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DRBA Commission Selects New Deputy Executive Director Stephen D. Williams of Franklinville, NJ Named to Executive Leadership Team

New Castle, Del. -- The Delaware River and Bay Authority (DRBA) Commissioners unanimously approved Resolution 17-67, which authorizes the appointment of Stephen D. Williams of Franklinville, New Jersey to serve as the next Deputy Executive Director at the DRBA. Mr. Williams is the third Deputy Executive Director to serve at the bi-state agency. The board action took place at the bi-state agency's monthly meeting held last month at the DRBA Administrative Complex in New Castle, Delaware.

"Steve has done a phenomenal job leading our Airports Division for more than ten years," stated Chairman James N. Hogan. "Because the majority of our economic development initiatives occur at our airport facilities, it makes sense to expand his role and responsibilities and to streamline the decision making process. Steve is a consummate professional, a real team player. I look forward to continuing our working relationship as the organization moves forward."

The position of Deputy Executive Director focuses on Authority-related economic development initiatives; plans internal and external communication strategies; handles governance matters; serves as the Board Secretary, and fosters on-going working relationships with state and local officials. Mr. Williams, who also serves as the Director of Airports for the DRBA, began his official duties as the Deputy Executive Director effective January 5, 2018.

"With Steve's wealth of experience in airport operations, business development and government relations, the Authority is both fortunate and pleased to have him as the Deputy Executive Director," remarked Thomas J. Cook, Executive Director of the DRBA.

Accepting the position, Mr. Williams said, "I am honored that the Commission selected me to handle the responsibilities of Deputy Executive Director. I look forward to working with our leadership team as we balance our two very important missions: managing our vital transportation links that have aided the growth and prosperity of our region while engaging in economic development projects to create and retain jobs for area residents."

Mr. Williams has more than 40 years of airport and transportation management experience. Prior to joining the DRBA as its Airports Director in 2005, he spent eleven (11) years as the airport manager of Republic Airport in Farmingdale, Long Island, a large New York Metro area reliever airport with 500 based aircraft, and the fourth busiest in the state. He led a direct staff of twenty six (26) individuals, and total airport-wide employment of 476. From 1986-1990, Williams served as Project Manager and Vice

President of Pan Am World Service's private contract management operation of the City of Atlantic City's two airport facilities, Atlantic City International Airport (ACY) and the former Bader Field (AIY). During his tenure, Williams successfully landed new scheduled jet air carrier and commuter service at ACY in 1988, sparking a 40% increase in total passenger enplanements. During this time period, Williams led initiatives to reduce the spate of accidents at AIY, and helped to pave the way for the transfer of Atlantic City International Airport to the present South Jersey Transportation Authority (SJTA).

A licensed private general aviation pilot with over 700 hours of flight experience, Mr. Williams is also a member of the following organizations: the New Jersey Aviation Association (NJAA), National Business Aviation Association (NBAA), Airports Council International, (ACI-NA) where he serves on the small airports committee,, –the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE), the Air Mates Flying Club at Atlantic City International Airport, and he is a past president of both the New York Aviation Management Association (NYAMA), and the Long Island Business Aviation Association (LIBAA).

Mr. Williams also served five years in a variety of positions with the City of New York's Department of Transportation Bureau of Ferries & General Aviation, as well as the Bureau of Surface Transportation Planning & Research. Williams began his aviation career in 1975 at JFK International Airport with a ground handling services organization serving a number of international airlines.

A graduate of the City College of New York (CCNY) with a Bachelor of Arts in political science, Williams earned his Master of Business Administration in Aviation Management from Dowling College in 1998. He has also completed certificate courses in Airport Planning and Design from the Polytechnic Institute of New York and Airport Systems, Planning & Design from the University of California - Berkeley.

Mr. Williams, who previously taught airport planning and operations management at the Farmingdale State University of New York from 2001-2004, continues to instruct as an adjunct professor of aviation at Delaware State University's Dover campus.

About the Delaware River and Bay Authority

The DRBA, a bi-state governmental agency created by Compact in 1962, owns and operates the Delaware Memorial Bridge, the Cape May- Lewes Ferry, and the Forts Ferry Crossing. The DRBA also manages corporate and aviation properties through its economic development powers - two airports in New Jersey (Millville Airport and Cape May Airport) and three in Delaware (Wilmington - New Castle Airport, the Civil Air Terminal at Dover Air Force Base, and Delaware Airpark). All DRBA operating revenues are generated through the bridge, ferry and airport facilities. For more information, visit www.drba.net