## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

#### FORM 8-K

# CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 22, 2023

### Willis Lease Finance Corporation

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-15369

(Commission File Number)

68-0070656

(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

4700 Lyons Technology Parkway Coconut Creek, FL 33073

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (561) 349-9989

#### Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

| Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing under any of the following provisions:            | g is intended to simultaneous                   | ly satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant   |  |
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| ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)                  |   |  |  |
| ☐ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the  | e Exchange Act (17 CFR 240                      | ).14a-12)  |  |
| □ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b)) |   |  |  |
| □ Pre-commencement communications pursuant Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))    |   |  |  |
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| Securities registe   | ered pursuant to Section 12(b                   | o) of the Act:                                       |  |
| Securities registe  Title of Each Class  | ered pursuant to Section 12(b<br>Trading Symbol | o) of the Act:  Name of exchange on which registered |  |
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If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.  $\Box$ 

### Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On December 22, 2023, the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Willis Lease Finance Corporation (the "Company"), upon the recommendation of its independent members, appointed Brendan Curran to its Board, effective January 1, 2024. Mr. Curran will replace Hans Joerg Hunziker, whose resignation was accepted and is effective December 31, 2023.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements & Exhibits.

| Exhibit No. | Description  |
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| 99.1        | Press Release dated December 28, 2023, announcing the appointment of Brendan Curran to the Board and the resignation of Hans Joerg Hunziker. |
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#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned duly authorized officer.

Dated: December 28, 2023

#### WILLIS LEASE FINANCE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Scott B. Flaherty

Scott B. Flaherty

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer