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## Gary / Chicago International Airport Authority Elects 2025 Leadership

*Premier Regional Airport Leadership Provides Added Continuity for New Year*

(Gary, IN – January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024) – At their monthly board meeting earlier this afternoon, the [Gary / Chicago International Airport \(GCIA\)](#) Authority, the board of directors for the region’s premier mid-sized airport, elected their 2025 leadership by a unanimous vote. The Authority (GCIAA) is a seven (7) member board that has oversight on all airport policies, operations and budget. The Authority commissioners are appointed to 4-year terms by an intra-governmental agreement, with the Authority Chairman appointed by the Governor of Indiana, four (4) commissioners appointed by the Mayor of the City of Gary and a commissioner appointed by Lake and Porter Counties, respectively.

The 2025 GCIAA composition remains unchanged, with the only change occurring in the election of Steve Mays as the GCIAA Vice President. Mr. Mays had previously served as Authority Chairman from 2015 – 2018 and had served as a GCIAA commissioner until 2022. The 2025 [GCIA Authority](#) is as follows:

- **Pete Visclosky**, Chairman (State of Indiana Governor Appointee)
- **Stephen Mays**, Vice President (City of Gary Mayoral Appointee)
- **Millicent Macon**, Secretary (City of Gary Mayoral Appointee)
- **Trent A. McCain, Esq.**, Commissioner (City of Gary Mayoral Appointee)
- **Gerald Anderson**, Commissioner (City of Gary Mayoral Appointee)
- **Philip Mullins**, Commissioner (Lake County Appointee)
- **Tom Collins, Jr.**, Commissioner (Porter County Appointee)

GCIA has seen significant growth over the past decade, including the 2015 expansion of the airport’s main runway to nearly 9,000 feet, making it the region’s second longest after O’Hare International Airport (ORD). The runway expansion allows GCIA to service larger and heavier aircraft, up to and including a 777, one of the largest planes operating globally. GCIA also opened its premier U.S. Customs and Border Protection Facility in late 2018, allowing international travelers to frequent GCIA without first needing to clear customs elsewhere.

In 2020, GCIA began cargo service operations via the UPS, who signed a long-term lease agreement. Cargo service operations have quickly scaled, and GCIA now ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> in the State of Indiana on its freight volume, with further growth anticipated in coming years.

In 2022, GCIA received formal FAA approvals for its Master Plan, a document that will guide the next several decades of airport development and growth. In late 2023, GCIA announced the acquisition of the Griffith-Merrillville Airport, with this now providing additional operations capacity for GCIA and making it one of three (3) aviation systems in the State of Indiana.

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