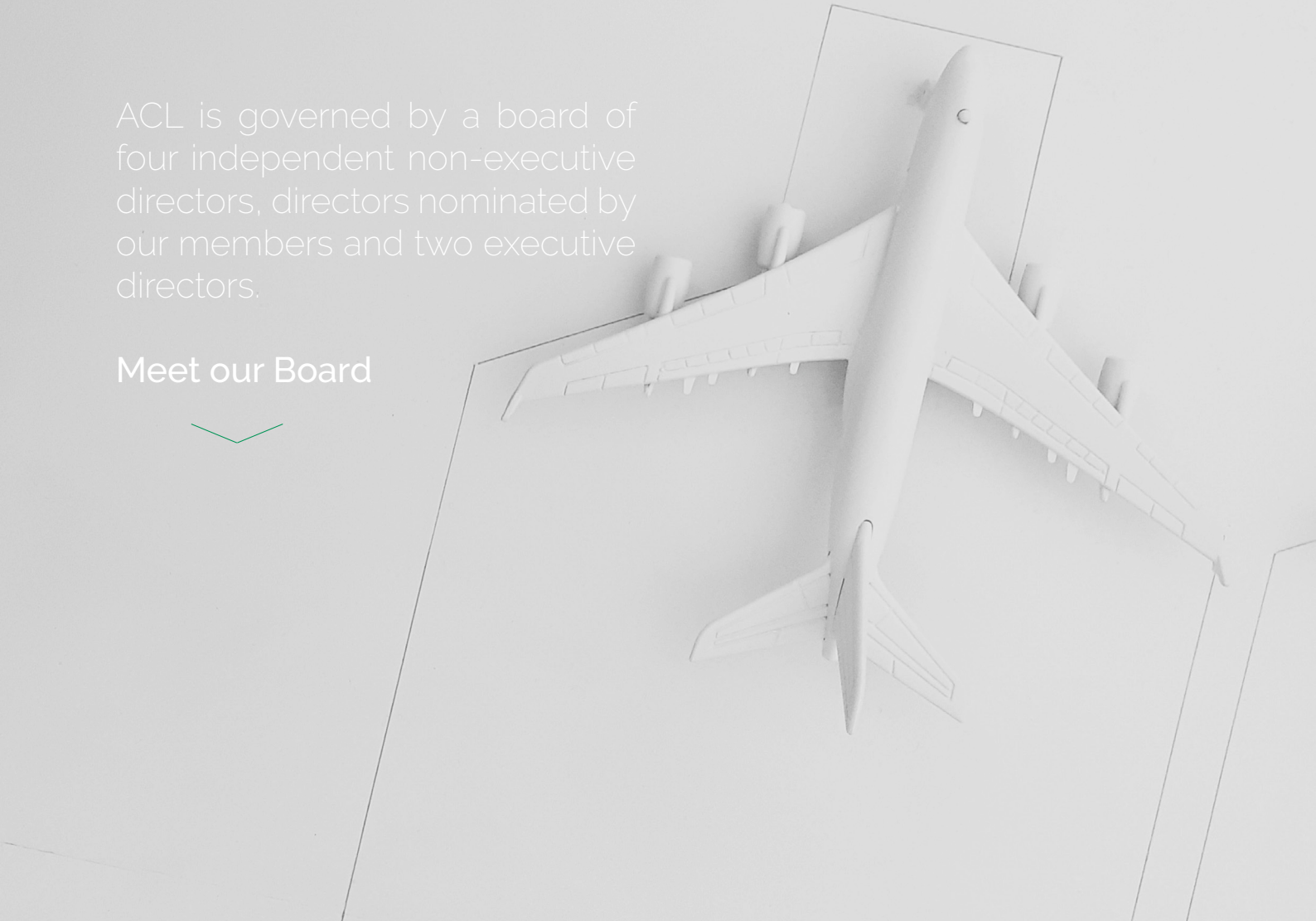
AIRPORT COORDINATION LIMITED

Board of Directors

ACL is governed by a board of four independent non-executive directors, directors nominated by our members and two executive directors.

Meet our Board



Chair

Lesley Cowley OBE

ABOUT LESLEY

Appointed *1 January 2020*

Lesley is a portfolio non-executive director and independent Chair. Her experience includes chairing the boards of the DVLA, The National Archives and Companies House. She was previously CEO of Nominet, the .uk domain name registry, a role she held from 2004 to 2014. She has a Masters degree in Business Administration (MBA), awarded with distinction in 1997 from the Bristol Business School, University of the West of England. In 2015, she was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Technology by the University of the West of England. Lesley was made an OBE for services to the Internet and e-commerce in 2011. In October 2019, she was named as Non-Executive Director of the year in the Institute of Directors (IoD) Awards.

