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UK Civil Aviation Authority

Minutes of the 602nd Meeting held on 22nd July 2026, 13:00, Aviator Hotel, Farnborough & Teams

Attendees:

Sir Stephen Hillier (Chair); Katherine Corich (Senior Independent Director); Jordan Giddings (Non-Executive Director); Manny Lewis (Non-Executive Director); Trisha McAuley (Non-Executive Director); Crispin Orr (Non-Executive Director); Charmion Pears (Non-Executive Director)

Rob Bishton (Chief Executive); Giancarlo Buono (Group Director, Safety & Airspace Regulation); Tracey Martin (Chief Financial & Operations Officer)

Jonathan Spence (General Counsel & Company Secretary)

Present:

Tim Johnson (Director, Communications, Strategy & Policy, and Chief of Staff); Karen St.Jean-Kufuor (Next Gen NED)

Briar Mulholland (Head of the Office of Chair and CEO); Graeme Paterson (Corporate Governance & Secretariat Lead)

Peter Drissell (Item IV); Dr Sally Howes (Item V); Stephen Hofmann, Josephine Martin, Helen Swanbury (Item VII); Tendai Mutambirwa (Item VIII)

I. Welcomes, Apologies & Conflict of Interest Declarations

1. The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting at the Farnborough Airshow and reiterated the importance of Board members engaging directly with industry stakeholders.
2. The Board also noted that the displays by Advanced Air Mobility aircraft was a testament to the review and approvals work undertaken within the CAA.
3. Apologies had been received from AVM Townsend and Selina Chadha.
4. No conflicts of interest were declared.

II. Approved Minutes of Previous Meetings & Matters Arising

5. *Minutes* - The minutes of the June Board meeting were noted as having been approved out of committee.
6. *Actions* – The Board noted the updates on the actions.

III. Chair's Report (BRD-2026-048) By Sir Stephen Hillier

7. The Board noted the paper.

IV. Reflections from Peter Drissell (Verbal Update) By Peter Drissell

8. In advance of his retirement, Peter Drissell offered reflections on his career at the CAA and the developments made in Aviation Security since 2013.
9. The Board expressed its gratitude to Peter for the contribution he had made to AvSec and the CAA more widely and wished him the very best for the future.

V. New Sustainability Panel Chair Introduction (Verbal Update) By Dr Sally Howes

10. The Board welcomed Dr Sally Howes as the new Chair of the Sustainability Panel.
11. Proposals to enhance the level of interaction between the Panel and the CAA were discussed.
12. The Board reiterated its view that sustainability was a key challenge facing the aerospace sector and welcomed the Panel's role as a 'critical friend' in appropriately challenging the organisation in its response to this issue.

VI. CEO Report (BRD-2026-049) By Rob Bishton

13. *CAA/CAAi Governance Document* – **DECISION:** The Board approved the updated CAAi Governance Document.
14. *Resilience Stocktake* – The Board welcomed the resilience stocktake. It was recognised that this was an evolving issue, and one where sustainability and climate adaptation would have a role to play.
15. Noting the following item on sustainability, the Board suggested that greater links could be drawn between climate adaptation and resilience, including focus by the Sustainability Panel.
16. It was also suggested that the Consumer and Sustainability Panels could be involved in reviewing the surveys that were planned as part of the resilience programme, prior to issue.
17. *Sustainability Strategy Stocktake* – The Board was provided with an overview of work undertaken to underpin the Sustainability Strategy.
18. The Board welcomed the stocktake and highlighted that there had been some real steps forward in sustainable aviation that the CAA should draw upon.
19. *AAIB Report* – The Board noted the analysis of the AAIB's 2025 Annual Safety Review.

VII. Aviation Bill Implementation Plan (BRD-2026-050) By Tim Johnson

20. The Board noted that the Bill had completed its passage through the House of Lords with only minor amendments and was expected to move to the Commons in the autumn. It was anticipated that Royal Assent would be granted before the end of the year, with preparations focused on ensuring readiness to exercise the new powers from the Spring.
21. In taking on new powers, the Board recognised the need for the CAA to engage effectively with stakeholders across industry.

22. The update was welcomed, and it was recognised that further work would be undertaken ahead of the next Board's next substantive discussion on the Bill.

VIII. SARG Report (BRD-2026-051) By Giancarlo Buono

23. The Board noted the update from the June SLG Meeting.
24. The Board thanked Tendai Mutambirwa for his contribution to SARG and the CAA, including his time as interim Group Director, and wished him every success for the future.

IX. CMG Update (BRD-2026-052) By Tim Johnson

25. *UKADS Charge* – **DECISION***:* The Board agreed to the proposal to update the extant enduring delegation of approval for the ATS charging specifications to the Group Director of Consumer and Markets Group (CMG) and/ or Company Secretary, to incorporate the new UK Airspace Design Service charge.
26. *CMG Activity* –The Board noted that the CAA's Airports Accessibility Assessment would be published in August. This would show that most UK airports were providing a good service to consumers who required additional assistance. However, it was recognised that there were still some airports that needed to make improvements.

X. Duty of Candour – Public Office (Accountability) Bill (BRD-2026-053) By Jonathan Spence

27. The Board received an update on the Public Authority (Accountability) Bill.

XI. Draft September Board and Forward Agenda

28. The Board noted the draft agenda for September's meeting and noted plans for an awayday discussion in October.

XII. Any Other Business

29. No other business was raised.