

Matthew Karnes

Chief Operating Officer, Executive Office



Matthew Karnes has fifteen years of Finance and Operations experience in both public and private settings. In July 2018, he left Denver International Airport to join Denver Economic Development & Opportunity (DEDO) as a Senior Advisor. He quickly became integrated with DEDO's finances and took on the role of Finance Director where he manages multiple grant and city funded projects and processes. With the departure of DEDO's COO, Matthew recently took on the responsibilities left behind, and he is currently working as DEDO's Interim Chief Operating Officer.

Prior to joining DEDO, Matthew was the Finance Director at Denver International Airport, an Enterprise of the City and County of Denver and the fifth-busiest airport in the nation. At the airport, Matthew oversaw the overall Operating Budget, created and led the new 5-year, \$3.5 Billion Capital Plan, and oversaw the creation of a new Financial Controls business unit. In his final year at the airport, he also managed the Contracts Management team, overseeing all contracting functions for DEN.

Matthew started at the airport over five years ago as a Senior Financial Analyst within the Executive Office. There he managed the Division's Operating Budgets, led the airport's CORA process, and project managed various special projects for the Executive Office.

Matthew's experience also includes 10 years in Mortgage/Banking, most recently as a Finance Manager at Integrated Asset Services, a small Mortgage Servicing and Production firm located in Denver, CO.

Prior to moving to Colorado in 2013, Matthew held various roles at different Mortgage Servicing and Banking institutions, including JP Morgan Chase and before that, a subsidiary of Bear Stearns. Matthew has been managing various finance, operations, reporting, and servicing teams for over ten years, and he's led operations (remotely) in Bangalore, India for two different Mortgage Servicing firms. He's also been through his fair share of corporate buy-outs, mergers, and bankruptcies during the Financial Crisis of the 2000's, and he is extremely happy to be working for the city he loves.

Matthew was born in Nashville, TN and moved outside of New Orleans, Louisiana just after sixth grade. He graduated with honors from the University of Arkansas, and claims "The South" since he and his family are from and have lived in too many southern cities to list. He is currently a member of the Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport Advisory Board, and he lives in Arvada, CO with his wife Paris, his toddler-aged son, and their Husky mix Mykonos.