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Portsmouth Int'l Airport Director Named to State Aviation Board

(Portsmouth) Governor John Lynch and the Executive Council have confirmed Portsmouth International Airport Director Bill Hopper as the newest member of state's Aviation Users Advisory Board (AUAB). He succeeds Kevin Dillon of the Manchester-Boston Regional Airport who recently resigned.

Hopper said he is honored by the three-year term and hopes to "continue the excellent public service that Kevin Dillon gave to the Aviation Users Advisory Board and use my years of experience as an airport manager to best serve New Hampshire and its flying public."

The seven-member AUAB was created in 1986 by the legislature to replace the Aeronautics Commission. The board's function is to regularly advise the Director of the Division of Aeronautics, Rail and Transit on all matters related to the operation of the state's Bureau of Aeronautics.

Hopper is also an accredited Airport Executive with the American Association of Airport Executives and serves as the current President of the Granite State Airport Management Association (GSAMA), a group of airport managers and aviation-related organizations that work closely with the Bureau of Aeronautics and the Federal Aviation Administration in promoting the 24 public-use airports throughout the Granite State.