



Mr. Alexander B. Ferguson was confirmed as the Director General of the Civil Aviation Authority Bahamas (CAA-B) by statutory appointment pursuant to the Civil Aviation Authority Bahamas Act, 2021, with effect from the 21st April 2022.

Prior to his appointment as Director General of CAA-B, Mr. Ferguson was the acting Director General of the Civil Aviation Authority Bahamas (CAA-B), a position he has held since July 2021, by statutory appointment pursuant to the aforesaid Act. In his position as Director General, Mr. Ferguson is responsible for the day-to-day management of CAA-B, manages all personnel of CAA-B, and performs the functions that are conferred upon him by the Civil Aviation Act, 2021 and as delegated to him. Mr. Ferguson is accountable to the Board of CAA-B for the administration of the Civil Aviation Authority Bahamas Act, 2021.



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Director General
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As Director General, Mr. Ferguson has responsibility for administering civil aviation matters in The Bahamas as specified in the Civil Aviation Authority Bahamas Act, 2021 and the Civil Aviation Act, 2021 and may exercise such powers that are necessary for carrying out his functions under this Act. Mr. Ferguson is responsible for maintaining a standard of safety and efficiency in the civil aviation industry that is at least equal to the standard of safety prescribed by the Chicago Convention and any other aviation convention, agreement or undertaking to which The Bahamas is a party.

Mr. Ferguson oversees the regulation of civil aviation operations in The Bahamas, the operation of Bahamian registered aircraft and the operation of maintenance organisations which service aircraft on the Bahamian register. In that regard he may grant, suspend, revoke, vary or impose conditions on any aviation document, and may issue orders, notices, circulars, directives and instructions regarding any aviation safety or security matter provided for under this Act and operating regulations. He may prescribe fees and charges, and impose administrative and civil penalties.

As Director General, Mr. Ferguson may also develop and issue operating regulations for civil aviation in The Bahamas and in accordance with ICAO Annexes for which CAA-B is responsible, and cooperates and exchanges information with other national and international civil aviation authorities and agencies as required under the respective Acts.

As Acting Director General, Mr. Ferguson oversaw the relocation of CAA-B to offices in the city of Nassau, and also CAA-B's preparations for two (2) ICAO Audits which took place the following week between the 3 -12 November 2021, which lead to a 100% increase in The Bahamas EI (effective implementation) of its safety oversight responsibilities and modest improvement in the implementation of its security oversight responsibilities. Mr. Ferguson now oversees CAA-B's corrective action plan (CAP) committee, which will address the findings from the recent ICAO ICVM and USAP CMA audit

Mr. Ferguson presently serves as a Director of Bahamas Administered Airspace Company Limited, a special purpose vehicle recently established to hold, administer and distribute funds now being received by The Bahamas from enroute air navigation service overflight fees, terminal navigation service charges and passenger oversight levy fees.

He also serves as a member of a Ministerial appointed negotiation team that has arranged formal agreements between CAA-B, the Bahamas Air Navigation Services Authority (BANSAs) and the FAA and IATA in this regard. This team is presently in negotiations with ECNA in regard to the southern portion of the Bahamas airspace presently managed by Cuba.

Mr. Ferguson joined the Civil Aviation Authority Bahamas (CAA-B) in January 2018 as its first Legal Counsel, which was formally established in 2016 as a Statutory Authority, when the Bahamas' civil aviation regulatory functions were transferred to the then Bahamas Civil Aviation Authority (BCAA) from the government's Department of Civil Aviation which was then disbanded.

As Legal Counsel, Mr. Ferguson had responsibility for creating, organizing, developing and managing and the CAA-B's Legal Department, and reported directly to the Director General of the CAA-B on a wide array of legal, policy and technical matters. He provided on demand legal and techno-legal advice and support to the CAA-B's safety and security oversight departments, as well as general and commercial legal advice and support to CAA-B's senior management. Mr. Ferguson also served as secretary to the CAA-B's statutory Board and served as a Ministerial appointed member to several government committees involved in the development of national civil aviation initiatives.

As Legal Counsel, Mr. Ferguson also served as Chairman of the CAA-B Regulations Committee and oversaw the development and implementation of the Civil Aviation Authority Act 2021 and the Civil Aviation Act 2021 which came into effect in February 2021 and the Civil Aviation Regulations (CAR's) 2021, which came into effect in March 2021. Mr. Ferguson also headed the regulatory transition team for the implementation of the new regulations and was also head of CAA-B's regulatory compliance and enforcement department.

Mr. Ferguson has represented The Bahamas at the ICAO legal committee and General Assembly in Montreal Canada and the ICAO legal advisors forum in Singapore. He has training certificates with distinction from ICAO in International Air Law (Seoul Korea) and CAA compliance with SARP's (Montreal Canada), training certificates from IATA in International Air Law (Beijing China) and Civil Aviation Authority Management (Bangkok Thailand).

Prior to joining the CAA-B, Mr. Ferguson had a long legal career in private practice. He qualified in the United Kingdom and holds an LLB degree with honors from the University of Buckingham and is a Barrister at Law at the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple in London, and a member of the Bar of England and Wales. He is also a member of The Bahamas Bar. Mr. Ferguson practiced in the areas of commercial law and civil litigation, specializing in several areas including aviation law. He has represented a number of regional and international air carriers including Bahamasair and Spirit Airlines. He has been actively involved other aviation related businesses and endeavours.

Prior to qualifying as a Barrister at law, Mr. Ferguson qualified as a professional pilot and flew aircraft for local air charter operators and the national flag carrier Bahamasair. He holds a commercial pilot licence with multi engine and instrument ratings and has flown more than 4500 hours.

Mr. Ferguson's passion has always been *aviation!*

