



## **Sean C. Hunter Made Permanent as Airport Director**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – May 16, 2007, New Orleans – The New Orleans Aviation Board today voted to name Interim Director of Aviation Sean C. Hunter permanent in the position as Director of Aviation at the New Orleans International Airport effective immediately.

Hunter, 41, has been serving as the Interim Director of Aviation since May 2006 when Roy Williams left the Airport to pursue other career opportunities.

“Sean has been doing a tremendous job since being named Interim Director last year and we felt that he was the best candidate for the position,” stated Lea Polk Montgomery, Chairperson of the Personnel Committee who made the recommendation to the full board.

Hunter’s salary will be negotiated and brought back to the Board for consideration at a future meeting. In the meantime, Hunter will continue to earn the annual salary of \$150,719 that was approved for the Interim Director.

A native of Detroit, Michigan with twenty years of experience in aviation, Hunter began his career as a Naval Air Traffic Controller. He quickly rose through the military ranks and was honorably discharged in 1992. Mr. Hunter was immediately hired as an airport operations officer with the Atlantic City International Airport.

Following a brief time in Atlantic City, Mr. Hunter joined the New Orleans Aviation Board in July of 1995. During his tenure at the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport, Mr. Hunter rapidly ascended through the ranks to the position of Executive Assistant to the Director of Aviation, where he was responsible for advising the Director and making recommendations on all issues pertaining to social, economic, political, and operational matters governing the Airport. Mr. Hunter was promoted to Deputy Director of Operations and Maintenance of the Airport in December 1999. Always a team player, Mr. Hunter accepted responsibility for two additional executive level vacancies due to sudden retirements. Those positions were Deputy Director of Safety and Security and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Liaison Officer. He accepted those responsibilities without additional compensation.

Mr. Hunter holds a Bachelor of Science degree and a Masters of Business Administration specialized in Aviation from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. He is married to the former Shauna Crowden and is the proud father of an eleven year old son, Sean Christian.

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