

IVERY APPOINTED CHAIR

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**WAYNE COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD APPOINTS WCCCD CHANCELLOR  
DR. CURTIS L. IVERY CHAIRPERSON**

DETROIT, Mich. – Jan. 29, 2020 – Wayne County Community College District Chancellor Dr. Curtis L. Ivery has been appointed Chairperson of the Wayne County Airport Authority (WCAA) Board. Ivery was appointed to the seven-member independent board by Wayne County Executive Warren Evans.

The WCAA is tasked with the strategic operation and management of Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport and Willow Run Airport. Detroit Metro Airport is one of the busiest airports in the world, and last year ranked first in customer satisfaction by J.D. Power and Associates. Together, Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW) and Willow Run Airport (YIP) represent one of the world's leading air transportation hubs, recording more than 1,100 flights a day to and from four continents and providing \$10.2 billion in annual economic impact, and thousands of jobs.

"I am honored by this appointment and the opportunity to work with my board colleagues to advance one of the world's most important transportation hubs," said Ivery. "We know that Detroit Metro and Willow Run are vital parts of the economic engine that drives our region forward. During such a dynamic and innovative time in transportation and in southeast Michigan, it is truly exciting to champion that movement and help our region thrive into the future."

As the Chancellor or Chief Executive Officer of Wayne County Community College District, Ivery directs the largest urban community college district in Michigan. Ivery led the transformation of the District into a thriving, six-campus, inclusively pluralistic District that serves nearly 70,000 students annually, and 36 cities and townships across 500 square miles. Ivery is a recognized national thought leader, early education and equity advocate, educator, author and scholar.

Ivery directed the creation of more than 120 workforce development, career and academic programs to help retrain workers for new careers in emerging sector industries, and a rigorously transparent operating model that has become a reference point for educational institutions nationwide.

Ivery's term on the WCAA Board expires in October 2024.

**About WCCCD:** WCCCD, the largest urban community college in Michigan, is a multi-campus district with six campus locations, the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center and the Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE), serving nearly 70,000 students annually across 36 cities and townships, and more than 500 square miles. WCCCD is committed to the continued development of new programs, workforce transformation, hosting community-based training sessions, and improving student facilities and services. [www.wcccd.edu](http://www.wcccd.edu) .