

CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE 507th BOARD MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 19TH APRIL 2017,
AVIATION HOUSE, GATWICK

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 from VIII
Mr Richard Stephenson
Ms Sonya Card for VIII
Ms Sarah Doherty for VIII
Mr Mike Gadd for IX
Ms Kate Hofstetter for VII
Mr Iain Libretto for IX
Mr John McColl for VIII
Mr Tim Williams for VI
Ms Angela Lynch Minute taker

I. APOLOGIES

1. There were no apologies.

II. PREVIOUS MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

2. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.
3. Under matters arising, Mr Swan clarified the current work in relation to fatigue risk management, mentioned in the March meeting. The work will incorporate tactical findings from the initial phase of the project into the overall development of the long term strategy, which will be completed under phase two. Should any issues arise during either stage of the project, Board members will be informed. This work is being carried out in collaboration with relevant safety partners.

III. CHAIR'S UPDATE

4. The Chair updated the Board on a recent meeting with the Chair of flybe's Safety Committee discussing the business and ongoing engagement with the CAA.
5. The Chair also informed the Board of the recent meeting with John Swift QC in his role of chair of the Enforcement Decision Panel (EDP) which the CAA and Ofgem share. They discussed the potential for future areas of collaboration within this forum and agreed that the current process was working well.

IV. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT (DOC 2017-026) BY ANDREW HAINES

6. Mr Haines updated the Board on his recent meetings and mentioned the recent appointment of Bernadette Kelly as Permanent Secretary. Mr Haines and the Chair would be meeting with her soon.
7. The Board agreed to support the CAAPS' nomination of Sean Parker as a CAA Member Nominated Director of CAAPS Trustee Ltd.
8. Mr Drissell provided an update to the Board on the announced restrictions to Personal Electronic Devices. Although the CAA is not the decision-maker, members agreed that in certain circumstances the CAA might be better placed to advise on practical issues arising from implantation, including unintended safety consequences if critical personnel have adequate prior notice of an announcement.

9. The Board discussed recently implemented European Commission security inspection changes in relation to UK airports. It was considered that individual airports should ensure that their Boards see results of both internal and external inspections as part of their governance role, to maintain standards. Mr Drissell agreed to find out whether this was common practice.

Action: Mr Drissell

10. Mr Swan informed the Board that he would circulate the now released Ireland Air Accident Investigation Unit's (AAIU) preliminary report into the recent fatal crash for their information. SARG will review its own terrain data and associated guidance as part of its ongoing work.

Action: Mr Swan

11. Ms Staples gave an update on the recent inquest verdict into the death of Richard Westgate, which was found to have been as a result of an accidental overdose of pentobarbital, and not as a result of "aerotoxic syndrome".

12. Mr Moriarty updated the Board on recent stakeholder discussions relating to the economic regulation of Heathrow's New Runway Capacity. He highlighted that M25 optioneering was a sensitive topic, with the airlines' united resistance to the costs of bridging or tunnelling, causing a potential conflict with the defined criteria in the Government's National Policy Statement. The CAA has asked Heathrow Airport Limited to ensure that it considers robustly, the potential options and will monitor the outcomes.

13. It was noted that, although existing timelines for related work remain in place (including DfT's deadline for the final Airports National Policy Statement), the political situation has added a degree of uncertainty. The CAA team will continue to monitor the process.

14. Mr Haines mentioned that the Board will receive a briefing on the issue of overbooking, in the light of recent high profile media reports.

Action: Richard Moriarty

15. Mr Haines also informed the Board that they would receive an update on Project Oberon in September.