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St. Johns County Airport Authority Appoints Courtney K. Pittman as Executive Director

Nationwide Search Culminates in Appointment of Proven Aviation Leader

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla. — The St. Johns County Airport Authority announced at its June board meeting that its Board of Directors has appointed Courtney K. Pittman as Executive Director of St. Augustine Airport, following the successful conclusion of a competitive nationwide executive search. The Board confirmed that Mr. Pittman’s employment contract will be fully executed before the July 15 meeting.

The Airport Authority initiated the executive search in early March 2026, issuing a Request for Proposals to identify a qualified recruitment partner. Seven executive search firms submitted proposals, and the Board selected ADK Consulting & Executive Search to lead the national recruitment effort. ADK is a nationally recognized firm specializing in identifying and placing senior leaders for airports, aviation organizations, and other transportation and public sector entities.

“Today marks the start of another chapter for St. Augustine Airport,” said Nick Primrose, St. Johns County Airport Authority Board Chair. “Following a thorough national search, the board has selected a leader who knows the airport and shares our vision of building this into a powerful economic engine and true beacon for St. Johns County — one defined by integrity, strategic investment, and a clear focus on the future of aviation. We look forward to working together to deliver sustained growth and lasting value for our tenants, partners, and the entire region.”

Pittman brings more than 30 years of aviation leadership experience to the role. He has served as the Airport’s Interim Executive Director since May 2024, during which time he led the Airport successfully through two FAA Part 139 inspections, implemented a \$17 million capital improvement program, secured \$9.65 million in Congressionally appropriated federal funding, and directed the completion of 19 new T-hangars. He also secured \$5 million in Florida Job Growth Grant funding — supporting the creation of approximately 1,000 regional jobs — and \$250,000 for the Student Aviation Maintenance Program.

Under his leadership, the Airport successfully passed two FAA Part 139 inspections with zero major discrepancies, implemented compliance management software to modernize operations, and completed a strategic hangar rate realignment that increased annual revenue by

approximately \$116,000. Mr. Pittman also led the initiative to rename the facility St. Augustine Airport, strengthening the airport's regional identity and brand.

Prior to joining the Airport Authority, Pittman served as Air Traffic Manager at both St. Augustine Airport and Gainesville Regional Airport with Robinson Aviation, and as an Air Traffic Control Specialist at Jacksonville Executive at Craig Airport. He also completed a distinguished 20-year career with the U.S. Navy, where he served as Airport Manager at Isa Air Base in Bahrain and led aviation operations across seven domestic and international airfields.

Pittman holds a Master of Business Administration and a Bachelor of Business Administration from Trident University International. He is a member of the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE), the Florida Airports Council (FAC), and the Tony Jannus Distinguished Aviation Society.

"I am honored to serve the St. Johns County Airport Authority and the communities we support," said Pittman. "St. Augustine Airport is positioned for tremendous growth, and I look forward to working with our Board, team, stakeholders, and regional partners to build on the momentum we have established and deliver the infrastructure and economic opportunities this region deserves."

About St. Johns County Airport Authority

The St. Johns County Airport Authority operates St. Augustine Airport (UST), a FAA Part 139 certified airport located just a few miles from historic downtown St. Augustine. Serving as a key connection point for air travel in Northeast Florida, the Airport supports business aviation, commercial charter, flight training, and regional economic development, and is a vital economic asset for the greater St. Johns County region. For more information, please visit sa-airport.com.

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