

CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE 506th BOARD MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 15TH MARCH 2017,
COMPASS CENTRE, HEATHROW AIRPORT

Present:

Dame Deirdre Hutton **Chair**
Mr Andrew Haines
Mr David Gray
Mr David King
AVM Mike Wigston
Mr Michael Medlicott
Mr Richard Moriarty
Dr Ashley Steel
Mr Mark Swan
Mr Chris Tingle
Mr Graham Ward
Ms Kate Staples **Secretary & General Counsel**

In attendance:

Mr Tim Johnson
Ms Angela Lynch **Minute taker**

I. APOLOGIES

1. There were apologies from Richard Stephenson.

II. PREVIOUS MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

2. With the exception of a minor wording correction in paragraph 12, the previous minutes were agreed.
3. AVM Mike Wigston was welcomed to his first Board meeting.

III. CHAIR'S UPDATE

4. The Chair updated the Board on recent meetings and events, including the AOA annual dinner, an introductory meeting with Flybe's new CEO (Christine Ourmières-Widener) to discuss long term operational plans, and two technical CAA meetings focusing on Flight Ops (FOLG) and medical issues (CAMF).

IV. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT (DOC 2017-21) BY ANDREW HAINES

5. Mr Haines updated the Board on his recent meetings and live issues of particular significance. These meetings included one with easyJet, in which their plans to establish an AOC in another EU state had been discussed. easyJet is responsible for developing its proposals; the CAA would assist as appropriate and coordinate with relevant European counterparts as needed.
6. Mr Haines briefed the Board on the quantity and tone of media coverage following the release of the AAIB report on Shoreham. The topic will continue to be monitored ahead of the pre-inquest hearing in June. He also noted that the Oulton Park inquest will take place over two days in May. There has been no request for the CAA to attend.
7. Mr Haines asked the Board to note that Citywings had gone into liquidation following the safety action taken by the CAA in relation to Van Air. Eastern Airlines had taken over the PSO route in Wales. Although the CAA's response to the Van Air situation had been driven by safety, Mr Haines advised that the CAA would look again at the ATOL exemption that had underpinned Citywings' ticket seller model.
8. Mr Haines advised that channel separation is an issue that could receive some technical press coverage owing to the level of interest within the GA community. The CAA is seeking to press the point with the European Commission as the timeline for deployment of the equipment to UK stakeholders is undermined at present due to the exemptions in some states, including France whose positioning is critical.
9. The Board briefly discussed challenges for the ATOL IT programme due to the poor quality of the application form developed by the key sub-contractor, caused in part by the complexity of the form. Work is underway with CGI to find a solution but a delay of six to eight weeks may occur. This will not affect ongoing licensing work.
10. Mr Swan explained that EU proposals regarding the provision of air traffic control services in Class G airspace presented a challenge due to the UK's unique situation, in particular its high degree of military and civil coordination.
11. The Board gave special recognition to CAAi for its work in Thailand, which will lead to real results for Thai airlines, Thailand, and businesses across South East Asia.
12. The Board expressed interest in the Spaceflight Bill and requested a further discussion to understand its progress.

Action: Tim Johnson