



### Ryan Zulauf, C.M.

Assistant Manager, Seattle Airports District Office – FAA

Ryan, as one of two Assistant Managers in the SEA-ADO, supports the ADO's civil engineering team. Prior to rejoining the ADO in 2021, he spent three years as the Deputy Airport Director for Snohomish County Airport, Paine Field (PAE), nearly four years as the Regional Planner for the Northwest Mountain Region Airports Division and thirteen years as the Airport Director for Renton Municipal Airport (RNT). Ryan has served on the Board and was past President of the Washington Airport Management Association and has worked as an aviation and transportation planner in city, county and state government. He has a Bachelor of Science degree from Washington State University (Go Cougs) and a master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning from Eastern Washington University.



### Mark Leutwiler

Mark is an airport management professional with over 24 years experience in the industry. His focus and expertise are regulatory compliance, airport strategies and leadership. Mark has been the primary Airport Security Coordinator for three commercial service airports, is accredited as a Certified Member (C.M.) and Airport Certified Employee (ACE) – Security by the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE). Since February 2019, Mark has worked at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA) as the Sr. Manager for Security Strategy and Intelligence, overseeing regulatory compliance and capital development programs. Recently he accepted a manager position in Airport Operations. Prior to joining SEA, Mark worked as the Airport Manager at Bellingham International Airport (BLI) where he managed the daily operations including Police, Fire and Operations response. Mark previously worked for Portland

International Airport (PDX), holding management positions in Airport Operations and Security. Additionally, he worked for two other airports in California, holding positions in program management, airport noise abatement, general aviation, and Airport Operations. Mark holds a B.S. degree in Aviation Management from San Jose State University, is an active private pilot and aircraft owner.



### Kenneth Mazzuca

FAA  
Office of National Security Programs and Incident Response, Law Enforcement Assistance Program

Ken was hired by the FAA in July 2019 and began work as an Agent with the Law Enforcement Assistance Program (LEAP). In this position, he works as an investigative specialist and liaison between the FAA and local, state and federal law enforcement and public safety agencies. Prior to the FAA, he spent 20 years as a police officer for the City of Seattle, with positions ranging from patrol to community police teams. Ken served in the US Air Force for over 27 years, to include active-duty and reserve assignments. He retired as Security Forces Manager in 2019 from the Reserve Security Forces Squadron at Joint Base Lewis-McChord.



### Kevin Nuechterlein

Kevin is the Planning, Budgeting and Monitoring Unit Manager at King County International Airport-Boeing Field (KCIA) in Seattle, Washington. Kevin is responsible for developing and managing the capital improvement program, the capital budgeting process, as well as the performance management and controls of the capital program. He leads the internship program for the airport as well as co-lead the airports Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion program. Kevin led the community engagement efforts for the airport for two years and continues to support those efforts. We wear lots of hats at KCIA!

Kevin got his master's degree in Public Administration and Governance from the University of Washington. He started his public-sector career at King County's Roads division. In that role he stood up their Project Delivery Office to standardize the performance monitoring and reporting for divisions capital program. He was pulled over to the aviation world four years ago in his current role. Since then, he has certainly caught the aviation bug!



### Vanessa Chin, C.M.

BFI Innovation Section Manager

Vanessa started her career in the airport industry as an undergraduate GIS intern at BFI back in the days before there were Google Maps. After completing her Masters in GIS at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland, over the last 20 years at BFI, Vanessa held different positions from working in the Noise Office and creating BFI's Sound Insulation Program GIS Application, Operations Coordinator, Business Analyst, and eventually developing the Business Information Management section. She leads a team of professionals that manages and maintains all of BFI's GIS and CAD data, business applications and systems, data analytics and visualization, mobile devices, and records management. Vanessa also leads BFI's Equity and Social Justice, continuous improvement, and standard work initiatives. Outside of work, Vanessa enjoys being a mom, traveling, and Legos.

