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Under Dobberstein's leadership, Hector has achieved record-setting passenger enplanement years, including 2024 and 2025. He currently oversees the airport's terminal expansion, parking ramp, and skyway projects designed to support future growth and further enhance the passenger experience. Dobberstein is an accredited member and past national board member of the American Association of Airport Executives and advocates for aviation and economic development.