



**Confirmed Speakers as of August 27, 2024**

- The Honorable Michael Whitaker, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration
- The Honorable Jennifer Homendy, Administrator, National Transportation Safety Administrator
- The Honorable Admiral David Pekoske, Administrator, Transportation Security Administration
- Chip Childs, CEO, SkyWest Airlines; Chair, RAA Board of Directors
- Faye Malarkey Black, President & CEO, Regional Airline Association
- Bryan Bedford, President & CEO, Republic Airways
- Linda Markham, President & CEO, Cape Air
- Eric Morgan, CEO & President, Piedmont
- Rob Binns, President & CEO, Air Wisconsin
- Jim Graham, CEO, Endeavor Air
- John Sullivan, Executive Chairman, CommuteAir
- Rick Hoefling, CEO, CommuteAir
- Tim Komberec, Chairman & CEO, Empire Airlines
- Rick Leach, CEO, GoJet Airlines
- Dana Donati, CEO, Breaking Down Barriers
- Hassan Shahidi, CEO, Flight Safety Foundation
- Ed Bolen, CEO & President, National Business Aviation Association
- Rich Santa, President, National Air Traffic Control Association
- George Novak, President & CEO, National Air Carrier Association
- Martyn Holmes, Chief Commercial Officer, Embraer
- Chris Jones, President and Managing Director, ATR Americas
- Sharon Pinkerton, Senior VP Legislative & Regulatory Affairs, Airlines for America
- Ross Mitchell, VP, Strategy, Business Development, Marketing, Communications, & Business Operations, MHIRJ Aviation
- Flavio Gregorio, General Manager, Regional Aircraft Engines and Services, GE Aerospace

- Kim Pyle, Executive Director, Office of Accident Investigation and Prevention, Federal Aviation Administration
- Captain Richard Lenz, Lufthansa Chief Training Captain, Airbus Long Range
- Mike Linenberg, Managing Director, Deutsche Bank
- Helane Becker, Managing Director, TD Cowen
- Simone Perez, Policy Director, Senate Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation
- Stuart Fox, Director, Flight & Technical Operations, IATA
- Holly Woodruff Lyons, President, HWL Aerospace Policies
- Michael Miller, President, Miller Air Group
- Drew Jacoby Lemos, Senior Vice President Legislative Affairs, Regional Airline Association
- Nobuyo Reinsch, Senior Vice President Safety & Regulatory Affairs, Regional Airline Association

## **AGENDA**

(PRELIMINARY)

### **Monday, September 23, 2024**

***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 24, 2024 – Day One**

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

#### **Session I (8:30 AM-12:05 PM)**

#### **8:30 AM Welcoming Remarks**

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

### **8:45 AM Fireside Chat: Aviation Safety**

#### **SPEAKERS:**

- The Honorable Jennifer Homendy, Administrator, National Transportation Safety Administrator
- Faye Malarkey Black, President & CEO, Regional Airline Association

### **9:15 AM Partner Keynote: Embraer**

SPEAKER: Marty Holmes, Chief Commercial Officer, Embraer

### **9:30 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; Chair, RAA Board of Directors
- Faye Malarkey Black, President & CEO, Regional Airline Association

### **10:00 AM CEO Panel Discussion I: Regional Airline Business and Trends**

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

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

#### **SPEAKERS:**

- Bryan Bedford, CEO, Republic Airways
- Rob Binns, President & CEO, Air Wisconsin
- Jim Graham, CEO, Endeavor Air
- John Sullivan, Executive Chairman, CommuteAir
- Linda Markham, President & CEO, Cape Air
- Tim Komberec, Chairman & CEO, Empire Airlines

### ***10:45 AM Coffee and Networking Break in Hall of Partners***

### **11:05 AM Airline Analyst Perspective**

*Leading aviation analysts discuss financial & economic trends, how the airline industry is performing, the health of aviation and what signs we should be following.*

MODERATOR: Michael Miller, President, Miller Air Group

#### **SPEAKERS:**

- Helene Becker, Managing Director, Cowen Group
- Mike Linenberg, Managing Director, Deutsche Bank

