

Georgia World Congress Center Authority to Appoint Kevin Duvall as New CEO

ATLANTA, August 27, 2024 – Georgia World Congress Center Authority (GWCCA) announced the appointment of Kevin Duvall as its new chief executive officer. Today at the Board of Governors meeting the Board voted in support of the executive search committee’s unanimous recommendation. Duvall will officially assume the role on September 16, succeeding Frank Poe, who has been at the helm of the Authority since April 2010.

Prior to the board meeting the executive search committee shared the results of its nearly year-long search conducted in collaboration with renowned firm Heidrick and Struggles.

"The search committee was committed to finding a leader who not only had the expertise to navigate the complexities associated with the position but also shared our vision for the future of the Authority," said Glenn Hicks, chair of GWCCA’s board of governors search committee. "Following an extensive industry search process, we are confident that Kevin is the right leader for this critical role. His exceptional track record, innovative approach, and deep understanding of the live events industry made him the standout choice."

With over 20 years of significant influence and oversight in various aspects of organizational management and strategic development at GWCCA, Duvall, who currently serves as chief operating officer, brings more than 30 years of experience in live events and public facility management. Duvall’s extensive background includes campus and facility operations, event management, public safety, contract negotiations, capital planning, crisis management, and key stakeholder relationships in public, political, business, economic development, and philanthropic sectors.

"We are thrilled to welcome Kevin as the new CEO of Georgia World Congress Center Authority," said Brian Daniel, chair of GWCCA’s board of governors. "Kevin's extensive experience and proven track record in executive leadership make him the ideal candidate to lead GWCCA. He brings a wealth of experience and expertise to this role, and we are confident that under his guidance, GWCCA will continue to thrive, impacting not only Georgia's economy, but the live events industry."

“I would also like to take this opportunity to recognize Frank Poe for his exceptional leadership and game-changing contributions to GWCCA. Frank has played a pivotal role in shaping the organization for future success. His visionary leadership and dedication over the years have left an indelible impact on the organization, its culture, and the Atlanta hospitality community. He will be greatly missed.”

Duvall's appointment comes at a key time for GWCCA as it continues to enhance its facilities and services, contributing to the economic vitality of the surrounding area. His leadership will be instrumental in steering the organization towards achieving its strategic goals and further solidifying its position as a premier destination for conventions, trade shows, and the country's most sought-after live events.

"I am honored to continue my journey with Georgia World Congress Center Authority as CEO," said Kevin Duvall. "I look forward to working with the talented team at GWCCA and building on the organization's legacy of excellence. Together, we will continue to drive innovation, deliver compelling guest experiences, and create lasting value for our stakeholders as part of GWCCA's strategic vision for a connected campus that caters to the needs of current and future customers and positions Atlanta as a leading destination for entertainment and leisure activities.”

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About Georgia World Congress Center Authority

Georgia World Congress Center Authority (GWCCA) is a key driver for Georgia's economy and the largest combined convention, sports, and entertainment destination in North America. Established in 1971, the GWCCA campus includes Georgia World Congress Center, Centennial Olympic Park, Mercedes-Benz Stadium, and Signia by Hilton Atlanta. To learn more about the No. 1 convention, sports, and entertainment destination in the world, visit www.gwcca.org or follow GWCCA on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#).

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