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### **MNAA Director Elected to Airport Minority Advisory Council Board**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Amber Gooding, director of Business Diversity Development for the Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority (MNAA), was recently elected to the Airport Minority Advisory Council (AMAC) Board, the only national nonprofit trade association dedicated to promoting the full participation of minority-owned, woman-owned and disadvantaged business enterprises (M/W/DBEs) in airport contracting and the inclusion of minorities and women in employment. She will serve as a director at-large for a three-year term, as well as co-chair of the membership committee with a focus on increasing the representation from the construction and professional services sectors.

“We are proud of Amber Gooding’s involvement on the AMAC Board and her work with the MNAA team to accomplish our goal of sustaining diversity in contracting with the airports,” said Raul Regalado, MNAA president and CEO.

Gooding is responsible for administering MNAA’s federally mandated disadvantaged business enterprise (DBE) program and its voluntary local small, minority- and woman-owned business enterprise (SMWBE) program. Gooding also serves as a networking resource and liaison to provide the maximum opportunities for large and small companies to participate in contracting with the Authority’s two airports, Nashville International Airport and John C. Tune Airport.

A Memphis native, Gooding has previously served as the executive director for The Tennessee Human Rights Commission and a special assistant on urban affairs to the governor. She has also worked for The Regional Medical Center, Horizon Medical Management and Methodist Health System. Gooding is also a member of multiple community boards and organizations, including serving as board chair for the Nashville Black Chamber of Commerce and the Women’s Foundation.

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The Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority (MNAA) was established in 1970, and owns and operates the Nashville International Airport (BNA) and John C. Tune Airport (JWN). For more information, please visit [www.flynashville.com](http://www.flynashville.com).

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