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**PREREAL INVESTMENTS CEO NAMED TO BOARD
GOVERNING SPACEPORT AMERICA**

SANTA FE, N.M., Feb. 17, 2026 — James Prendamano, CEO of PreReal Investments, has been appointed by Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham as a voting member of the New Mexico Spaceport Authority, the governing body for Spaceport America, the world’s first purpose-built commercial spaceport.

The appointment comes as commercial space activity accelerates in southern New Mexico, where Spaceport America serves as the operational home of Virgin Galactic and hosts significant tenant facilities for aerospace companies including Hermeus, Prismatic, a BAE Systems company, UP Aerospace Inc, Swift Engineering, AeroVironment, and SpinLaunch.

The board sets policy, provides financial oversight, hires the executive director and guides long-term strategy tied to aerospace growth and statewide economic development.

“This appointment is a solid addition to the board, contributing private-sector leadership, economic development experience and regional insight that will strengthen Spaceport’s work at a pivotal time for New Mexico’s space economy,” said Rob Black, secretary of the New Mexico Economic Development Department.

The Authority operates under the Spaceport Development Act and manages the infrastructure, airspace, safety and tenant relationships that support vertical and horizontal commercial space launches as well as unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV), aviation, and advanced technology operations.

“I am honored by the Governor’s appointment,” Prendamano said. “Spaceport America represents innovation, economic opportunity and long-term investment for Sierra County and communities across New Mexico. I look forward to working with the board to support the growth and economic vitality the spaceport brings to the region.”

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[About the New Mexico Spaceport Authority](#)



The New Mexico Spaceport Authority is a state agency created under the Spaceport Development Act to oversee the development, operation and promotion of Spaceport America. The Authority advances aerospace commerce and economic development through governance, infrastructure management and tenant support. More information is available at spaceportamerica.com.

About James Prendamano

James Prendamano is a real estate investor, developer and educator known for leading large-scale community development projects. He is CEO of PreReal Investments and PreReal Prendamano Real Estate, with more than \$1 billion in transactional real estate and 1 million square feet of leasing across residential, commercial and mixed-use assets. He has partnered with institutions including Goldman Sachs, BFC Partners and Ironstate Development Co. on projects such as Staten Island Urby and South Shore Commons. Prendamano also founded The Prendamano Academy and hosts The James Prendamano Podcast, heard in more than 60 countries.

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