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**THE CHARLOTTESVILLE ALBEMARLE AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD
TO ANNOUNCE A NEW CEO TO START IN SEPTEMBER.**

Charlottesville, VA – Don Long, Chairman of the Charlottesville Albemarle Airport Authority Board, announced today that CHO Airport’s current Chief Operating Officer (COO), Jason Burch, will become the new Chief Executive Officer of the Airport Authority, effective September 1, 2023.

“After a thorough internal selection process, I am proud to announce Jason Burch’s appointment as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Charlottesville Albemarle Airport Authority. Jason’s decades of experience and passion for leadership will be crucial to the continued post-pandemic recovery of CHO Airport,” said Chairman Long. “Jason began his career at CHO in 2001 and has been involved with most aspects of the Airport’s operations and has served as CHO’s Chief Operating Officer for the past six years. While serving in this role, he helped to lead CHO through some of the toughest times in its history, and we know he will keep CHO on a successful path as we move forward. He will continue to help CHO Airport provide first-class air service and worldwide access to our community”.

Burch has a broad background in airport operations. Currently, he oversees the following departments: Public Safety, Maintenance, Landside Operations, Marketing, and Air Service Development. Jason is also responsible for CHO’s entire snow and ice removal operations and oversees CHO’s extensive capital improvement projects. He also holds several airport industry certifications, including Certified Manager (C.M.) from the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE).

Before joining CHO, Jason served in the United States Marine Corps for ten years of meritorious duty. His airport career began in operations as a Public Safety Officer, and he was later promoted to the Director of Air Service Development and Marketing. In this role, he secured Chicago air service via American Eagle, and he continued to improve

CHO's commercial air service by securing more flights and larger aircraft with Delta, American, and United Airlines, as well as securing Allegiant Airlines' service to Florida.

CHO's CEO Melinda Crawford noted, "I am extremely pleased that the Authority's Board has decided to appoint Jason as my predecessor. As my COO, Jason has led our airport operations, managed all airport construction projects, and purchased major equipment for CHO. Recently, he was instrumental in securing Florida service with Avelo Airlines. Jason has also served in community roles over the years, including having the honor of serving as Chairman of the Board for the Charlottesville Albemarle Convention and Visitors Bureau for a term. Under Jason's leadership, I know that CHO will continue to soar."

"I'm honored to be selected as CHO's next CEO," Jason stated. "This Airport has provided me with so many opportunities over the last 22 years, and I look forward to giving back to it and our community by taking on this leadership role. Our amazing staff of 50 employees helps to make this Airport a success, and when faced with challenges, our team steps up to solve them. We will continue to do so, and I look forward to working with each of them. I will also strive to the best of my abilities to ensure the continued success of CHO Airport, one of this community's greatest assets. I'm ready".

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