

## The Tulsa Airports Improvement Trust Selects New Chief Executive Officer



Mark VanLoh, A.A.E.

TULSA, OK – Following a nationwide search, the Airports Improvement Trust has selected Mark VanLoh, A.A.E., to be the new Chief Executive Officer. VanLoh is slated to begin his new position on February 13, 2017.

Board members selected VanLoh among five finalists for the position, said trust Chairman Jeff Stava.

In his new role, VanLoh is responsible for all functions related to the operation and management of Tulsa International Airport, R. L. Jones, Jr. Airport and Okmulgee Regional Airport. VanLoh’s primary responsibilities include developing and implementing both short- and long-term plans to assure growth and retention of commercial air service, as well as related economic development activities.

VanLoh brings over 30 years of aviation-related experience to his new position. He most recently served as the Kansas City Aviation Director, a position he’d held since 2004. He was highly successful in developing hundreds of acres of vacant airport land into job producing property; grew the airline service; and developed a strong financial balance sheet that will serve the airport well into the future. Prior to Kansas City, VanLoh also served as airport director for Chattanooga Airport Authority, City of Cleveland, Toledo Port Authority, and Rockford Airport Authority.

VanLoh will “make us even more nationally competitive,” said Mayor G.T. Bynum, a board member.

VanLoh has been very involved in the aviation community and has held numerous committee and board positions for the American Association of Airport Executives (A.A.A.E.), Airports Council International – North America (ACI-NA) and community Boards. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Aviation Management from the Minnesota State University and holds certification as an Accredited Airport Executive (A.A.E.) from A.A.A.E.

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