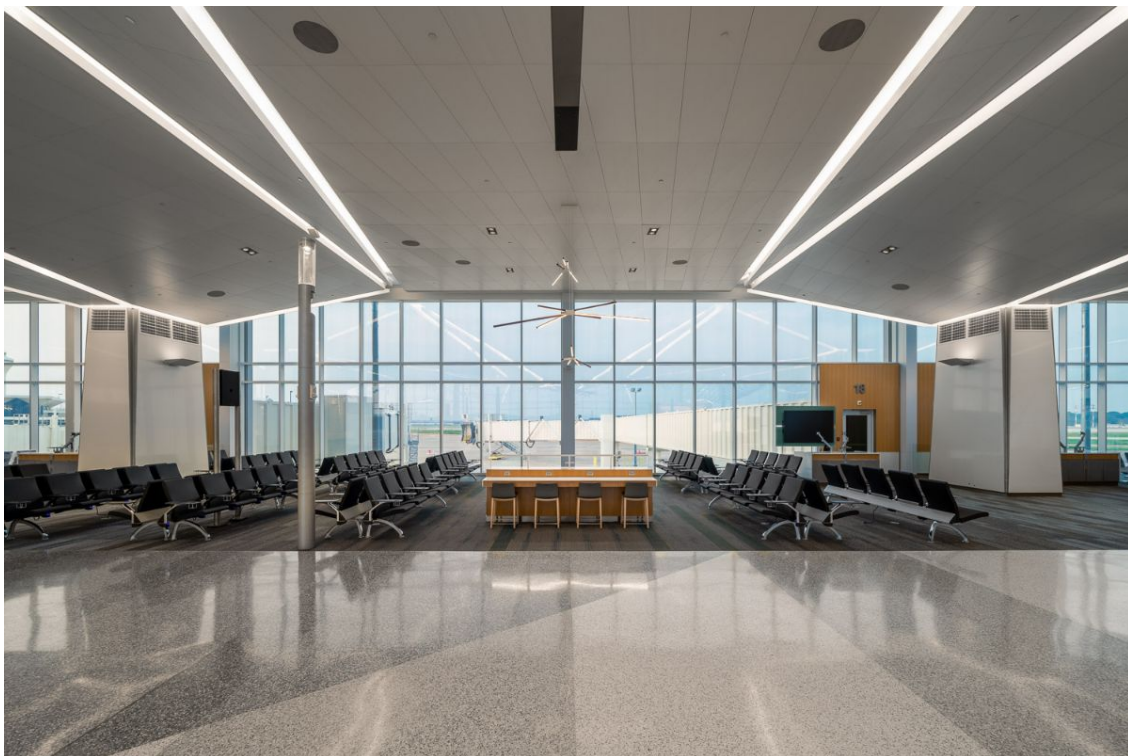




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Memphis International Airport to open new concourse on February 15

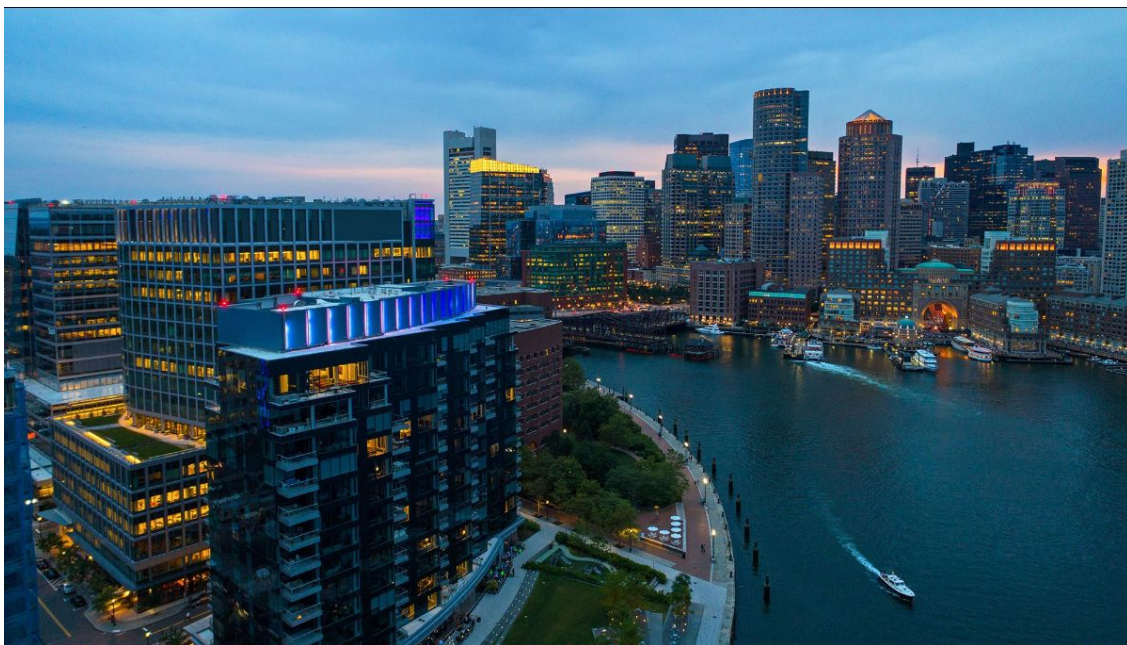
Memphis International Airport (MEM) will open its modernized B concourse on Tuesday, February 15. The first flight at the new concourse is scheduled to be a Delta Air Lines flight arriving at MEM at 6:18 pm. Departing flights will begin operations at the new concourse on Wednesday, February 16.

employees will also conduct training for their staff in the coming weeks. Progress on the project has been slowed in recent months by COVID, workforce, and supply chain-related issues.

