



## NORFOLK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

# Norfolk Airport Authority Names Mark Perryman as Executive Director and CEO of Norfolk International Airport

### *Airport Planning Leader Selected as Robert Bowen Retires*



**Norfolk, VA (March 10, 2022)** – The Board of Directors of the Norfolk Airport Authority voted unanimously to appoint Mark Perryman as Executive Director and CEO effective May 1, 2022. Perryman succeeds Robert Bowen, who has served as Executive Director since 2016. Bowen’s retirement culminates a 34-year career with the Norfolk Airport Authority and a 45-year career in aviation.

Perryman will retire at the end of March as Chief Executive Officer of Landrum & Brown (L&B), an international airport consulting and design firm with offices on six continents. A 31-year veteran of L&B, Perryman brings a global understanding of airport issues and solutions with a focus on airport planning, design, operations, and business development. His skills have benefitted some 200 airports around the world, including Master Planning at Norfolk International Airport.

“For me, this is an opportunity of a lifetime. I am excited to become part of the Norfolk community and work with a great team of airport professionals to continue to grow and develop Norfolk International Airport to meet the traveling needs of the public we serve,” says Perryman.

“Mark Perryman is a proven transformational leader and consensus builder,” says Airport Authority Chairman Malcolm Branch. “Thanks to the steady leadership of Robert Bowen and his team, especially during a period of unprecedented challenges in the aviation industry, Mark inherits a well-run, fiscally stable organization which has just completed its first ever Strategic Plan for the future. I am excited about the future of passenger service in the Hampton Roads and northeast North Carolina communities.”

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*Norfolk International Airport is the major airport serving coastal Virginia and northeast North Carolina and presently ranks in the top 14% of the country's airports in terms of passengers served annually, with over 3.3 million passengers and over 62,000 flight operations in 2021. The Airport is a significant asset to the region, providing global access for airline passengers and cargo, furthering regional commerce, and improving quality of life. One of the most powerful economic generators in the region, the Virginia Department of Aviation estimates the Airport's consolidated economic impact in 2019 exceeded 17,300 jobs that paid about \$775 million in earnings, with GDP of more than \$1.3 billion and total economic output of \$2.2 billion.*