## **Jon Nass**



Jon Nass currently serves as the Executive Director and CEO of the Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport and joined the MSPA in June 2021, overseeing the operations and development of the Port of Gulfport. Prior to joining the MSPA, Jon was the Chief Executive Officer of the Maine Port Authority where he helped develop Northern New England's only container terminal. Previously, he served as the Deputy Commissioner at the

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