



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
- Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX), Ranking Member, Senate Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation
- Senator Marsha Balckburn (R-TN), Co-Sponsor of the Let Experience Pilots Fly Act
- Congressman Steve Cohen (D-TN), Ranking Member, House Aviation Subcommittee
- 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 Incoming Chair
- Dion Flannery, President & CEO, PSA Airlines RAA Board of Directors Outgoing Chair
- 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
- Chris Kershner, President & CEO, Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce
- Brad Thress, President & CEO, FlightSafety International
- 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
- Nigel Patterson, Vice President of Marketing and Sales, Embraer Commercial Aircraft
- Zuzanna Hrnkova, VP Marketing, ATR
- Michael Dee, Managing Director, Flight Operations, Republic Airways
- Mike Linenberg, Managing Director, Deutsche Bank
- Helane Becker, Managing Director, Cowen Group
- Savanthi Syth, Managing Director, Raymond James
- Holly Woodruff Lyons, Founder and President, HWL Aerospace Policy
- Geoff Murray, Partner, Oliver Wyman

- Allen 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 Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation
- Brian Bell, Staff Director, House Subcommittee on Aviation
- 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
- Drew Jacoby Lemos, Vice President of Government and External Affairs
- 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, 2023

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

LOCATION: 1201 15th 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, 2023 – 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; RAA Board of Directors Incoming Chair
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, RAA Board of Directors Outgoing Chair
Tim Komberec, President & CEO, Empire Airlines
Rick Leach, President & CEO, GoJet Airlines
Linda Markham, CEO, Cape 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
Helane Becker, Managing Director, Cowen Group
Savanthi Syth, Managing Director, Raymond James

11:50 AM Lawmaker Keynote Video:

SPEAKER: Senator Marsha Balckburn (R-TN), Co-Sponsor of the Let Experience Pilots Fly Act

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 Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation
Brian Bell, Staff Director, House Subcommittee on Aviation

4:00 PM Keynote V: Transportation Security Administration

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

4:40 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, 2023 - Day Two

RAA Headquarters
1201 15th Street, NW Washington, DC 20005

Session III (8:30 AM-12:10 PM)

8:30 AM Welcoming Remarks Day Two

SPEAKER:

Faye Malarkey Black, President & CEO, Regional Airline Association

8:40 AM Lawmaker Keynote III:

SPEAKER: Congressman Steve Cohen (D-TN) - Ranking Member, House Aviation Subcommittee

9:00 AM Lawmaker Keynote IV:

SPEAKER: Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX), Ranking Member, Senate Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation

9:20 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: Drew Jacoby Lemos, Vice President of Government and External Affairs, RAA

SPEAKERS:

Captain Billy Nolen, former Acting Administrator, FAA

Sharon DeVivo, Vaughn College

Yvette Rose, Senior VP Cargo Airline Association

Captain Barrington Irving, Founder & CEO, The Flying Classroom

Dev Collins, Retired, United Airlines Captain, Board Member, Let Experienced Pilots Fly

RAA Pilot Scholarship recipient Leona Serao

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

Nigel Patterson, Vice President of Marketing and Sales, Embraer Commercial Aircraft

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

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Brad Thress, President and CEO, FlightSafety International
Michael Dee, Managing Director, Flight Operations, Republic Airways
Allen 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

Sponsor Display Dismantle (12:15 PM-4:00 PM)

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