



Michael Landguth, President and CEO Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority



Michael Landguth has served as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority since November 2011. With over 25 years of aviation industry experience, he is an Accredited Airport Executive (A.A.E.) and a nationally recognized leader in airport development, operations, and strategic growth.

Under his leadership, RDU has undergone a period of transformative expansion. In 2010, the airport served 39 nonstop destinations via seven airlines. Today, RDU connects travelers to 80 nonstop destinations through 19 airlines, including a record 15 international routes. In 2023, RDU was named the fastest-growing airport among the 50 busiest in the United States.

Throughout his tenure, the airport has maintained strong financial health, with Fitch Ratings reaffirming an AA- and Moody's maintaining an Aa3—underscoring the Authority's fiscal strength and long-term sustainability.

Mr. Landguth led the creation of Vision 2040, RDU's 25-year, \$5 billion master plan designed to guide long-term infrastructure investment and accommodate future demand. Key components of the plan include the full replacement of Runway 5L-23R, expansion of Terminal 2 from the curb through security, major enhancements to parking facilities—including thousands of new spaces at Park Economy 3 (PE3)—and the widening of John Brantley Boulevard, RDU's primary access roadway. The airport is currently advancing a \$2.5 billion Phase I capital program to address near-term priorities and lay the foundation for continued growth.

Before joining RDU, Mr. Landguth served as president and CEO of the Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport Authority. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees in Aeronautical Sciences from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and is a licensed Commercial Pilot and Certified Flight Instructor.

Mr. Landguth's contributions to the aviation industry have been recognized through multiple awards, including:

2016 Airport Revenue News Medium Hub Airport Director of the Year



2017 CEO of the Year, Triangle Business Journal

2024 President's Award, North Carolina Airports Association (Airport Professional of the Year)

He is actively involved in aviation and business leadership at both national and local levels, having served on the boards of Airports Council International – North America (ACI-NA), the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE), the U.S. Policy Council of ACI-NA, the Chambers of Commerce for Raleigh, Durham, and Morrisville, and the Greater Raleigh Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Mr. Landguth resides in the Triangle with his wife, Page. They have two married daughters who live locally, along with his two grandchildren.