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**Norfolk Airport Authority announces 2009 Board of Commissioners**

**NORFOLK, Va. – (July 28, 2009)** – The Norfolk Airport Authority has released the names of its 2009 Board of Commissioners. Louis Ryan, retired executive vice president and general counsel, Landmark Communications Inc. has been named chairman, succeeding Peter G. Decker, Jr. Ryan has been a member of the board since 1999.

Other commissioners include: Dr. Harold J. Cobb, Jr., vice chairman; Gus J. James, II, Esquire, secretary/treasurer; Peter G. Decker, Jr., Esquire; Thomas P. Host III; Blythe Ann Scott, Esquire; Chris G. Stephanitsis; Robert T. Taylor; and Howard M. Webb, Sr.

The Norfolk Airport Authority is responsible for the operation and development of Norfolk International Airport. Commissioners are appointed by the Norfolk City Council, and serve for terms of four years.

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*Norfolk International Airport (NIA) is the major airport serving southeastern Virginia with 85 daily departures provided by American, American Eagle, Continental, Continental Express, Delta, Delta Connection, Northwest, Northwest Airlink, Southwest, United Express, US Airways and US Airways Express. NIA is ranked as the 65<sup>th</sup> largest airport in the United States with over 3.5 million passengers served in 2008.*