**SSA Jeffrey L. Crocker**, FBI Supervisor of Specialty Programs

**SA Edgar Nunez**, FBI Airport Liaison Agent

**SA Minh Truong**, FBI Airport Liaison Coordinator

**Vanessa Chin**, King County Int'l Airport

**Tim Mensorides**, Airport Manager, Auburn Municipal Airport

**Adam Phelps**, Airport Operations Manager, Spokane Int'l Airport

**Lorene Robinson**, Airport Operations, Arlington Municipal Airport

**Monroe Whitman**, Airport Manager, Bremerton National Airport

**Keith Love**, Airport Manager, Skagit Regional Airport



## SPEAKER BIOS



### Senator Matt Boehnke, 8th Legislative District

Senator Matt Boehnke (Bank-ee) is serving his first term representing the 8th Legislative District in the State Senate after serving two terms in the Washington House of Representatives.

Matt was raised in Kennewick, graduating from Kamiakin High School in 1986. He then attended Eastern Washington University, where he graduated as an ROTC-Distinguished Military Graduate and received his active-duty commission in the U.S. Army Aviation branch in 1990. He spent the next 21 years in the service, rising to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel before retiring and moving back to Kennewick.

Since 2015, Matt has served as the director and lead professor of the cybersecurity division at Columbia Basin College. He also owns a cybersecurity consulting business. Before joining the Legislature, he served on the Kennewick City Council for three years.

In the House, Matt served on three committees, including in a leadership role as the ranking minority member of the Community and Economic Development Committee. He was also a House Appropriations and Environment and Energy committee member.

Matt serves on the Senate Human Services (Ranking); Business, Financial Services, Gaming & Trade; Environment, Energy & Technology; and Ways & Means committees.

Matt and his wife, Dawn, have been married for over 33 years. They have two sons, Matthew and Brandon.

Community Service: Washington State University Tri-Cities Advisory Board, Visit Tri-Cities Board, Wa St Office of Chief Information Officer-Technical Services Board; ArtsWA Board; PISCES Board; Supply Chain Caucus Chair, Aviation Caucus Co Chair; Hydrogen Caucus Co Chair; NCSL Nuclear Legislative Working Group; Sunrise Rotarian; Tri-City Americans Billet Family; Bethlehem Lutheran Church; Lifetime member of the American Legion; National Rifle Association; Veterans of Foreign Wars; Member of the Washington Education Association; and the Columbia Basin Veterans Coalition.



### Representative Tom Dent, 13th Legislative District

Tom has been a Columbia Basin resident most of his life. He became a professional pilot in 1976, and soon after founded Tom Dent Aviation, which offered aerial application, pilot service and flight instruction for area agriculture and industry. Tom lives with his family on the Flying T Ranch, located seven miles NE of Moses Lake, raising bison and producing hay.

Sworn into office in 2015, Tom represents the 13th District, which includes Kittitas County, as well as parts of Grant and Yakima counties. He currently serves on the Human Services, Youth and Early Learning Committee, the Transportation Committee and is the ranking member on the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee. Tom also serves on several special legislative committees and caucuses.

His legislative priorities include wildfire prevention through improving forest health, and increasing our initial attack resources for fire suppression; agriculture issues including promoting increased trade, protecting pesticide use and water resource management; and as a career aviation professional the protection and expansion of our aviation infrastructure and increased aviation workforce training.

Tom cares deeply about providing a safe and positive environment for young people, and as a parent, former foster parent, grandparent, and great grandparent he is passionate about all kids growing up with the same opportunities available to prior generations to become successful.

Finally, Tom is a passionate advocate for mental health reforms that improve the lives of the mentally ill and assist families in helping their loved ones.



