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The Bishop International Airport Authority Announces New Appointment for Airport Director



Craig Williams, A.A.E.

FLINT, MI – Following a four-month search that commenced on March 19, 2014, the Bishop International Airport Authority has named Craig Williams as the new Airport Director at Bishop International Airport in Flint, Michigan.

Williams was unanimously voted into the position Tuesday afternoon, July 22. He is expected to begin in Flint by Labor Day and will take over the reins from current airport director Jim Rice, who announced his retirement in January, 2014, following 24 years in the position.

In his new position, Williams will administer all aeronautic activities according to policies established by the BIAA and will plan, coordinate, direct and be responsible for all activities associated with the operation of Bishop International Airport and related economic development activities.

Most recently, Williams served as the Director, Operations & Facilities with the Fort Wayne-Allen County Airport Authority, a position that he held for 2 years after functioning as the Director, Administration & Finance at the same location since 2007. Williams has previously worked as a Senior Aviation Consultant for Reynolds, Smith, and Hills, and has also held positions with the American Association of Airport Executives and the Helicopter Association International.

"If things go right, I get to spend a month with him," said Rice, who has a projected retirement date of October 8. "I'd like to spend a month to introduce him. He'll transition into this very well."

"I am excited to take over at Bishop International Airport," said Williams. "This is an airport that has been well-managed over the years and has a staff that is eager to do great things. I look forward to working with the staff, Board, and the local community."

Williams holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Aviation Administration from Indiana State University in Terre Haute, Indiana, and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia. He is an Accredited Airport Executive (A.A.E.) with the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE) and is the Co-Chair for 2015 National Air Service Conference.

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