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## **CHARTER OF THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE** **OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

*APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2021*

### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Compensation Committee (the “*Committee*”) of the Board of Directors (the “*Board*”) of Archer Aviation Inc. (the “*Company*”) is to:

- help the Board oversee the Company’s compensation policies, plans and programs with a goal to attract, incentivize, retain and reward top quality executive management and employees;
- review and determine the compensation to be paid to the Company’s executive officers and directors;
- when required, review and discuss with management the Company’s compensation disclosures in the “Compensation Discussion and Analysis” section of the Company’s annual reports, registration statements, proxy statements or information statements filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “*SEC*”); and
- when required, prepare and review the Committee report on executive compensation included in the Company’s annual proxy statement.

The term “compensation” includes salary, long-term incentives, bonuses, perquisites, equity incentives, severance arrangements, retirement benefits and other related benefits and benefit plans.

### **COMPOSITION**

The members of the Committee, including the Chairperson, will be members of the Board appointed by, and will serve at the discretion of, the Board. Vacancies occurring on the Committee will be filled by the Board. Resignation or removal of a Committee member from the Board for any reason will automatically constitute resignation or removal from the Committee.

The Committee will consist of at least two members of the Board. Each member of the Committee will satisfy (i) the independence and other requirements imposed by applicable law and stock exchange listing requirements, (ii) the “non-employee director” requirements under Rule 16b-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “*Exchange Act*”), and (iii) any other qualifications determined by the Board.

### **AUTHORITY**

The Committee will have access to all Company books, records, facilities and personnel as deemed necessary or appropriate by any member of the Committee. If the Committee concludes that it must retain legal, accounting or other outside advisors (including compensation consultants), it may do so only after assessing the independence of such consultant in accordance with the requirements of any stock exchange on which any of the Company’s capital stock is listed. The Committee shall have sole authority to approve the reasonable fees and the other terms and conditions of such engagement, including authority to terminate the engagement. The Committee may also pay any ordinary administrative expenses it deems appropriate

in carrying out its duties at the expense of the Company. The Committee will have authority to require that any of the Company's personnel or outside advisors attend any meeting of the Committee or meet with any member of the Committee or any of its advisors.

The Chairperson shall have the delegated authority to act on behalf of the Committee in connection with (1) approval of the retention of compensation consultants and outside service providers and advisors (including negotiation and execution of their engagement letters) and (2) as may otherwise be determined by the Committee. The Committee also may form and delegate authority to one or more subcommittees consisting of one or more members of the Board (whether or not he, she or they are on the Committee) to the extent allowed under applicable law and stock exchange listing requirements. In addition, the Committee may delegate to the Chief Executive Officer (either alone or acting together with one or more officers of the Company), within the limits imposed by applicable law and stock exchange listing requirements, the authority to make equity grants to service providers of the Company or of any subsidiary of the Company who are not the executive officers or directors of the Company, subject to guidelines or limits specified by the Committee; provided, that in the case of grants of stock options and stock appreciation rights, the price per share of any grant made pursuant to this delegated authority is no less than the fair market value of the Company's common stock on the date of grant. By delegating an issue to the Chairperson, a subcommittee or the Chief Executive Officer, the Committee does not surrender any authority over that issue. Although the Committee may act on any issue that has been delegated to the Chairperson, a subcommittee or the Chief Executive Officer, doing so will not limit or restrict future action by the Chairperson, subcommittee or the Chief Executive Officer on any matters delegated to it. Any action or decision of the Chairperson, a subcommittee or the Chief Executive Officer will be presented to the full Committee at its next scheduled meeting. By approving this Charter, the Board delegates authority to the Committee with respect to these responsibilities.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Committee's responsibilities are for oversight, as described under "Purpose" above. The members of the Committee are not employees of the Company, and they do not perform management's functions. The Committee relies on the expertise and knowledge of management in carrying out its oversight responsibilities. The Committee shall have the following responsibilities; *provided, however*, that this list of responsibilities is intended to be a guide and to remain flexible to account for changing circumstances and needs. Accordingly, the Committee may depart from or supplement such responsibilities, and establish policies and procedures, to the extent permitted by applicable law and stock exchange listing requirements. The Board will retain the right to act on all such matters without limiting the Committee's authority, subject to compliance with applicable law and stock exchange listing requirements.

**1. Overall Compensation Strategy.** The Committee will review, oversee and approve (or make recommendations to the Board for approval of) the Company's overall compensation strategy and policies, including:

- reviewing, evaluating, and approving employment agreements, severance agreements, change-of-control protections, corporate performance goals and objectives relating to the compensation, and other compensatory arrangements of the Company's executive officers and other senior management and adjusting compensation, as appropriate;
- evaluating and approving the compensation plans and programs advisable for the Company and evaluating and approving the modification or termination of existing plans and programs;

- establishing equity compensation policies to appropriately balance the perceived value of equity compensation and the dilutive and other costs of that compensation to the Company;
- reviewing compensation practices and trends to assess the adequacy and competitiveness of the Company's executive compensation programs as compared to companies in the Company's industry and exercise its judgment in determining the appropriate levels and types of compensation to be paid;
- reviewing and approving any compensation arrangement for any executive officer involving any subsidiary, special purpose or similar entity, with consideration of the potential for conflicts of interest in such arrangements and whether the arrangement has the potential to benefit the Company;
- monitoring the Company's compliance with the requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 relating to loans to officers and directors and with all other applicable laws affecting employee compensation and benefits;
- reviewing the Company's practices and policies of employee compensation as they relate to risk management and risk-taking incentives, to determine if such compensation policies and practices are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company;
- evaluating the efficacy of the Company's compensation policy and strategy in achieving expected benefits to the Company and otherwise furthering the Committee's policies; and
- evaluating the efficacy of the Company's compensation policy and strategy in achieving gender pay parity, positive social impact and attracting a diverse workforce.