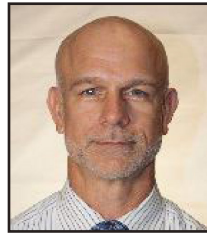
### Lawrence J. Krauter, A.A.E., AICP, FRAeS

Lawrence is the Chief Executive Officer of Spokane International Airport, Felts Field and Airport Business Park. He is a graduate of The Ohio State University and is an Accredited Airport Executive and Member of the American Institute of Certified Planners. Larry holds multiple certifications from the Construction Specifications Institute. Larry is a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society and is a single-engine land and seaplane rated pilot. Larry currently serves as First Past Chair of the American Association of Airport Executives. He is Past President of the Aviation Council of Pennsylvania and Past President of the AAAE Northwest Chapter.



### Ryan Sheehan, A.A.E.

Ryan has worked in the aviation industry for more than 25 years, and has been with Spokane Airports since 2008, where he is currently the Chief Operating Officer. He holds a bachelor's degree in Management of Technical Operations from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, and a master's degree in Organizational Leadership from Gonzaga University. Ryan is an Accredited Member of the American Association of Airport Executives, where he also serves as a Board Member; a past-president of the Washington Airport Management Association; and is currently the Immediate Past-President of the Northwest Chapter AAAE.



### Matthew Murphy

NAS Planning Team Manager, Western Pacific Region  
FAA, Western Service Center, Planning and Requirements Group

Matthew has 30 years of aviation experience in areas such as: Aircraft Maintenance, Aerospace Manufacturing—Quality Assurance, En Route Automation Modernization Systems Integration and Aviation Technical Systems Program Management. He joined the FAA in November 2003 working at Headquarters in Washington, DC then in 2006 relocated to the Northwest Mountain Region and has held multiple positions serving all three Western Service Area regions: Alaska, Northwest Mountain and Western Pacific. He is a U.S. Navy and Persian Gulf War Veteran.



### Les Goldsmith

Les is an Australian Army Veteran, Rotary Wing Pilot and President of Virtower. Les has spent the last 16 years developing sensor systems for detection of nation state electronic surveillance targeting US critical infrastructure and personnel. Les is a contracted subject matter expert on cellular network vulnerabilities to the US Department of Homeland Security, conducting investigations into new cellular network threats impacting 2G, 3G, LTE and 5G networks. In 2019 the newly established Virtower began research into the current aircraft tracking solutions and their limitations.

Launching in October 2020 Virtower now has over 200 Airports using the system to track operations, pavement usage and investigate noise complaints. Virtower acceptance at a state level has resulted in being eligible for Grants in Indiana, Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Utah. In early 2022 Virtower was selected to provide tracking of interagency government air assets for deconfliction and coordination with drone operations in congested airspace for the US Department of Homeland Security.



### Mike Francis

Mike is Director, Business Development within Phillips 66 Marketing. In addition to Mike's responsibilities supporting Phillips 66 Retail Marketing JV growth, he is also the Phillips 66 Business Lead for the Development and Commercialization of an Unleaded Avgas fuel to replace the current 100LL utilized today. Mike is located in Houston and has over 20 years of experience in the Marketing, Commercial, Marine and Product Sales businesses.



### Matt Sykora

Matt currently serves as the Business Manager for King County International Airport / Boeing Field. He has worked at the airport since 2017 and focuses on airport business development and long-range planning. During his tenure at the airport, he has worked on Master Plans, leases, through-the-fence agreements, special event permits, and large airport redevelopment projects. His section oversees tenant and public outreach and plays a vital role in communicating airport development projects to community members, government agencies, and Airport user groups. Before taking on the role of Airport Business Manager, he worked in Airport Operations for Boeing Field and the Salt Lake City Department of Airports. Matt graduated from Westminster College in Salt Lake City with a B.S. in Aviation Management.



### Brad Schuster

Brad is the AOPA Northwest Mountain Regional Manager covering general aviation interests at the state and local levels for WA, ID, MT, UT, CO, OR, and WY.

