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Centennial Airport Names New Executive Director

Director of Planning and Development Mike Fronapfel tapped to become the next airport director.

ENGLEWOOD, CO—The Arapahoe County Public Airport Authority announced it has named Michael Fronapfel as its next executive director, effective Oct. 17, replacing outgoing executive director Robert Olislagers.

Fronapfel, who holds a B.S. in Aviation Management from Metropolitan State University of Denver and began his career at Centennial Airport in 1998 as an operations intern. He then went on to become the airport's very first noise officer and would play an integral role in establishing many of the public outreach programs within the airport's noise office and programs.



Michael Fronapfel, CM

"I am truly honored to follow in the footsteps of director Robert Olislagers," Fronapfel said. "He has brought so much, not only to this airport, but to the entire aviation industry. I look forward to the opportunity to lead Centennial Airport and to continue the very successful legacy that Robert leaves behind."

Fronapfel, is a noted speaker on airport planning, development as well as being a pioneer in the use of drones for on-airport inspections. He developed Centennial Airport's drone program; one of the first in the nation to be recognized by the Federal Aviation Administration.

"Mike's extensive knowledge of the airport, its history, development and tenants, as well as working with the surrounding communities, make him the most qualified candidate for this position." said Olislagers. "We've worked very hard over the years to build longstanding relationships both on and off the airport, and Mike will help ensure a stable and smooth leadership transition."

Fronapfel was confirmed Oct. 14 by a unanimous vote of the ACPAA Board of Commissioners following interviews and an extensive review and recommendation by ADK, an executive search firm specializing in airport and aerospace executive recruitment and placement.

Speaking for the board, Arapahoe County Commissioner Nancy Sharpe, Chair of the Arapahoe County Public Airport Authority thanked Robert for his 21 years of outstanding service to the

airport. Orlislagers will serve in an advisory capacity to the board and staff until January 15, 2022, assisting in the transition and several on-going real estate projects.

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ADK Consulting & Executive Search assisted the Arapahoe County Airport Authority in its selection of Mr. Fronapfel as its new executive director.

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ADK has filled more airport senior executive positions than any other search firm and has placed hundreds of C-Suite airport positions including over 120 airport CEOs and airport directors. Additionally, the company has placed CEOs for national and state associations in aviation and transportation industries. ADK is also affiliated with the international executive search firm, The Kilpatrick Group, in Lugano, Switzerland.

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