**2. Compensation of Chief Executive Officer.** For so long as the Company maintains co-Chief Executive Officers, references herein to "Chief Executive Officer" shall be deemed to include one or both Co-Chief Executive Officers, as applicable, unless context requires otherwise. The Committee will review and approve (or make recommendations to the Board for approval of) the compensation and other terms of employment of the Company's Chief Executive Officer and evaluate the Chief Executive Officer's performance in achieving corporate performance goals and objectives. The evaluation will take into account the policies of the Committee and the criteria for evaluating the Chief Executive Officer's performance including:

- fostering a corporate culture that promotes the highest level of innovation, integrity and the highest ethical standards;
- developing and executing the Company's long-term strategic plan and conducting the business of the Company in a manner appropriate to enhance long-term stockholder value;
- achieving specified corporate goals and objectives; and
- achieving other individual or corporate goals and objectives deemed relevant to the Chief Executive Officer as established by the Committee.

In determining any long-term incentive component of the Chief Executive Officer's compensation, the Committee should seek to achieve an appropriate level of risk and reward, taking into consideration the Company's long-term performance, need for a sustainable pipeline of products and relative stockholder return, the potential benefits and costs to the Company of the award, the value of similar incentive awards given to chief executive officers of comparable companies, the awards given to the Chief Executive Officer in past years and such other criteria as the Committee deems advisable. Based on its evaluation, the Committee shall determine and approve, or recommend to the Board for determination and approval, the compensation and other terms of employment of the Chief Executive Officer. The Chief Executive Officer may not be present during the voting or deliberations regarding his or her compensation.

**3. Compensation of Other Executive Officers and Senior Management.** The Committee will review and approve (or make recommendations to the Board for approval of) the compensation, individual and corporate performance goals and objectives and other terms of employment of the Company's other executive officers (and other members of senior management in the Committee's discretion) and evaluate their individual performance, taking into account the recommendations and evaluation of the Chief Executive Officer to the extent the Committee deems appropriate.

**4. Compensation of Directors.** The Committee will review and make recommendations to the Board for approval of the type and amount of compensation to be paid or awarded to Board members.

**5. Risk Management.** The Committee will review the Company's practices and policies of employee compensation as they relate to risk management and risk-taking incentives, to determine if such compensation policies and practices are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company, and take such determinations into account in discharging the Committee's responsibilities.

**6. Administration of Benefit Plans.** The Committee will have full power and authority to adopt, amend, terminate, and administer the Company's equity awards, pension, and profit sharing plans, bonus plans, benefit plans and other similar programs. The Committee will have full power and authority to administer these plans, establish guidelines, interpret plan documents, select participants, approve grants and awards, approve modifications to awards and exercise other power, as appropriate.

**7. Compensation Discussion and Analysis; Committee Report.** The Committee will review and discuss with management any "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" and report of the Committee required to be included in any filing with the SEC.

**8. Compensation Proposals.** The Committee shall provide recommendations to the Board on compensation-related proposals to be considered at the Company's annual meeting of stockholders, including the frequency of advisory votes on executive compensation if required by Section 14A of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. The Committee will review and consider the results of any advisory vote on executive compensation.

**9. Conflict of Interest Disclosure.** The Committee will review and discuss with management any conflicts of interest raised by the work of a compensation consultant or advisor hired by the Committee or management and how such conflict is being addressed, and prepare any necessary disclosure in the Company's annual proxy statement in accordance with applicable law and stock exchange requirements.

**10. Committee Self-Assessment; Charter Review.** The Committee will annually evaluate its performance. The Committee shall also review and assess the adequacy of this Charter annually and shall recommend any proposed changes to the Board for its consideration.

**11. General Authority.** The Committee shall perform such other functions and have such other powers as may be necessary or appropriate in the discharge of any of the foregoing.

#### **MEETINGS AND MINUTES**

The Committee will meet whenever its members deem a meeting necessary or appropriate. The Committee will determine where and when to meet. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee, each regularly scheduled meeting will conclude with an executive session that excludes members of management. From time to time, or when requested by the Board, the Chairperson of the Committee will report to the Board.

The Committee will maintain written minutes of its meeting and regularly report to the Board on its actions and recommendations. The Committee may act by unanimous written consent; when it does so, those actions will be maintained with the written minutes.

#### **PUBLICATION**

The Company shall make this Charter freely available to stockholders on request and, provided that the Company is subject to the periodic reporting requirements of the Exchange Act, shall publish it on the investor relations section of the Company's website.