Independent Director

Ailsa Beaton OBE

ABOUT AILSA

Appointed *1 October 2018*

Ailsa Beaton OBE was a Management Board member at the Metropolitan Police Service, the Chief Information Officer at ICL plc and a Senior Partner at PA Consulting Group. She started her career as an accountant before moving into information technology with General Electric (USA).

She now has a portfolio of non-executive roles. These include being a non-executive director on the board of the Information Commissioner's Office, being a governor of the Legal Education Foundation and sitting on the Advisory Board for Information Management and Information Systems of Leeds University Business School.

Independent Director

Catherine Brown

ABOUT CATHERINE

Appointed *31 October 2017*

Alongside a career that included senior roles in the public and private sector, Catherine has extensive experience as a non-executive Board Member. As a qualified accountant and an ex member of the senior civil service, Catherine brings to the board a focus on governance and strategy and an awareness of effective regulation gained in her previous role as Chief Executive of the Food Standards Agency, the regulator for the UK food industry.

Independent Director

Valerie Gordon-Walker

ABOUT VALERIE

Appointed *1 October 2018*

Named by Cranfield as one of the FTSE 100 Women to Watch, Valerie is a Managing Director, Executive Committee member and Group Head of Human Resources with 30+ years' senior experience working in the UK and overseas in highly regulated industries.

Valerie has a non-executive portfolio career in both private and public sector. In the public sector she is a Board member and Chair of Remuneration Committee for BPDTS Ltd. (at the DWP) and formerly Independent Senior Advisor to the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) and the Prudential Regulation Authority (PRA) at the Bank of England on a part time basis.

Nominated Director

Sophie Dekkers

ABOUT SOPHIE

Appointed *22 February 2017*

Sophie has been with easyJet over 12 years, currently in the role of Director of Scheduling for the airline. Prior to this she led easyJet in the UK as UK Country Director for 5 years where she was responsible for driving the airline's commercial success and strategic direction in the UK. This role also involved representing aviation at both House of Lords and House of Commons Select Committees, focusing on Brexit and the impact on the industry. Previous roles include Head of Change Management and Customer Insight at easyJet. Sophie is easyJet's business lead on Diversity & Inclusion, a founding member of easyJet's Women's Network, and is passionate about inspiring young women to achieve more than they thought possible in aviation.

Nominated Director

Julian Homerstone

ABOUT JULIAN

Appointed *16 December 2016*

Julian has been General Counsel at Virgin Atlantic since 2014. At Virgin Atlantic, he has responsibility for legal affairs, company secretariat, risk and insurance and the data protection/compliance functions. Julian is also a member of Virgin Atlantic's senior leadership group and acts as principal advisor on a broad spectrum of legal issues.

Julian was highlighted as one of the most influential in-house lawyers in business by the Legal 500 in its UK GC Power list in 2016 and in 2020 he was recognised by the Legal 500 as its In-house Counsel of the Year (Transport).

Nominated Director

David Lawrence

ABOUT DAVID

Appointed *3 May 2018*

David has worked in the aviation industry for more than 30 years, at British Airways, Malaysia Airlines and Tui Airways, and bring a wide range of commercial, operational and regulatory experience. His current role is General Manager Aviation Planning at Tui.

Nominated Director

David Neill

ABOUT DAVID

Appointed *30 July 2013*

David is currently Head of Planning for Jet2.com with responsibility for network planning and development, including slot management. Previously, he worked in the regional aviation sector, including British Regional Airlines, Manx Airlines and BA Connect, where he was part of the senior management team. Prior to joining Jet2.com, David was Chief Commercial Officer for Loganair. He is a B.Sc. Hons graduate from Strathclyde University

Nominated Director

Ben Gibbs

ABOUT BEN

Appointed *9 January 2020*

Ben is head of Finance- Fleet, Network and Alliances at British Airways where he has worked for nearly twelve years. Ben brings a wealth of financial, analytical, and strategic experience to his role. He is a BA Hons graduate from Manchester University and has an MSc in International Business Management from the Alliance Manchester Business School.

ACL CEO

Edmond Rose

ABOUT EDMOND

Appointed *8 August 2018*

Edmond is the CEO of Airport Coordination Limited. He brings a wide range of commercial and regulatory experience to his role from his work at both British Airways and Virgin Atlantic and as a consultant. Edmond started his working life in the British diplomatic Service before moving into aviation.

ACL Finance Director

Jo Clarke

ABOUT JO

Appointed *1 October 2014*

Jo has been the Finance Director at Airport Coordination Limited. since 2011. Jo is a qualified accountant with over 30 years of airline industry experience. Her background includes commercial, financial and engineering roles. Jo started her carer as an aircraft engineer. She has a Masters degree in Business Administration from Lancaster University and a BEng in Air Transport Engineering.