

The Athens-Clarke County Unified Government Announces New Airport Director



Michael Mathews

ATHENS, GA – The Athens-Clarke County Unified Government has appointed Michael Mathews as Airport Director for the Athens-Ben Epps Airport. In this role, he will manage the day-to-day operations of the Airport, enforce FAA rules and regulations, direct the development of commercial airline services, and assist with the general marketing of the Airport including its new 18,000-square-foot LEED certified, \$4.5 million terminal facility.

Mr. Mathews has been director of the Richard B. Russell Regional Airport in Floyd County, outside Rome, Georgia, since 1997. He begins at Athens-Ben Epps on July 9.

Mr. Mathews replaces interim airport director David Fluck, who has served as both the Central Services Department director and the interim airport director since the retirement of former airport director Tim Begerly in August 2017. Mr. Fluck will continue serving as the Central Services director.

Mr. Mathews currently serves on the Board of Directors and as treasurer of the Georgia Airports Association. Mr. Mathews, who started learning how to fly at 15, has worked in flight operations and as a dispatcher for three air carrier operations in Georgia, South Carolina and Tennessee. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Organizational Management from Covenant College and was trained to be a Federal Aviation Administration certified aircraft dispatcher at the Sheffield School of Aeronautics. Mr. Mathews is also a private pilot.

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