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## AeroVironment, Inc. Announces Chairman Succession Plan

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- Tim Conner to retire as chairman of the AeroVironment Board of Directors, effective at the company's 2021 annual meeting of shareholders
- Wahid Nawabi, president and chief executive officer, elected Chairman of the AeroVironment Board

SIMI VALLEY, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--May 11, 2021-- [AeroVironment, Inc.](https://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20210511005486/en/) (NASDAQ: AVAV), a global leader in intelligent, multi-domain robotic systems, today announced that its Board of Directors has unanimously elected President and Chief Executive Officer Wahid Nawabi to succeed Tim Conner as chairman upon Mr. Conner's planned retirement from the Board of Directors, effective at the company's 2021 annual meeting of shareholders. Mr. Nawabi joined AeroVironment in 2011 and assumed the role of president and chief executive officer in May 2016.

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AeroVironment Portfolio of Intelligent, Multi-Domain Robotic Systems for Defense and Commercial markets (Graphic: Business Wire)

Board whose contributions have molded the company into the recognized leader in our industry. Wahid's track record of effective leadership and demonstrated results as chief executive officer, which include three consecutive years of profitable, double-digit revenue growth, are fundamental to the Board's decision to elect Wahid as the next Chairman. We are excited to welcome Wahid to this new role as part of our planned succession process."

"On behalf of AeroVironment's Board of Directors, I thank Tim for his vision, determination and guidance," said Wahid Nawabi. "Tim helped cultivate a unique company culture focused both on defining the future in our markets and allowing us to deliver uniquely valuable solutions that help our customers and employees Proceed with Certainty. Tim's leadership and mentorship have resulted in countless American and allied lives saved as a result of our innovative UAS and TMS solutions."

### ABOUT AEROVIRONMENT, INC.

AeroVironment (NASDAQ: AVAV) provides technology solutions at the intersection of robotics, sensors, software analytics and connectivity that deliver more actionable intelligence so you can **Proceed with Certainty**. Celebrating 50 years of innovation, AeroVironment is a global leader in unmanned aircraft systems and tactical missile systems, and serves defense, government and commercial customers. For more information, visit [www.avinc.com](http://www.avinc.com).

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Tim Conner has served as a member of the AeroVironment Board of Directors since 1988 and assumed the role of president in 1991, then chief executive officer in 1992. Mr. Conner was elected chairman of AeroVironment's Board of Directors in 2007, upon the retirement of founder Dr. Paul MacCready, Jr. During his tenure, Mr. Conner led AeroVironment's transformation into a global leader in unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), tactical missile systems (TMS) and high-altitude, pseudo-satellites (HAPS), leading the company's initial public offering in 2007 and growing annual revenue from \$10 million to \$264 million in fiscal year 2016.

"As part of our commitment to strong corporate governance, the AeroVironment Board of Directors maintains an ongoing and deliberate process for managing succession," said Arnold Fishman, lead independent director. "Tim Conner has served AeroVironment as a visionary leader and a disciplined Chairman of the

Act of 1995. These statements are made on the basis of current expectations, forecasts and assumptions that involve risks and uncertainties, including, but not limited to, economic, competitive, governmental and technological factors outside of our control, that may cause our business, strategy or actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, our ability to perform under existing contracts and obtain additional contracts; changes in the regulatory environment; the activities of competitors; failure of the markets in which we operate to grow; failure to expand into new markets; failure to develop new products or integrate new technology with current products; and general economic and business conditions in the United States and elsewhere in the world. For a further list and description of such risks and uncertainties, see the reports we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. We do not intend, and undertake no obligation, to update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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