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Haley Gentry stumbled upon the aviation industry while looking for a summer internship while in college in 1991. She landed the internship and never looked back. Haley became the Chief Executive Officer and Aviation Director of Charlotte Douglas International Airport in 2021 and toward the end of March, she welcomes the Southeast Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives to her beautiful and historic City of Charlotte, North Carolina. The SEC-AAAE extends its appreciation to Haley for the invitation and for the hard work and dedication of her staff to provide a successful conference for the association.

Mayor Dickens Appoints New Airport General Manager of Hartsfield ... - News List | Atlanta, GA
News List | Atlanta, GA
ATLANTA— Mayor Andre Dickens announced Ricky Smith as the new General **Manager** of Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International **Airport** beginning April 2, ...

Orlando airport authority names Lance Lytle new CEO - The Business Journals
The new CEO was a finalist in a prior search and currently is managing **director** for one of the nation's largest **airports**.

Fired for feeding cats? Proposed policy has Hilton Head Island airport workers on edge.

Post and Courier

Hilton **Head Airport** officials proposed policy would prohibit feeding animals on airport property. Workers worry feeding the airport cats could get ...

Southwest pilot charged with DUI, arrested at Georgia airport - Yahoo

Yahoo

A Southwest Airlines pilot is facing DUI charges after showing up to a **Georgia airport** while intoxicated. ...
WRBL **Columbus** · Southwest Airlines pilot ...

Georgetown Executive Airport manager focused on safety, expansion - Community Impact

Community Impact

As the city grows, **Airport Manager** Matthew Sommerfeld is planning accordingly to keep the airport running.

Cape Coral airport concept presented to City Council - Gulfshore Business

Gulfshore Business

Gary Young was named Naples city **manager** · Naples' CFO formally appointed Naples city **manager**, city **manager's** new job disclosed · Runways at Naples ...

Here's what will replace the Memphis airport concourse - Daily Memphian

Daily Memphian

A new administration building will replace the **Memphis International Airport's** former A concourse. Terry Blue, the Memphis-Shelby County Airport ...

New flights added at Golden Triangle Regional Airport - WJTV

WJTV

... **Airport**,” said **airport** Executive **Director** Matt Dowell. “American Airlines has [...]. Local Mississippi Breaking News Story from CBS 12 New WJTV ...

Greenbrier Valley Airport lands new satellite flight school - WOAY-TV

WOAY-TV

Nancy Ritter, **chief** of aviation operations at Marshall's Bill Noe Flight School said, “Marshall University is committed to collaborating with partners ...

Orlando International Airport Invests \$650 Million in Overhaul to - Hoodline

Hoodline

Orlando **International Airport** is investing \$650 million to upgrade its outdated baggage system and improve passenger experience amid surges in ...

Morgantown Municipal Airport to start new phase of runway extension project, will coincide ... - WAJR

WAJR

— Officials at the Morgantown **Municipal Airport** hope that new developments taking place in 2025 will help kick the tires on the long-awaited runway ...

Head of Greenville-Spartanburg International **Airport** to step down - GSA Business Report

GSA Business

Edwards has served as the president and CEO of the GSP **Airport** District since July 2009. He began his **aviation** career with the Dade **County Aviation** ...

Details on the Marshall Flight School coming to the Greenbrier Valley **Airport** - Real WV

Real WV

By Stephen Baldwin, RealWV. "My phone has been ringing off the hook all morning," said Martha Livesay, **Director** of the Greenbrier Valley **Airport** ...

Metropolitan Nashville **Airport** Authority Expands its Leadership Team | BNA

Nashville International Airport

Previously, Levya served as the Senior **Director** of Commercial **Management** at Raliegh Durham (RDU) International **Airport**, where she played a pivotal ...

How should **airports** attract and retain staff to build a strong pipeline of talent?

International Airport Review

As Vernon Taylor said: "You don't want to say to an employee, 'Well, I know you want to be a VP or SVP or **Director**, but you've got to wait for this ...

RDU to hear ideas on redeveloping a county park - Axios Raleigh

Axios

What they're saying: "I am truly heartbroken," WRAL reported youth mountain biking team **director** Elise Freed said. ... **airports** must lease land at fair ...

Florence Regional **Airport** plans for growth, new leadership | Pee Dee News

Post and Courier

Executive **Director** Brad Beadles wants new planes to Orlando, Disney World at the Pee Dee's **airport**. Passenger rates up after COVID with new ...

