

Committee: Board of Governors of the City of London School for Girls	Date: 7 October 2019
Subject: Re-appointment of Co-opted Governor	Public
Report of: Town Clerk	For Decision
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Summary

The terms of reference of the Board of Governors of the City of London School for Girls specifies that up to six co-opted non-City of London Corporation Governors with experience relevant to the Board can be appointed at any one time.

Professor Anna Sapir Abulafia was appointed to the Board on 22 October 2015. This report requests that Governors consider the re-appointment of this Co-opted Governor of the Board for a three year term.

Recommendation:

The Board is asked to consider the re-appointment of Professor Anna Sapir Abulafia for a three year term.

Main Report

Background

1. The Board of Governors of the City of London School for Girls can appoint up to six co-opted non-City of London Corporation Governors with experience relevant to the Board at any one time. It was previously agreed by the Board, that the appointment of all Co-opted Governors would be reviewed after they had completed their term in office. Candidates would then be given the opportunity to reapply for their position on the Board if they so wished.
2. The current term of office of Professor Anna Sapir Abulafia will come to an end later this month and Professor Abulafia has expressed a willingness to stand for re-election as a co-opted Governor.
3. At the Board of Governors meeting in February 2010, the Chairman proposed that, rather than awaiting the expiration of a Co-opted Governor's term of office, re-appointments should be put to the Board of Governors, at the meeting immediately preceding the expiry of the term of appointment of any Co-opted Governor willing to be considered for re-appointment in order to ensure continuity of service.

4. In accordance with this proposal, Governors are asked to consider the re-appointment at this meeting and to assist the Board in their decision, Professor Abulafia has been invited to provide a short statement in support of her candidature which is set out in 'Annex A' below.
5. Following a discussion at the December 2011 Board meeting, the Town Clerk has also been asked to provide the attendance details of Co-opted Governors when asking the Board to consider re-appointments and I can report that, since her last appointment to the Board, Professor Anna Sapir Abulafia has attended 6 out of a possible 16 meetings.
6. The Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Headmistress all support the re-appointment of Professor Abulafia onto the Board and Governors are asked to consider her appointment for a three year term.

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Annex A

I hold the Chair of the Study of the Abrahamic Religions in the Faculty of Theology and Religion at Oxford and am a Fellow at Lady Margaret Hall. In the present political climate, I feel that it is more important than ever for Oxford to be up to date about the important work done by schools like the City of London School for Girls for the education of a wide range of girls from multiple social and economic backgrounds. I have very much enjoyed conducting mock interviews for pupils applying for places at Oxbridge in theology and religion and history as well as related subjects in the humanities. I also hope that my expertise in religion might be useful to the school as it continues thinking about supporting religious diversity within the school.

Professor Anna Sapir Abulafia
Co-opted Governor