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Two new members appointed to the Virginia Aviation Board

Richmond – Governor Terry McAuliffe has announced the appointments of Derek M. “Dak” Hardwick and Daniel G. “Bud” Oakey to the Virginia Aviation Board.

Dak Hardwick currently serves as the Director of International Affairs at Aerospace Industries Association (AIA) where he is responsible for international defense, space trade and export reform issues. He also handles international cooperative programs, trade advocacy initiatives and oversees AIA’s role in bilateral and multilateral trade relationships in key regions.

Hardwick’s background includes interfacing with the U.S government on a variety of programs within the government communications systems business unit to make sure projects like the modernization of the national airspace, intelligence and meteorological ground system communications ran efficiently. He also held a variety of critical national security positions including country director, legislative director and military legislative assistant.

As a board member he will be responsible for representing the airports in the Northern Virginia region including Washington Dulles International Airport and Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport.

Daniel “Bud” Oakey currently serves as the Chairman and Managing Director of Advantus Strategies where he specializes in maintaining and enhancing strategic business relationships with local, state and federal governments.

Oakey has experience dealing with numerous transportation projects and economic development issues throughout Virginia. His background also includes being a member of a transition team that was responsible for public policy recommendations concerning the Virginia Department of Transportation.

As a board member he will be responsible for representing the airports in the Central Virginia region including Lynchburg Regional Airport.

The Virginia Department of Aviation continually strives to become the standard of excellence amongst State Aviation Agencies through; its cultivation of an advanced aviation system, a system that is not only safe for consumers, but one that will provide economic development opportunities throughout the Commonwealth; its promotion and education of aviation and aviation related issues, subsequently raising aviation awareness in the Commonwealth and beyond; and by providing executive flight services for the Commonwealth leadership.

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