Boca Raton **Airport** Opens Its Observation Deck

Boca Raton Magazine

... executive **director** of the Boca Raton **Airport** Authority. The observation space rises at a gentle slope to a 4-foot incline, with a circular path ...

Delta Air Lines named anchor tenant for Tampa International **Airport's** Airside D

Tampa Bay Business and Wealth Magazine

... **Airport's** planned Airside D ... Will Smith Aviation, in Tampa, has acquired Charter **Manager**, a 135-licensed charter operator.

Pensacola **Airport** goes intergalactic for Pensacon - WUWF

WUWF

"It's a beautiful day today," said Ken Ibold, the deputy **airport director** as he welcomed Pensacon management, members of the press, and a slew of ...

Hartsfield-Jackson launches small-business concessionaire boot camp

Atlanta Journal-Constitution

Actually **managing** businesses in the world's busiest **airport** can be ... **director** of concessions at Hartsfield-Jackson International **Airport**.

McFARLAND JOHNSON ANNOUNCES EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP CHANGES

Tom Kendrick Named Chief Executive Officer of Engineering

Binghamton, NY, Feb 4, 2025 – McFarland Johnson Inc. today announced that its Board of Directors has appointed Thomas Kendrick, Chief Executive Officer of Engineering (CEO) for the employee-owned company, effective February 1, 2025.

“After an extensive and rigorous national search, the Board is pleased to announce Thomas Kendrick as our new CEO. With his exceptional skills and vast experience, Tom is poised to lead our engineering operations and drive the growth and innovation of our technical practices to new heights,” noted Chad Nixon, President and Chairman of the Board of McFarland Johnson.

On his appointment, Thomas Kendrick commented, “I am humbled by this opportunity, and I look forward to collaborating with our talented team of professionals to continue bringing our award-winning technical services and innovative suite of proprietary technology solutions to our clients and communities.”

Kendrick is a licensed Professional Engineer with over 30 years of experience in consulting engineering. He joined McFarland Johnson in 2007 and most recently served as Division Director of Transportation where he led a multi-disciplinary team of professionals in the development of infrastructure projects for both public and private clients. He is active in several professional associations, including the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) and the National Center for Employee Ownership (NCEO). For the past five years, Kendrick has served on the Board of Directors for McFarland Johnson.

James M. Festa, who had previously announced his intention to retire from the company, having served as CEO since January 2020, and held several leadership roles since 2008, retired on January 31, 2025.

“The Board would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Jim Festa for his strong leadership and contributions to McFarland Johnson over the past two decades. His leadership and commitment have been instrumental in shaping the company into what it is today,” said Nixon. Festa will continue to serve as an external member of the McFarland Johnson Board of Directors.



Thomas Kendrick
Chief Operating Officer of Engineering
McFarland Johnson, Inc.

[Memphis airport lands seven new flights for 2025. Here's where they will take you. - Yahoo](#)

Yahoo

Memphis International Airport will have seven new flights, including seasonal trips and Nashville service. Here's a look at destinations and ...

[Coastal Carolina Regional Airport celebrates record growth and plans for expansion in 2025](#)

WCTI

This past year was a great success for the airport along with the community we serve,” said **Airport Director** Andrew Shorter. “We had a record ...

[Several projects underway at GSP as airport expects another record-breaking travel year](#)

WSPA

... **Airport** communications **manager**. To meet the demands of more travelers, several projects are underway. Breeze Airways announces 3 new destinations ...

[RDU wins back Memphis flight, adds another Florida destination - Triangle Business Journal](#)

The Business Journals

Breeze Airways is shaking up the flight options at Raleigh-Durham **International Airport** with five new routes.

[CLT Airport Commissions North End Around Taxiway | Mecklenburg Times](#)

Mecklenburg Times

... **Chief** Infrastructure Officer Jack Christine. “By reducing aircraft crossings on Runway 18C-36C and improving traffic flow, this project directly ...

[Louisville SDF plans to complete \\$260M in renovations over next two years](#)

WHAS11 News

... **Airport** Authority **Director** Dan Mann said. In the next two years, travelers can expect to see a new, expanded security checkpoint, significant ...

[Tri-Cities Airport service expansion 'off the table' for now - Kingsport Times News](#)

Kingsport Times News

Let to right, Tri-Cities **Airport** CEO Gene Cossey and BRIDGE Executive **Director** John Rose address the Kingsport Board of Mayor and Aldermen at its work ...

