

NEWS RELEASE



WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION

Office of Public Information

Release Date: September 20, 2012

Contact: Jim Toth

Phone: 313-224-7263

Cellular: 313-600-2821

Wayne County Commission names McNamara to Airport Authority board

The Wayne County Commission today appointed Commissioner Kevin McNamara (D-Belleville) to the Wayne County Airport Authority board.

McNamara will serve a six-year term on the board beginning October 1. He replaces Bernard Parker (D-Detroit), whose term has expired.

The Authority is responsible for the management and operation of Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport and Willow Run Airport. It was established under Public Act 90 of 2002.

McNamara is one of seven members of the Board of Directors. Four members are appointed by the Wayne County Executive; two members by the Governor and one member by the Wayne County Commission.

McNamara is the son of former Wayne County Executive Edward H. McNamara, who transformed Detroit Metro Airport into one of the finest facilities and airfields in the world during his term of office from 1987-2002. The award-winning McNamara Terminal, which opened in 2002, is named in his honor.

Kevin McNamara was first elected Wayne County Commissioner in November 2006. He currently represents the communities of Belleville, Canton Township, Sumpter Township, Van Buren Township, and Wayne.

He is a former trustee for Schoolcraft College and has worked as a sales executive for a major infrastructure development company.

“I am humbled and honored by this appointment,” McNamara said. “I look forward to working with my fellow board members and the Airport Authority staff members to continue building and improving our airports and generating economic development for our entire county and region.”

NOTE: September 21 is officially “Edward H. McNamara Day” in Wayne County. It was designated by resolution of the Wayne County Commission in 2006 in honor of Mr. McNamara’s birth date. Mr. McNamara died in February 2006.

*Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW) welcomed more than 32 million passengers in 2011 and is one of the world’s leading air transportation hubs. With service from 13 scheduled passenger airlines, Michigan’s largest airport offers more than 1,200 flights per day to and from nearly 150 non-stop destinations on four continents. In 2010, DTW ranked highest in overall customer satisfaction among large airports in the **J.D. Power and Associates North America Airport Satisfaction Study**. With two new state-of-the-art passenger terminals, six jet runways, and an onsite AAA Four-Diamond **Westin Hotel**, DTW is among the world’s most efficient, customer friendly and operationally capable airports in North America. DTW is operated by **Wayne County Airport Authority**, which also operates nearby **Willow Run Airport**—an important corporate, cargo and general aviation facility. The Airport Authority is entirely self-sustaining and does not receive any tax dollars to support airport operations. Visit www.metroairport.com for more information.*