

## Chief Executive Officer

Candace McGraw is an aviation professional with 30 years of operational and legal expertise who has led the transformation of a failing business into a thriving airport, which has been recognized by SkyTrax as the “World’s Best Airport Serving Less than 10 Million Passengers” and as the “Best Regional Airport in North America” for six of the last eight years.



Since becoming CEO of the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport (CVG) in 2011, Candace designed and executed a comprehensive turnaround strategy that reversed nine consecutive years of passenger decline, turning CVG into one of the fastest growing airports for both passenger and cargo traffic in the U.S. Between 2015-2018, passenger volumes increased 56% while average airfare declined 32%. Cargo volume surpassed one million tons in 2018, growing 54% since 2015.

Candace is proud to lead a team that has positioned the airport for continued future success by completing a 2035 Master Plan Study; consolidating operations into a renovated terminal facility; diversifying revenues through targeted cargo, land, and concessions improvements; finalizing a modernized Use Agreement with air carriers; introducing low-cost air carriers to the airport; and growing startup businesses to support the airport ecosystem and the Greater Cincinnati area.

Through successful negotiations and thoughtful stakeholder engagement, Candace has positioned the airport to become the epicenter of e-commerce for the United States. Currently the 8<sup>th</sup> largest cargo operation in North America, CVG is the home to the Amazon Air cargo hub, with its \$1.5 billion+ facility under construction, as well as DHL’s North American superhub—its second largest global operation.

Candace is a globally-recognized leader in the airport industry, serving as immediate past chair of Airports Council International-North America (ACI-NA), a trade association representing 400+ airports in the U.S. and Canada. She also serves on the World Board of Airports Council International, an organization representing 90% of all commercial airports throughout the world. In 2019, Candace was appointed by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation to serve on the federal NextGen Advisory Committee, a committee charged with providing counsel and recommendations to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) related to operational capabilities and technology that affect the future of the national air traffic system.

In addition to serving on a number of local and state boards, Candace was appointed by Kentucky’s Governor as a member of the Economic Development Partnership Board to oversee the strategic plan and goals for the Commonwealth’s Cabinet for Economic Development.

She is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh School of Law and holds a bachelor’s and master’s degree from Duquesne University.