[Daytona Beach International Airport earns safety award from the FAA | Observer Local News](#)

Observer Local News

... **Airports**, FAA; Dan Blake, **director** of Operations, DAB; Jasmine Evains, department **director**, Southern Region, Office of **Airports**, FAA. Courtesy ...

[Charleston International explores new path for gate expansion project - Post and Courier](#)

Post and Courier

Officials at South Carolina's busiest **airport** are proposing changes ...Island Cafe turned herself in to the ...

[Blue Grass Airport President & CEO Honored with Prestigious Recognition](#)

Public now

Regionally, Frankl served as President of the Great Lakes Chapter in 2004 and was honored as Kentucky **Airport Manager** of the Year in both 2012 and ...

[Florence Regional Airport partners with BETA Technologies to install South Carolina's first ...](#)

Vertical Magazine

Florence Regional **Airport director** Brad Beadles stated: "We are proud to partner with BETA on such an innovative and emerging technology as electric ...

[FBO at Florida's Naples Municipal Airport Shows Off Its New Home | AIN](#)

Aviation International News

Naples Jet Center, an independent FBO at Naples **Airport** (KAPF) in Florida, has inaugurated its new terminal as part of a three-year \$15 million ...

[Miami International Airport earns straight A's from bond rating agencies - Travel Daily News](#)

Travel Daily News

"This achievement is a testament to the exceptional leadership of MIA **Director** and CEO Ralph Cutié, the dedication of our industry partners, and the ...

['We need help': Ga. airport underfunding could hinder expansions - MSN](#)

MSN

Municipal **airports** across South **Georgia** could see ... **Columbus** only receive \$16 million from the FAA and \$2.8 million from the state.

[New Orleans Airport Director Kevin Dolliole Appointed to Airports Council World Governing Board](#)

Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport - WP Engine

[Michael Baker International Announces Pair of Promotions within Southern Region Aviation Practice](#)

PR Newswire

Firm names Quintin Watkins, P.E., Southern Regional Practice Lead - Aviation, and Mark Kistler, P.E., Technical **Manager** - Aviation.

[Kingsport BMA will support new airline service at Tri-Cities Airport | News | timesnews.net](#)

Kingsport Times News

During Tuesday's voting meeting, John Rose, the executive **director** of BRIDGE was present again to answer questions from the aldermen.

[Jay Odom, Okaloosa airports director file joint lawsuit against Odom's former partner](#)

The Northwest Florida Daily News

Jay Odom and Okaloosa **Airports Director** Tracy Stage sue ex-partner Robert Smith, alleging racketeering, extortion and threats to county **airports**.

CLT **airport** CEO opens up on final stages of \$4B expansion - The Business Journals

The Business Journals

Haley Gentry became CEO and aviation **director** of Charlotte Douglas International **Airport**, known as CLT, in 2021. Sign up for our free newsletter. Sign ...

Please see below for a press release regarding a new whitepaper from SSP, highlighting the latest trends across the travel industry.

A link to the full whitepaper can be found [here](#).



Key West International **Airport** director wins FAA service award - NewsBreak

NewsBreak

Monroe County Commission recognized Key West International **Airport** Executive **Director** Richard Strickland recently after he was named the Federal ...

Charleston International **Airport** begins construction on new parking garage - Yahoo

Yahoo

NORTH **CHARLESTON, S.C.** (WCBD)— A multi-million dollar construction project is underway at the Charleston International **Airport**.

Miami **airport** breaks records with growth and upgrades

International Airport Review

Miami-Dade County Mayor Daniella Levine Cava, alongside county officials, Miami International **Airport** (MIA) **Director** and CEO Ralph Cutié, **airport** ...

SkyWest operator United Express selected as Essential Air Service carrier at Morgantown **Airport**

WAJR

... airport will have jet service providers at the airport. Morgantown Municipal **Airport Director** Jonathan Vrubel is excited for the opportunity to ...

2024 was Hartsfield-Jackson's second busiest year in history, **airport** says - 11Alive.com

11Alive.com

Airport Interim General **Manager** Jan Lennon highlighted the **airport's** future growth. "Surpassing 108 million passengers in 2024 is a testament to ...

Fliers Will Soon Pay to Park at Lakeland **Airport** - LkldNow

LkldNow

Airport Director Kris Hallstrand said they are hoping that the paid parking will begin sometime by the end of April. The funds will generate ...

