



NORTHWEST FLORIDA BEACHES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

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NORTHWEST FLORIDA BEACHES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WELCOMES MATT ALGARIN TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PANAMA CITY BEACH, Fla. (September 15, 2022) – Matt Algarin will join the Northwest Florida Beaches International Airport (ECP) Board of Directors. He was recently named the new tourism director for Walton County. Algarin will succeed Brian Kellenberger, whose term expired in June 2022 as the Walton County appointed board member.

[The Board of Directors](#) consists of seven members that govern the Panama City-Bay County Airport and Industrial District (District), which owns and operates the ECP Airport. Two members are appointed by the City of Panama City Commission, two members are appointed by the City of Panama City Beach City Council, two members are appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of Bay County, and one member is appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of Walton County.

“Joining the ECP Board of Directors is a great opportunity to collaborate with regional leaders on continuing to elevate travel experiences in northwest Florida,” said Algarin. “I look forward to representing Walton County as ECP and our region continue to experience incredible growth.”

Algarin has been with the Walton County Tourism Department since 2017 and served as the department’s director of communications prior to being named the director of tourism. He has experience in the magazine and newspaper industries, including prior positions as the editor of *The Destin Log* and *The Walton Sun*.

He also currently serves on the boards for Explore Northwest Florida, the Northwest Florida Tourism Council, and the Northwest Florida Coast Chapter of the Florida Public Relations Association. He received a bachelor’s degree from University of West Florida in communication arts and a master’s degree from Full Sail University in new media journalism.

“I am excited to take on this new role with the ECP Board of Directors while I continue serving Walton County residents and visitors,” Algarin said. “Our destination is unique and beautiful, and it’s my job to help our community grow through a sustainable visitor economy.”

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About Northwest Florida Beaches International Airport

Northwest Florida Beaches International Airport (ECP) is located less than 30 minutes from Panama City Beach, Panama City, and the beaches of South Walton. Today, with service from American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Southwest Airlines, and United Airlines, ECP’s airline partners provide daily flights to worldwide destinations, including year-round and seasonal nonstop flights between ECP and Atlanta (ATL), Austin (AUS) Baltimore (BWI), Charlotte (CLT), Chicago (MDW/ORD), Dallas (DAL/DFW), Denver (DEN), Houston (HOU/IAH), Kansas City (MCI), Nashville (BNA), St. Louis (STL), Washington DC (DCA), and more. ECP provides Northwest Florida with first-class facilities and was strategically developed for major economic development opportunities. ECP is the gateway to visitors seeking Northwest Florida’s famous beaches.