### **11:50 AM Lawmaker Keynote: TBD**

### ***12:05PM-12:40PM Lunch in Hall of Partners***

### **Session II (12:40 PM-5:05 PM)**

**12:40 PM Keynote:**

**SPEAKER: The Honorable Michael Whitaker, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration**

**1:00 PM Panel Discussion: Air Traffic Control: Staffing, Modernization & What Aviation Needs**

*Airlines continue to struggle with fielding full and on-time schedules due to ATC staffing. What is being done and what else can be done? Are there aircraft equipage issues to factor in?*

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

**SPEAKERS:**

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- Ed Bolen, CEO & President, National Business Aviation Association
- Jim Graham, CEO Endeavor
- Sharon Pinkerton, Senior VP Legislative & Regulatory Affairs, Airlines for America

**1:50 PM Keynote: Lawmaker TBD**

**2:05 PM-3:00 PM CEO Walk Through of Sponsor Display Area in Hall of Partners**

**3:00 PM Partner Keynote**

**SPEAKER:** Chris Jones, President and Managing Director, ATR Americas

**3:15 PM Panel Discussion: Pilot & Maintenance Technician and the Future of Small Community Air Service**

*Workforce shortages have had an outsized impact on air service. What's the outlook for the pilot and mechanic professions? How are regional airlines and air service impacted? What's the outlook for recruitment, training and staffing of technical professions? How are regional airlines and the supply chain impacted?*

**MODERATOR:** Drew Jacoby Lemos, Senior Vice President Government Affairs, RAA

**SPEAKERS:**

- Eric Morgan, President & CEO, Piedmont Airlines
- Rick Leach, CEO, GoJet Airlines
- Rick Hoefling, CEO, CommuteAir
- Dana Donati, CEO, Breaking Down Barriers
- Flavio Gregorio, General Manager, Regional Aircraft Engines and Services, GE Aerospace
- Ross Mitchell, VP, Strategy, Business Development, Marketing, Communications, & Business Operations, MHIRJ Aviation

**4:00 PM Panel Discussion: Competency-Based Pilot Training & Assessment**

*Competency-based pilot training has been adopted with great success in Europe and elsewhere as a safe process to train pilots. How does it compare to training in the U.S.? What are the facts about competency-based training?*

**MODERATOR:** Stuart Fox, Director, Flight & Technical Operations, IATA

**SPEAKER:**

- Captain Richard Lenz, Lufthansa Chief Training Captain, Airbus Long Range
- Hassan Shahidi, CEO, Flight Safety Foundation

**4:45 PM Keynote:**

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

**5:05 PM Day One Thank you and Closing Remarks**

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

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

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

**Wednesday, September 25, 2024 - Day Two**

*All sessions to take place at RAA Headquarters at  
1201 15th 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 Partner Keynote:**

**SPEAKER: TBD**

**9:20 AM Panel Discussion: The Outcome of the New FAA Reauthorization**

*This panel explores the new FAA Reauthorization and its many regulatory and policy implications for industry. What's there and what was congressional intent? What new rules will be coming and what new structures may be in place?*

**MODERATOR: Holly Woodruff Lyons, President, HWL Aerospace Policies**

**SPEAKERS:**

- Simone Perez, Policy Director, Senate Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation
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**10:10 AM *Coffee and Networking Break in Hall of Partners***

**10:30 AM Keynote: TBD**

**10:45 AM Lawmaker Keynote: TBD**

**11:10 AM Panel Discussion: Safety & Leadership in Aviation**

*How can the industry tackle difficult long-term issues? How should safety issues be handled in Washington better? How does the industry address heightened media attention to every incident?*

MODERATOR: Hassan Shahidi, CEO, Flight Safety Foundation

SPEAKERS:

- Linda Markham, CEO Cape Air
- George Novak, President & CEO, National Air Carrier Association
- Kim Pyle, Executive Director, Office of Accident Investigation and Prevention, Federal Aviation Administration
- Nobuyo Reinsch, Vice President Safety & Regulatory Affairs, Regional Airline Association

**11:55 PM – Closing Remarks**

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

**12:05 PM Adjourn**

*All conference attendees who are not participating in the events listed below are adjourned at 12:00.*

***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