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Top Skills

Non-Executive Director
Board Director
Board of Directors

Languages

Korean
Spanish (Limited Working)

Certifications

Director's Consortium

Billy Nolen, FRAeS

Chief Regulatory Officer @ Archer Aviation | NED Board Member |
Former FAA Administrator (A)

Washington, District of Columbia, United States

Summary

I am a strategically focused and results-oriented aerospace executive with over 4 plus decades of experience in aviation and transportation. I am currently the Chief Regulatory Officer at Archer, a leading urban air mobility company that is developing electric vertical takeoff and landing aircraft.

My core competencies are aviation operational excellence, transformation of under performing team and Board leadership, with a passion for transforming teams with the outcome of moving from being merely proactive and preventative to actually being fully predictive. I have a proven track record of delivering top-line results while driving down cost and operational risk, and I believe that transparency, collaboration, and communication are key to achieving this. In my previous roles, I have led global teams of professionals, worked with diverse stakeholders, and implemented innovative solutions to enhance safety, efficiency, and customer satisfaction. I am also a certified Non Executive Director, Air Transportation regulatory and safety professional in addition to being a former Captain and Executives at American Airlines.

Experience

Archer

1 year 8 months

Chief Regulatory Affairs Officer

April 2024 - Present (10 months)

Washington, DC

Chief Safety Officer

June 2023 - Present (1 year 8 months)

Washington, District of Columbia, United States

AAR

Board Member

October 2023 - Present (1 year 4 months)

Washington, District of Columbia, United States

Federal Aviation Administration

1 year 6 months

FAA Administrator (A)

April 2022 - June 2023 (1 year 3 months)

Washington, District of Columbia, United States

Associate Administrator for Aviation Safety (AVS)

January 2022 - April 2022 (4 months)

Washington, District of Columbia, United States

Self-employed

Executive Mini Sabbatical

October 2021 - December 2021 (3 months)

WestJet

Vice President, Safety, Security & Quality

February 2020 - November 2021 (1 year 10 months)

Qantas

Executive Manager - Group Safety & Health

July 2018 - December 2019 (1 year 6 months)

Mascot, New South Wales, Australia

Airlines for America

Senior Vice President - Safety, Security & Operations

July 2015 - March 2018 (2 years 9 months)

Washington, D.C.

American Airlines

26 years 4 months

Managing Director, Employee Safety & Regulatory Affairs

March 1989 - June 2015 (26 years 4 months)

Fort Worth, Texas

Oversight of American Airlines' Employee Safety activities including it's Partnership for Safety program. This covers all AA employee activities on the ground at our 54 domestic airports, maintenance bases and offices.

Additionally, as MD of Regulatory Affairs, responsible for insuring compliance with FARs and OSHA requirements.

Captain/Manager, Flight Safety

October 2008 - January 2011 (2 years 4 months)

As Manager, Flight Safety, responsible for the management and oversight of four ASAP programs covering the Pilots, Mechanics, Flight Attendants and Dispatchers. Also responsible for the management of AA's FOQA program. Corporate Lead Investigator for accidents and incidents. Liaison for the company on events involving the NTSB and the FAA.

Captain/ Manager, Flight ASAP

2005 - 2008 (3 years)

Managed the Flight Aviation Safety Action Partnership program (ASAP). This voluntary reporting program receives reports from pilot about safety hazards and inadvertent safety violations of the CFR 14 regulations. The reports are reviewed and investigated in detail to determine corrective actions if required and develop and implement risk mitigation strategies.

Captain/ Check Airman

April 2001 - May 2005 (4 years 2 months)

MD-80 Check Airman

Education

Stanford University Graduate School of Business

Certificate, Directors' Consortium · (October 2024 - October 2024)

University of Southern California

Certificate, Aviation Safety and Security · (2008 - 2009)

US Army Safety Center

Certificate, Aviation Safety Officer Course · (1985 - 1985)

Naval Postgraduate School

Certificate, Aviation Safety Officer Course · (1984 - 1984)

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

BS, Aviation Management