



# LEADERS CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 26-27, 2023 • WASHINGTON D.C.

## Confirmed Speakers

- The Honorable David Pekoske, Administrator, Transportation Security Administration
- The Honorable Jennifer Homendy, Chair, National Transportation Safety Board
- Congressman Troy Nehls (R-TX) - Sponsor of the Let Experienced Pilots Fly Act
- Dan Elwell, former Acting Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration
- Captain Billy Nolen, former Acting Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration
- Jodi Baker, Deputy Associate Administrator for Aviation Safety, Federal Aviation Administration
- Dr. Hassan Shahidi, President & CEO, Flight Safety Foundation
- Captain Barrington Irving, Founder & CEO, The Flying Classroom
- Chip Childs, President & CEO, SkyWest Airlines, RAA Board of Directors Chair
- Dion Flannery, President & CEO, PSA Airlines
- Tim Komberec, President & CEO, Empire Airlines
- Rick Leach, President & CEO, Go Jet Airlines
- Bryan Bedford, President & CEO, Republic Airways
- Linda Markham, President & CEO, Cape Air
- Joe Sprague, President Horizon Airlines
- Chris Kershner, President & CEO, Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce
- Val Miftakhov, CEO, ZeroAvia
- Simon Newitt, President, Heart Aerospace
- Martyn Holmes, Chief Commercial Officer, Embraer Commercial Aviation
- Yvette Rose, Senior VP Cargo Airline Association
- Ross Mitchell, VP Strategy, Business Development, Marketing, Communications & Business Operations, MHIRJ
- Zuzanna Hrnkova, VP Marketing, ATR
- Michael Dee, Managing Director, Flight Operations, Republic Airways
- Mike Linenberg, Managing Director, Deutsche Bank
- Helene Becker, Managing Director, Cowen Group
- Savinhi Syth, Managing Director, Raymond James
- Geoff Murray, Partner, Oliver Wyman
- Alan Hill, Director of Flight Training, Envoy Airlines
- Dr. Scott Trepinski, VP Safety, Security & Environmental, Envoy Air
- Lee Hayes, Director, Safety, Republic Airways
- Dr. Sharon DeVivo, President & CEO, Vaughn College
- Ronce Almond, Senior Counsel, Senate Commerce, Science & Transportation Committee

- Hunter Presti, Staff Director, House Subcommittee on Aviation
- Simone Perez, Policy Director, Senate Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation
- Karen Walker, Editor in Chief, Air Transport World, Informa
- Pilar Wolfsteller, Americas Air Transport Editor, Flightglobal
- Faye Malarkey Black, President & CEO, Regional Airline Association
- Jennifer Iversen, VP Aviation Operations & Regulatory Affairs, RAA
- Nobuyo Reinsch, Senior VP Safety & Regulatory Affairs, RAA
- Michael Miller, President, Miller Air Group
- RAA Pilot Scholarship recipient Leona Serao

## **AGENDA**

### **Monday, September 25, 2022**

*1:00 PM – 5:00 PM Sponsor Display Set-Up*

LOCATION: 1201 15<sup>th</sup> St NW, Washington, DC, 20011

*6:00 PM-7:00 PM Chairman’s Welcome Reception*

*Invitation only event for the RAA Board of Directors, Diamond sponsors and invited guests*

LOCATION:

### **Tuesday, September 26, 2022 – Day One**

*All sessions to take place at RAA Headquarters at  
1201 15th Street NW Washington, DC, 20005*

#### **Session I (8:30 AM-11:45 AM)**

**8:30 AM Welcoming Remarks**

SPEAKER: Faye Malarkey Black, President & CEO, Regional Airline Association

**8:35 AM Partner Keynote I:**

SPEAKER: Martyn Holmes, Chief Commercial Officer, Embraer Commercial Aviation

**8:50 AM Fireside Chat: State of the Industry**

*RAA President & CEO and Board of Directors Chair discuss the current state of the industry.*

SPEAKERS:

Chip Childs, CEO, SkyWest Airlines; Vice Chair, RAA Board of Directors  
Faye Malarkey Black, President & CEO, Regional Airline Association

**9:15 AM Keynote I:**

SPEAKER: Captain Barrington Irving, Founder & CEO, The Flying Classroom

**9:45 AM Panel Discussion I: Regional Airline Business and Trends**

*RAA airline CEOs share views about future business, workforce, fleets and other trends that could shape the direction of the regional market & flying.*

MODERATOR: Karen Walker, Air Transport World Editor-in-Chief and Group Air Transport Editor-in-Chief

SPEAKERS:

Bryan Bedford, CEO, Republic Airways  
Dion Flannery, CEO, PSA Airlines  
Tim Komberec, President & CEO, Empire Airlines  
Rick Leach, President & CEO, GoJet Airlines  
Linda Markham, CEO, Cape Air  
Joe Sprague, President, Horizon Air

**10:30 AM *Coffee and Networking Break in Hall of Partners***

**11:00 AM Panel Discussion II: Airline Analyst Perspective**

*Leading aviation analysts discuss financial trends, the health of aviation and what signs should we be following. What is the outlook for the regional airlines?*

MODERATOR: Michael Miller, President, Miller Air Group

SPEAKERS:

Mike Linenberg, Managing Director, Deutsche Bank  
Helene Becker, Managing Director, Cowen Group  
Savanthii Syth, Managing Director, Raymond James

