



Kodiak AI Names Tim Guin and Natalie Draisin To Industry Advisory Council

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Industry leaders bring safety and logistics experience to help shape Kodiak's product roadmap and deployment strategy

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. , April 23, 2026 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [Kodiak AI, Inc.](#) ("Kodiak") (Nasdaq: KDK), a leading provider of Physical AI-powered autonomous vehicle technology, today announced additions to its Industry Advisory Council, welcoming new members [Tim Guin](#) and [Natalie Draisin](#). Together, Draisin and Guin bring experience across leading institutions and transportation companies, including Hirschbach Motor Lines, USA Truck, Swift Transportation, the FIA (Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile) Foundation, Accenture, and the World Health Organization.

"As we continue advancing toward scaled deployment, the perspectives of experienced leaders across the trucking, logistics, safety and technology ecosystems are invaluable," said [Don Burnette](#), Founder and CEO, Kodiak AI. "Tim and Natalie bring complementary expertise in safety, policy, and commercial transportation that can help shape how we build and deploy our technology as we focus on launching long-haul driverless operations."

About the new Industry Advisory Council members:

- **Tim Guin** is a transportation and logistics executive with decades of leadership experience across commercial strategy, operations, and corporate transformation in the North American trucking industry. Prior to his retirement, he was Chief Commercial Officer at Hirschbach Motor Lines. Guin has also held senior leadership roles at USA Truck, Arnold Transportation Services, Swift Transportation, and U.S. Xpress Enterprises. His deep operational and commercial expertise provides practical insight into how autonomous technology can be integrated into real-world freight networks.
- **Natalie Draisin** is current Director of the North American Office and United Nations Representative for the FIA Foundation, where she focuses on advancing safe, sustainable, and equitable mobility systems. Her experience across organizations, including at the National Transportation Safety Board, World Health Organization, and Accenture, brings a global, systems-level perspective to Kodiak's work. A recognized expert at the intersection of transportation, public health, and policy, Draisin has advised governments, multilateral organizations, and private sector leaders on improving safety standards and embedding accountability into complex mobility systems.

Kodiak also acknowledged the contributions of Anne Ferro, former Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration and former President and CEO of the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators, who is retiring from the Council. Ferro played an important role in shaping the Council's early direction, particularly in advancing discussions around safety, governance, and stakeholder collaboration.

[Established in 2024](#), Kodiak's Industry Advisory Council brings together leaders from transportation, safety, logistics, and policy to help shape the company's autonomous trucking strategy. The Council, which meets quarterly, plays a critical role in advising Kodiak on product direction, implementation, and how to effectively communicate the benefits of autonomous technology to industry stakeholders and the public. This helps to ensure that the company's autonomous trucking solutions are developed with input from across the broader transportation ecosystem.

About Kodiak AI, Inc.

Kodiak AI, Inc. (Nasdaq: KDK) was founded in 2018 and is a leading provider of physical artificial intelligence ("AI") with a focus on AI-powered autonomous vehicle technology designed to help tackle some of the toughest driving jobs. Kodiak's driverless solution addresses the critical problem of safely transporting goods in the face of unprecedented supply chain challenges. Kodiak's vision is to become the trusted world leader in autonomous ground transportation. Kodiak is committed to a safer and more efficient future for all through the commercialization of driverless trucking at scale. To that end, Kodiak developed the Kodiak Driver, a virtual driver that combines advanced AI-powered software with modular and vehicle-agnostic hardware designed to help address Kodiak's customers' needs. The Kodiak Driver is not just an idea—it is commercially deployed, operating without anyone in the cab today. Kodiak serves customers in the long-haul trucking, industrial trucking, and defense industries. In 2024, Kodiak believes it achieved a historic milestone by becoming the first company to deploy customer-owned and -operated driverless trucks in commercial service.

For more information about Kodiak, please visit <https://kodiak.ai/investors>. Kodiak's press kit with videos and images can be found [HERE](#).

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