Brad has been flying as a GA pilot for 35+ years and has a COMM certificate with INST/SEL/SES/MEL ratings and is an active CFI/CFII/MEI. His background includes a 20-year stint as a USAF logistics and special operations officer followed by 10 years in technology sales and project management and more recently, worked as a full-time flight and high school aviation instructor. He received his bachelor's degree in business marketing from Washington State University and a master's degree in business administration from Golden Gate University and lives in Kirkland, WA (a suburb of Seattle).



### Rob Hodgman

Rob completed a 24-year career in Army Aviation in March 2012. He spent the following 11 years at WSDOT Aviation Division as the Senior Aviation Planner, with the last three years focused on solving the state's commercial airport capacity as part of the Commercial Aviation Coordinating Commission. In March 2023 Rob joined the Yakima Air Terminal team as Airport Director. He holds commercial ratings in helicopters and gyroplanes and is working to complete his private pilot rating this year.

### Valerie Thorsen

Valerie is the Assistant Manager for the FAA Northwest Mountain Region Seattle Airports District Office. Valerie is responsible for overseeing the financial specialist, support staff, planning, and environmental activities for Washington and Oregon. She joined the FAA in July 2016. Prior to joining the FAA, Valerie was an airport planner for Pierce County.



### Silvana Vasquez

Silvana is the Airport Management Intern at Arlington Municipal and former Intern at Auburn Municipal. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Aeronautical Science from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University and is currently working on her Master of Business Administration in Aviation at Embry Riddle. Vasquez trained to become a pilot a decade ago and is planning to go back and get her private license this year.

Vasquez is originally from Bogota, Colombia, and has been in the States for 12 years now. She has been passionate about aviation since she was a little girl because her dad was a pilot. She has successfully completed numerous projects and tasks since she started working in the industry last May. She oversees hangar inspections, aviation easements, wildlife hazard management plan, corporate activity, on top of various everyday operational tasks at Arlington. She continues to assist Auburn Airport on special projects and events in her free time. When she is not working or studying, she enjoys traveling, camping, hiking, and spending time with family and friends.



### David Decoteau, A.A.E.

David has been with the King County International Airport/Boeing Field since 2021. As the Deputy Airport Director he is responsible for Operations, Administrative, Maintenance, LEO, and ARFF functions at the airport. Prior to King County David spent the previous year as the Director of the Renton Airport, four years as the Airport Manager for the Livermore Airport, four years as the Airport Operations Manager at Hayward Executive Airport, and seven years as an Airport Operations Duty Manager at King County International Airport/Boeing Field in Seattle. David graduated from the University of North Dakota with a B.S. in Aeronautics, and a M.B.A. in Strategic Management from Western Governors University. He is an active flight instructor and commercial pilot. In 2018 David was recognized as a Top 40 Under 40 by Airport Business Magazine.



### Robin Toth

Governor's Sector Lead Director of Aerospace at Washington State Department of Commerce.



### Brandon Rakes

Brandon grew up in east Lewis County, Washington, in the small towns of Morton and Mossyrock. He attended Lower Columbia College, where he earned his AA, and then later attended Central Washington University, where he earned his bachelor's degree.

Brandon then jumped into the workforce with both feet, a college degree, a good work ethic, and no idea what he would do for a career. Over the next several years, he worked in sales, managed two businesses, and was self-employed in the finance industry. Brandon learned much during this time but still had not found his calling.

In January 2016, Brandon was hired by the City of Chehalis to work at the Chehalis-Centralia Airport. Brandon is now the Airport Director. He is a licensed pilot, and that, combined with the lessons learned from his previous work experiences, has helped prepare him ideally for where he is today. Brandon describes his current role as three roles in one. The role comprises Airport Operations, Commercial Development, and Community Outreach and Engagement. Brandon is grateful to be associated with an airport with a great deal of history and massive opportunities for the future.



