



Aviation Director Sean Hunter Resigns Board lauds outgoing Director of Aviation for progress made under his watch

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – September 16, 2009 (New Orleans, LA) Sean C. Hunter, Director of Aviation at the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport tendered his resignation effective October 15, 2009 in a September 15, 2009 letter to Daniel F. Packer, Chairman of the New Orleans Aviation Board. Hunter, who served in various capacities at the Airport over a 14 year period, took over the top spot on June 1, 2006.

“Because of Sean, the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport is moving in the right direction,” Packer says. “He’s worked hard at establishing good working relationships with the surrounding communities like Kenner and St. Charles Parish, and his efforts have gained the confidence of the Transportation Security Administration and the Federal Aviation Administration to improve the overall travel experience for the public.”

In accepting his resignation, Packer had nothing but praise for Hunter and the tremendous progress made during his tenure. In addition to the reorganization of airport staff and consultants during the difficult recovery period following Hurricane Katrina, Hunter was poised to oversee the start of an impressive \$350 million capital improvement campaign that will involve virtually every aspect of airport service; from a new 1,800 space Consolidated Rental Car Facility and a 1,000 car expansion in the long-term parking garage, to the expansion of concourse D and the west terminal and a new concourse E. Most recently, Hunter presided over the first international service since Hurricane Katrina at the Airport, when AeroMexico initiated non-stop flights between New Orleans and Mexico City.

Packer said that Hunter has devoted his life to aviation, and that his experience and credentials will serve him well as he seeks other opportunities to continue his career. “We’re sorry to lose Sean,” Packer said. “On the whole, Sean has had an extremely positive impact on this airport and this community. We wish him nothing but success in the future, and he can be assured of our continued support as he moves on with his life.”

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