

Chief Executive Officer

Candace McGraw is an aviation professional with more than 30 years of operational and legal expertise who has led the transformation of the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport (CVG) into a thriving enterprise, which has been recognized by Skytrax in 2021 as the second-best airport in the world serving between five and 10 million passengers and the “Best Regional Airport in North America” for eight of the last 10 years.



Since becoming CEO of 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. Over the five years ending in 2021, passenger volumes increased 45%, while airfares have held as the lowest in the airport's region. CVG's cargo volume also grew by 100% between 2016 and 2021.

Candace is proud to lead a team that has positioned the airport for continued future success by navigating a once-in-a-generation pandemic with serious impacts to the airport industry; completing a 2050 Master Plan Study; consolidating operations into a renovated and expanded terminal; diversifying revenues through targeted cargo, land, and concessions improvements; finalizing modernized Use Agreements with air carriers; introducing low-cost airlines to the airport; and growing startup businesses to support the airport and Cincinnati region.

CVG has been positioned to become the epicenter of e-commerce for the United States. Currently the 7th largest cargo operation in North America, CVG is home to the Amazon Air cargo hub, with its \$1.5 billion facility open as of 2021 and under continued construction, as well as DHL's Global Super Hub for the Americas, its second largest operation in the world.

Candace is a globally-recognized leader in the airport industry. She serves as the Vice Chair of the World Board of Airports Council International, which represents 90% of all commercial airports throughout the world. Candace was appointed to serve on two U.S. Department of Transportation boards: the Women in Aviation Advisory Board and the NextGen Advisory Committee, charged with providing counsel and recommendations to the Federal Aviation Administration as to operational capabilities and technology that affect the future of the national air traffic system.

In addition to serving on numerous local and state boards, Candace is a member of the Kentucky Economic Development Partnership Board, which oversees the strategic plan and goals for the Commonwealth's Cabinet for Economic Development. She also serves on the Advisory Board for Fifth Third Bank and is chair of the Foundation Board of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce.

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