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**OBAP Announces Additions to Board of Advisors**

*The Boeing Company, NASA and United Airlines leadership take vital advisory roles to guide 40<sup>th</sup> year of the Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals*

**Chicago (February 4, 2016)** – Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals (OBAP) board chairman, Captain Karl Minter, today announced new additions to the nine-person Board of Advisors who will volunteer their expertise to help OBAP expand its commitment to increasing the number of minority professionals in aviation and aerospace.

"These are successful, experienced individuals who recognize the importance of continuing OBAP's commitment to diversity and inclusion throughout the aerospace industry," said Captain Minter. "The Board of Advisors' broad experience will help us develop new ways to reach and engage aviation professionals and implement outreach initiatives that inspire new entrants into our industry, particularly at the youth and collegiate level."

**The additional members of the Board of Advisors are:**

- Dr. Aprille Ericsson, SBIR/STTR Program Manager, Innovative Technology Partnerships Office, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center
- Norma B. Clayton, Vice President for Learning, Training and Development, The Boeing Company
- Greg Jones, Managing Director of Diversity and Inclusion, United Airlines

The volunteer-based leadership team, inclusive of the Board of Directors and Board of Advisors, will meet several times a year throughout the country. The members will also attend the organization's 40<sup>th</sup> Annual National Convention and Career Exposition, August 10 – 12 in Chicago, Illinois, the founding city of OBAP. The convention serves as an integral event to maintain momentum toward realizing OBAP's vision; an aerospace industry in which all individuals have equal opportunities to expansive careers through exposure, training, mentoring and scholarships.



“Each of OBAP’s leadership members serve as thought-leaders and contribute an active investment in the vitality of our industry and the value of OBAP to our members worldwide,” said Captain Minter.

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**About The Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals (OBAP)**

Founded in 1976, OBAP is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the encouragement and advancement of minorities in all aviation and aerospace careers. The robust, and diverse, membership is also committed to supporting aspiring aviation professionals through scholarships, mentoring and training as part of Aviation Career Education (ACE) Academies being held in 25 cities nationwide. For more information, please visit our new website [www.obap.org](http://www.obap.org).