

The Greater Orlando Aviation Authority Announces Selection of Director of Finance



Kathleen Sharman, CPA

ORLANDO, FL – Following a nationwide search, the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority has selected Kathleen M. Sharman, CPA, to be the new Director of Finance at the Orlando International Airport (MCO). Sharman will begin her new role in September 2015.

As Director of Finance, Sharman will report to the Chief Financial Officer and is responsible for all finance, accounting, financial reporting, and financial application activities for GOAA. Sharman will also provide guidance and advice to other directors and staff regarding financial policies and procedures, and direct the department in implementing those policies and procedures. She will have oversight responsibility for a department of approximately 30 employees and will directly supervise up to six employees.

As a seasoned financial professional, Sharman brings over 30 years of experience to her new position at MCO. Most recently, she served as the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and Treasurer for the New Jersey Transit Corporation (NJT) where she supervised more than 300 accounting, finance, risk management and real estate professionals and managed an operating budget of over \$2 billion. Prior to her work with the New Jersey Transit Corporation, she was the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer with the State Road and Tollway Authority in Atlanta, GA. As Director of Finance for the South Jersey Transportation Authority (SJTA), her experience spanned across transportation modes to include aviation and tolling. SJTA is the owner and operator for the Atlantic City International Airport (ACY). Sharman was responsible for oversight of various state and federal grants used for the ongoing airport expansion, assisted in development of the rates and charges model at ACY, and developed strict budget monitoring and cost-cutting initiatives for the Authority.

“I am excited to be joining the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority team in ensuring safe, reliable and efficient airport operations for the benefit of the residents and visitors of Central Florida,” said Sharman. “Additionally, I am looking forward to using my skills and expertise to advance GOAA’s transportation infrastructure initiatives to further improve upon the Orlando experience.”

Sharman holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Accounting from George Washington University in Washington, DC, and is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA). She has been heavily involved in numerous industry groups and associations.

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