Naples **Airport** board keeping exploratory study on move alive

Naples Daily News

Honing the exploratory study. Executive **Director** Chris Rozansky said in an interview Feb. 25 that he is talking to the consultants, Environmental ...

Hicks: A Mt. Pleasant **airport** rumor can fly halfway 'round the world on the never-wrong web

Post and Courier

In 2023, when the **Charleston County Aviation Authority** opened two new hangars at Mount Pleasant Regional Airport, the facility was declared built-out.

Lakeland **airport** will improve parking lots soon, and implement paid parking by summer

Lakeland Ledger

Kris Hallstrand, Lakeland's **airport director**, said work will begin immediately to construct several improvements to Lakeland Linder's general parking ...

FAA wants tougher air traffic control staffing regulations at Reagan National

NBC4 Washington

... **Airport** in response to the tragic midair collision near the **airport** Jan. ... **manager**,” the agency said in a statement. We've got the news you ...

Tampa International **Airport** Opens New Airside E Security Screening Checkpoint

Airport Suppliers

Laurel Lee, Transportation Security Administration Federal Security **Director** Kirk Skinner and Suffolk Construction's General **Manager** in Tampa Jim ...

Spring break travelers fill the **Memphis International Airport** | localmemphis.com

localmemphis.com

Spring break travel is in full swing. Author: **localmemphis.com**. Published: 6:38 PM CDT March 10, 2025. Updated: ...

Bill to rename Nashville International **Airport** for President Donald Trump revived - WKRN

WKRN

Additionally, Warner said Tennesseans across the state help fund the **airport**, not just Nashville. ... **Manager**. Wade Bourne Nature Center at Rotary Park.

Spirit Airlines announces new flights from Charlotte starting in May - WCNC

WCNC

Illegal gambling machines found at Charlotte arcade after **manager** shot in parking lot, search warrant says ... **Airport**. The announcement comes just days ...

Volunteer piano player at Charlotte **airport** auditions for American Idol - WBTV

WBTV

(WBTV) - One of ...

Airline announces four new routes from Wilmington International **Airport** - Yahoo

Yahoo

Jeff Bourk, Wilmington International **Airport director**, said in the release he is excited to see Avelo grow again and is thankful for its continued ...

Greenville-Spartanburg International **Airport** wins 5 awards for best passenger experience

Anderson Independent Mail

... **director** general at **Airport** Council International World. "Your success in the **Airport** Service Quality (ASQ) Awards highlights your team's ability ...

Corporate Air customs facility at Vero Beach **airport** almost complete - Treasure Coast Newspapers

Treasure Coast Newspapers

... **Director** Helene Casesltine. "The increased traffic could draw a lot ... Other nearby **airports** of similar size are Witham Field in Stuart ...

Groundbreaking event shows need for new concourse at Southwest Florida International

Naples Daily News

... executive **director** and CEO of the Lee County Port Authority, which operates the **airport**. The **airport** must keep pace with that growth, and the new ...

New Solo Art Exhibits Take Flight at Nashville International Airport Tennessee Artists Shine in Renowned Rotating Display at BNA

Nashville, Tenn. (March 17, 2025) – The Spring/Summer installment of the Flying Solo series at Nashville International Airport® (BNA®) has officially debuted, welcoming travelers to partake in an immersive artistic journey. These new exhibits will be on display through June 27, 2025, showcasing the works of talented Tennessee artists including James Allen, William Arthur, Sean Coffey, Mark Flake, Dalia Garcia, and Blaine Steiner.

The Flying Solo series is a respected, rotating art exhibit that offers art organizations and gifted artists an opportunity to exhibit their work at BNA each season. The artwork on display covers a wide spectrum, ranging from striking paintings and thought-provoking photographs to intricate blown glass pieces. These artistic expressions are carefully curated to provide travelers with a genuine taste of Nashville's thriving arts scene.

Created in 1988, BNA's Arts at the Airport is an ever-growing, ever-changing showcase of cultural diversity and creative talent in Tennessee. The terminal and surrounding facilities were designed to incorporate rotating public art exhibits, permanent acquisitions, and opportunities for live entertainment performances throughout the airport.

In Memoriam

Bill Hogan

A man much loved and greatly missed. Bill was the original Corporate Member on the SEC-AAAE Board of Directors and he represented the SEC-AAAE and the corporate community with great dignity and decorum. His memory will dwell forever with the Southeast Chapter - AAAE.



**You should host a Goal Digger event at your airport.
Interested?**

**Contact Judi Olmstead, AAE
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