The multi-year project features the modernization of the spine and east leg of MEM's B Concourse as well as consolidation of all airline, retail, and food/beverage operations. The redesign includes the addition of wider corridors, moving walkways, larger boarding areas, higher ceilings and increased natural lighting. The project also includes much-needed seismic upgrades.

"This is an exciting day for MEM, Memphis, and our passengers," said Michael Keeney, Chairman of the Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authority Board of Commissioners. "We are truly reinventing the Memphis travel experience, and we can't wait to welcome our passengers on February 15."

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Delta Air Lines to launch nonstop Memphis-Boston service in September

Delta Air Lines has announced that it will launch daily nonstop service between Memphis International Airport (MEM) and Boston Logan International Airport (BOS) starting September 6, 2022.



The route was originally scheduled to begin in October 2020, but had been delayed due to the pandemic. Delta will utilize a 76-seat Embraer 175 aircraft for the route, which will operate daily. Tickets are on sale Saturday at www.delta.com.

Delta's number of destinations at MEM to seven, joining Atlanta, Detroit, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, New York, and Salt Lake City.

Schedule

Memphis to Boston

- Departs: 7 a.m. (CST)
- Arrives: 11 a.m. (EST)

Boston to Memphis

- Departs: 6:30 p.m. (EST)
- Arrives: 9:05 p.m. (CST)

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2021 TSA checkpoint numbers show rebounding traffic at MEM

While the pandemic continues to impact the airport and airline industry, TSA checkpoint figures for 2021 showed a strong rebound from 2020. TSA at MEM screened 1,959,891 in 2021, an increase of 70.4% compared to 2020 and a decrease of 23.8% compared to 2019.

Checkpoint numbers were even stronger during the final eight months of 2021, which



Airport Authority board elects Michael Keeney as Chairman

Michael Keeney has been selected as the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for the Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authority (MSCAA). Keeney, the sixth executive to hold the chairman's title in the Airport Authority's history, was unanimously elected for a five-year term by board members at their December 16, 2021 meeting. He succeeds Pace Cooper, whose term as Chairman ends on December 31, 2021. Keeney's term begins January 1, 2022.

Commissioners also selected Pamela Z. Clary, executive vice president and partner for Community Capital LLC, as Vice Chairwoman, and Jim Keras, president of Jim Keras Automotive Group in Memphis, as Secretary.

Keeney joined the MSCAA board in 2015.

"I am honored to serve in this role and I am grateful to our outgoing chairman, Pace Cooper, and my fellow commissioners for their outstanding leadership," said Keeney. "I look forward to working with this talented MSCAA management team as we launch a new era for Memphis travelers."

He has practiced law since 1993 and formerly served as the managing shareholder of the Memphis office of Lewis Thomson law firm. Keeney is a 1992 graduate of the University of Tennessee College of Law in Knoxville, TN, and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy from Lambuth College in Jackson, TN, in 1988.

Keeney currently serves on the board of directors for Orgill, Inc. and BankTennessee.

An active community volunteer, Keeney serves on several nonprofit boards including the board of directors for the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Memphis, Christian Brothers University, West Clinic Foundation, Dixon Gallery and Gardens and is a member of the University of Memphis Board of Visitors. Keeney is a member of the Tennessee Sports Wagering Advisory Commission and serves as President of the University Neighborhoods Development Corporation.



Memphis City Council approves appointment of Belinda Anderson to Airport Authority Board

The Memphis City Council has approved the appointment of Belinda Anderson to the Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authority (MSCAA) Board of Commissioners. Anderson, who was nominated by City of Memphis Mayor Jim Strickland, will serve her new term from January 1, 2022 until December 31, 2028.

Anderson has extensive experience in the airline industry, beginning as a flight attendant for Republic Airlines and later managing the airline's Memphis Worldclub, which later become the Delta Skyclub. She served for seven years on the Tennessee Aeronautics Commission, which maintains oversight of funding and regulatory related issues for the state's commercial and general aviation airports.

An active community volunteer, Anderson currently serves as an Executive Board member for both the Levitt Shell and Leadership Memphis. She formerly served as a board member for Memphis Tourism, Mid-South Fair, Overton Park Conservancy, and the Memphis Symphony Orchestra. Anderson is a member of the 2001 Leadership Memphis class.

