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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| HOLDING ED ANK D ID | | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 12/27/2023 | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FLYEXCLUSIVE INC. [FLYX] | | | | |
|--|---------|-------|--|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O FLYEXCLUSIVE, INC. 2860 JETPORT ROAD | | | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | |
| | | | X | Director Officer (give title below) | 10% Owner Other (specify below) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person | | |
| (Street) KINSTON | NC | 28504 | | | | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | | | | | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | | 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | Form: Direct (D) or | l ' |
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | | | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Un Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | or Exercise | Form: Direct (D) or | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) | |
|--|---------------------|--------------------|--|-------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Price of Derivative Security Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | |

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned.

Donald R. Reynolds, Attorney-infact for Frank B. Holding, Jr. 01/05/2024

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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 $^{^{\}star}$ If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (b)(v).

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Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Ronald Brower, Cason Maddison, Donald R. Reynolds and Blake Leger, and each of them acting alone, signing singly, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

- (1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer, director and/or 10% or more stockholder of flyExclusive, Inc. (the "Company"), Forms ID, 3, 4 and 5, Update Passphrase Acknowledgement (and any amendments thereto) in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "1934 Act") and Schedules 13D and/or Schedules 13G (and any amendment thereto) in accordance with the 1934 Act, and the rules promulgated thereunder;
- (2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form ID, 3, 4 and 5, Update Passphrase Acknowledgement and Schedules 13D and/or Schedules 13G (and any amendments thereto) and to file timely such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority; and
- (3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which in the opinion of such attorney-infact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-infact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming that all such attorneys-in-fact, or such attorneys-in-facts' substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the 1934 Act.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms ID, 3, 4 and 5 and Schedules 13D and Schedules 13G with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned, in a signed writing delivered to each of the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 16th day of November 2023.

/s/ Frank B. Holding, Jr. Printed Name: Frank B. Holding, Jr.