**11:50 AM Lawmaker Keynote I:**

SPEAKER: TBD

**12:05PM *Lunch in Hall of Partners***

**Session II (12:45 PM-5:00 PM)**

**12:45 PM Keynote II: New Pilot Shortage Forecast**

SPEAKER: Geoff Murray, Partner, Oliver Wyman

**1:05 PM Panel Discussion III: Safety Improvements, 15 Years of SMS & New Recommendations**

*How is aviation advancing safety, nearly 15 years after the Safety Management System (SMS) has been implemented? Aviation safety experts will share their forward thinking solutions to advance aviation safety.*

MODERATOR: Nobuyo Reinsch, Senior Vice President, Safety & Regulatory Affairs, Regional Airline Association

SPEAKERS:

Jodi Baker, Deputy Associate Administrator for Aviation Safety, FAA  
Hassan Shahidi, President & CEO, Flight Safety Foundation

Scott Trepinski, Senior VP Safety, Security & Environmental, Envoy Airlines  
Lee Hayes, Director of Safety, Republic Airways

**1:50 PM Keynote III: National Transportation Safety Board**

SPEAKER: The Honorable Jennifer Homendy, Chair, National Transportation Safety Board

**2:10 PM Keynote IV: Real-World Effects of the Pilot Shortage**

SPEAKER: Chris Kershner, President & CEO, Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce

**2:30 PM-3:15 PM *CEO Walk Through of Sponsor Display Area in Hall of Partners***

**3:15 PM Panel Discussion IV: 2023 Focus: Completing FAA Reauthorization**

*What is the status of the FAA Reauthorization? What new rules and regulations are being considered? Which are positive or negative? What long-term changes could alter how aviation operates?*

MODERATOR: Holly Woodruff Lyons, Founder and President, HWL Aerospace Policy

SPEAKERS:

Hunter Presti, Staff Director, House Subcommittee on Aviation

Simone Perez, Policy Director, Senate Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation

Ronce Almond, Senior Counsel, Senate Commerce, Science & Transportation Committee

**4:00 PM Keynote V: Transportation Security Administration**

SPEAKER: The Honorable David Pekoske, Administrator, Transportation Security Administration

**4:30 PM Lawmaker Keynote II**

SPEAKER: Congressman Troy Nehls (R-TX) - Sponsor, Let Experienced Pilots Fly Act

**4:55 PM Day One Thank you and Closing Remarks**

SPEAKER: Faye Malarkey Black, President & CEO, Regional Airline Association

**5:05 PM-6:00 PM *Happy Hour for all Attendees in the Hall of Partners***

*7:00 PM Customer Events (by invitation only)*

**Wednesday, September 27, 2022 - Day Two**

RAA Headquarters

1201 15<sup>th</sup> Street, NW Washington, DC 20005

**Session III (8:30 AM-12:00 PM)**

**8:30 AM Welcoming Remarks Day Two**

SPEAKER:

Faye Malarkey Black, President & CEO, Regional Airline Association

**8:35 AM Lawmaker Keynote III:**

SPEAKER: TBD

**8:55 AM Panel Discussion V: Supporting the Pilot Workforce from Dream of Flight to Retirement Flight**

*What should be done to support new and current pilots? What innovations help support a healthy, growing and diverse future workforce? Do we need fundamental change in how the pilot career is structured? How do professional standards need to improve?*

MODERATOR: Faye Malarkey Black, President & CEO, Regional Airline Association

SPEAKERS:

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Sharon DeVivo, Vaughn College  
Yvette Rose, Senior VP Cargo Airline Association  
Captain Barrington Irving, Founder & CEO, The Flying Classroom  
RAA Pilot Scholarship recipient Leona Serao

**9:55 AM Lawmaker Keynote IV:**

**10:10 AM *Coffee and Networking Break in Hall of Partners***

**10:40 AM Panel Discussion VI: Global OEM Outlook**

*What are the trends, risks, opportunities facing global users of regional aircraft? How will fleets change in the next decade? How will sustainability be a factor?*

MODERATOR: Pilar Wolfsteller, Americas Air Transport Editor, Flightglobal

SPEAKERS:

Val Miftakhov, CEO, ZeroAvia  
Simon Newitt, President, Heart Aerospace  
Ross Mitchell, VP Strategy, Business Development, Marketing, Communications & Business Operations, MHIRJ  
Zuzanna Hrnkova, VP Marketing, ATR

**11:25 AM Panel Discussion VII: The Future of Pilot Training: New Technologies & Advanced Simulators**

*What are the positives and negatives to the current training structure? What are the benefits of structured training? How does simulator time differ from free time for a developing pilot? What's a better structure?*

MODERATOR: Jennifer Iversen, VP Aviation Operations & Regulatory Affairs, Regional Airline Association

SPEAKERS:

Dan Elwell, former Acting Administrator, FAA  
Captain Billy Nolen, former Acting Administrator, FAA  
Michael Dee, Managing Director, Flight Operations, Republic Airways  
Alan Hill, Director of Flight Training, Envoy Airlines

**12:10 PM Closing Remarks**

SPEAKER: Faye Malarkey Black, President & CEO, Regional Airline Association

**12:10 PM Adjourn**

*All conference attendees who are not participating in the events listed below are adjourned at 12:15.*

***Board of Directors Meeting (12:15 PM-3:45 PM)***

*Closed to RAA Board of Directors*

**\*12:15 PM- Board Working Lunch\***

Location: Conference Rooms ABC

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Location: Partners Hall

***Purchasing Official Lunch (12:15 PM-1:00 PM)***

*Airline Purchasing Officials Only*

Location: Conference Room D

***Purchasing Forum (1:00 PM-3:00 PM)***

*Eligible sponsors and airline purchasing officials only - please inquire for participation*

Location: Auditorium

***Associate Member Council Meeting (3:00 PM-5:00 PM)***

*Closed to RAA Associate Member Council*

Location: Conference Room D