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Roanoke Regional Airport Commission Announces Retirement of Executive Director

Roanoke, Va. (April 22, 2014) – Airport Commission chair, Cynthia Lawrence, announced that Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport Executive Director Jacqueline Shuck has informed the members of the Airport Commission of her desire to retire at the end of 2014.

Shuck, who is the first and only airport director to serve under the Airport Commission which was formed in 1987, has worked in this capacity for 25 years, following more than five years in a similar position in Cleveland, Ohio.

“It was a tough decision,” said Shuck. “I am proud of what we have been able to accomplish, and feel blessed to have worked with board members, employees and volunteers who consistently and selflessly show their dedication to this airport and the community it serves.”

During her tenure, ROA’s first low cost carrier, Allegiant Air, began service, regional jets became commonplace, and the airport saw the construction of a new air traffic control tower, a completely rehabilitated airfield, numerous infrastructure projects and most recently the renovation of the airport terminal which was newly opened the week before she began her employment with the Commission.

“To say that, Jacque will be missed is an understatement; she was the right person at the right time and worked tirelessly to transition the Airport Commission into a fully functional and financially self sufficient, independent governmental entity,” said Lawrence. “She has earned the respect of this community for her expertise in guiding the Airport Commission through many economic and airline industry cycles, always balancing the needs of ROA and the region. “

Shuck has indicated that she will remain on the job while the Commission conducts a nationwide search to find the most qualified candidate to fill this position.

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