



## **Stockton Trustees Name Joseph Sheairs to Head Stockton Aviation Research & Technology Park**

Actions at September Meeting Include Award to AtlantiCare's Lori Herndon

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**Galloway Township, NJ** - Joseph M. Sheairs, Sr., a veteran executive with over 35 years of experience in aviation, engineering, technology and business, today was named the new executive director of the Stockton Aviation Research and Technology Park (ARTP) by the Board of Trustees of The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey.

Sheairs is a graduate of West Point and the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) and holds degrees in engineering and computer sciences. In 2009-10, he served as interim executive director and then deputy executive director of the Next Generation Aviation and Technology Park, a pre-cursor to the Stockton ARTP.

Sheairs was instrumental in securing the Virginia Tech FAA Unmanned Aircraft Systems test site designation, which includes work in southern New Jersey. Stockton College and Stockton ARTP are members of the Virginia Tech team known as the Mid-Atladevelopment and management

college will be the lead agency in developing research.

Sheairs replaces Ronald J. Esposito, who after a 34-year career in aviation administration of the Federal Aviation Administration's Washington Township.

In other action at the board meeting:

Lori S. Herndon, executive vice president of AtlantiCare and president and CEO of AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center, received the School of Health Sciences Leadership Award “for her significant contributions to health care, to her profession of nursing, and to the welfare of people in our community,” said Dean Theresa Bartolotta.

“She is a proven leader in nursing and health care administration and provides significant service to a number of nonprofit organizations in the greater Atlantic County area,” said Dr. Bartolotta. “A graduate of Stockton’s baccalaureate nursing program, she is an exemplary role model for our students on how to lead through service.”

Herndon, who started her career as an Intensive Care Unit staff nurse at Atlantic Regional Medical Center Mainland Campus in 1983, has held many leadership roles at the hospital and the health system. She is also a member of the Stockton College Foundation board.

Stockton’s overall enrollment was reported as reaching a record high, with