### Rich Mueller, A.A.E.

Rich is currently the Airport Director for the Grant County International Airport, and before that was the Operations Manager at Tacoma Narrows Airport. As an Accredited Airport Executive, Civil Air Patrol Captain, Certified Flight Instructor, and past WAMA President, Rich will do just about anything for aviation, airports and aviators...even sit in on a conference panel or two.

### Warren D. Ferrell

Manager, Seattle Airports District Office – FAA

Warren has been involved with the FAA's financial programs since January 1994. He was responsible for helping manage the Airport Improvement Program and the Passenger Facility Charge Program, for the Northwest Mountain Region's seven states. He also served as the regional subject matter expert regarding policy. On March 14, 2021 he became acting manager of the Seattle Airports District office. He held that role for 15 months, before becoming the permanent manager in June, 2022.

From September 1992 to January 1994, Warren was as an aviation planner for the FAA. Prior to that, he spent time as a Planner at the Southern California Association of Governments, in Los Angeles. Warren has a Bachelor of Arts Degree at Washington State University and his Master of Public Administration at California State University, Long Beach.

# SPEAKER BIOS



## Eric L. Johnson

Interim Director, WSDOT Aviation Division

Eric has been with WSDOT Aviation for 19 years. He has been the interim director since December 2022. In his regular role with the division, he manages the Airport Aid grant program, providing sponsors of public-use airports critical funding for projects in the areas of infrastructure preservation and development, safety, planning, security and most recently airport sustainability. He also oversees Washington's statewide Airport Pavement Management System, is the project manager for various WSDOT airport construction projects, manages the airport camera program, provides technical assistance to airport sponsors and consultants preparing Master Plans and Airport Layout Plans, and was the project manager for the development of WSDOT's Airport Information System.

Prior to joining WSDOT in 2004, Eric worked for the Port of Anacortes from 1988 to 2004 holding various leadership positions where he spent the last six years as Manager of the Anacortes Airport.

Eric graduated from Chapman University, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Organizational Leadership.

In his free time Eric enjoys boating in the San Juan Islands and British Columbia.



## John MacArthur

Aviation Planner, WSDOT Aviation Division

John MacArthur has been a member of the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Aviation for over ten years. John is the Statewide Capital Improvement Program (SCIP) coordinator and also conducts the Airport Master Record 5010 inspections. He inspects forty airports a year throughout the entire state. John also acts as the aviation emergency services coordinator for WSDOT and is the interim contact for state drone affairs. He also serves on the Fly Washington Passport committee.

John has more than 35 years of aviation and project management experience. He served over 22 years in the military, performing in both leadership and staff positions. After military service, John worked in the private sector and the federal government as a defense contractor and as a federal civil service employee.

John is qualified to fly the U.S. Army UH-1 Huey and OH-58 Kiowa scout helicopters. He also possesses a Remote Pilot Part 107 certificate.

John received a bachelor's degree in business administration from Towson University and a master's degree in organizational leadership from Chapman University.



## David Chenaur

CARB Loan Program Manager, WSDOT Aviation Division

David developed and administers, on behalf of the Community Aviation Revitalization Board (CARB), a low-interest loan program for revenue-producing capital projects that help public-use, general aviation airports become more self-sustainable. David has over 19 years of experience providing federal and state grants and loans for the State of Washington, Department of Transportation. He possesses a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Washington, majoring in both Accounting and Marketing.



## David Ison, PhD

David Ison recently joined WSDOT Aviation Division for Airport Land Use Compatibility & Emerging Aviation Technologies. He is also charged with monitoring and fostering emerging aviation technologies in the state. Ison's background includes experience as an airline pilot and teaching in aviation higher education. He was an airline pilot for over 10 years (Delta Connection and ATA Airlines) and then went into aviation higher education for 17 years. He has flown small general aviation aircraft, gliders, regional turboprops, Boeing 737s, and Lockheed L1011s. He said he feels lucky he's been able to fly all over the world.



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