“Belinda Anderson is a dedicated public servant, and her experience in the aviation industry will enrich the important work of our Airport Authority,” said Mayor Strickland.



Airport Authority VP of Finance/CFO Forrest Artz to retire in October

Forrest Artz, Vice President of Finance/CFO for the Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authority (MSCAA), has announced his retirement effective October 29, 2022. Artz joined MSCAA in 2008 and he has 23 years of experience in the aviation industry. His leadership responsibilities include managing MSCAA’s strategic business, preparing and monitoring the airport’s budget, managing airline use and lease agreements, negotiating rates and charges to ensure a strong financial airport position, treasury oversight, revenue bond debt issuance, risk management, and federal and state grant oversight. Artz oversees the Airport’s Procurement, Properties, Human Resources, Finance and IT departments. MSCAA will begin an immediate national search for his successor.

“Throughout Forrest’s tenure with MSCAA, we have consistently maintained a very strong financial foundation,” said Scott Brockman, MSCAA President and CEO. “He has been instrumental to the success of many critical projects including debt management, use and lease agreements, and navigating our financial operations through both a de-hubbing and a pandemic. We are so grateful for Forrest’s contributions to the airport and our community, and wish him the best in the future.”

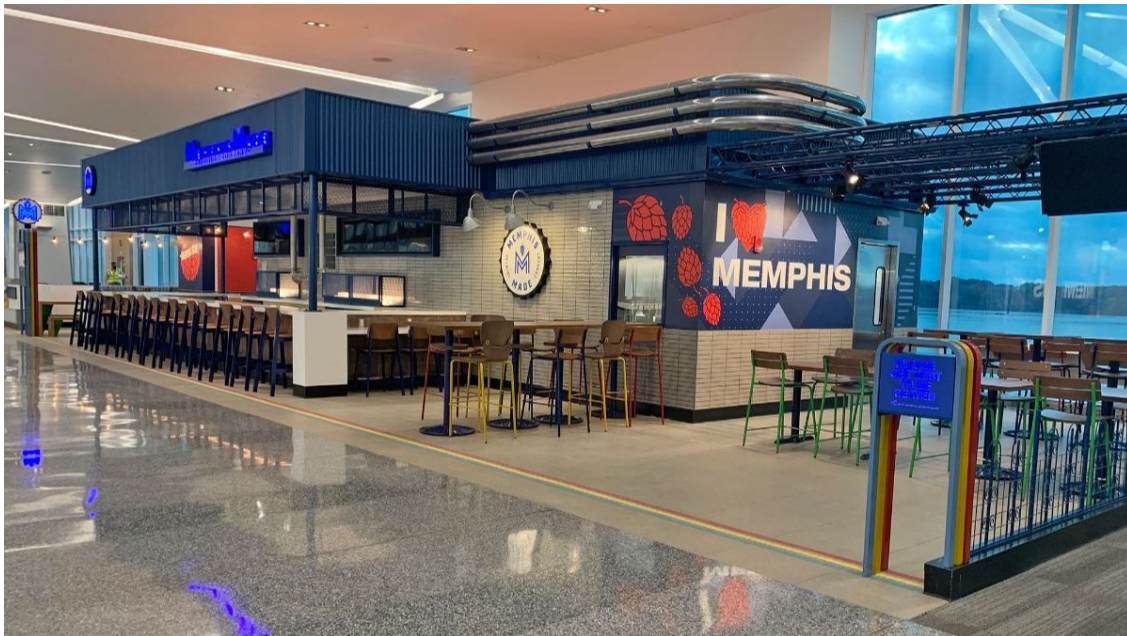
Artz was recently honored by the Memphis Business Journal as a finalist for its 2021 Nonprofit CFO of the year. He has been instrumental in numerous critical projects for MSCAA and Memphis International Airport, including. Under his leadership, MSCAA has

An active member of the community, Artz was appointed as Chairman of the Memphis & Shelby County Sports Authority in 2014. He is a member of the Leadership Memphis Executive Class of 2018.

Before joining MSCAA, he served the Deputy Comptroller for the City of Chicago's Aviation Department overseeing O'Hare International and Midway Airports' financial activities for more than 10 years. Artz also previously served as an Audit Manager with Deloitte & Touche and as the Finance Manager for the City of Tucson.

He received a B.S. in Accounting from the University of Arizona and is a licensed CPA. Artz is a graduate of Cochise College with a focus on the professional pilot's program, holds a commercial pilot's license and is a Certified Flight Instructor (CFI).

He and his wife, Melinda, have two children and three grandchildren.



Finishing touches being added to B Concourse ahead of grand opening

Construction crews continue to work to complete the modernized B Concourse. While many aspects of the construction have been completed, the primary remaining work remains in the airline operations space beneath the gate areas. The construction has been slowed by COVID, workforce, and supply chain-related issues but crews are trying to complete it as quickly as possible. MEM is now planning to open the concourse on February 15, 2022.





Significant work remains in the airline operations space underneath the gates.

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