

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CITY OF LONDON ACADEMIES TRUST

Friday, 19 March 2021

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of London Academies Trust held at the Guildhall EC2 at 9.00 am

Present

Members:

Tijs Broeke (Chair)

Roy Blackwell (Vice-Chair)

Peter Bennett

Caroline Haines

Alderman Robert Howard

Officers:

Mark Emmerson

Claire Hersey

Billy Harvey

Gerald Mehrtens

Smith Umoren

Clare Verga

Antoinette Duhaney

- Chief Executive Officer

- Chief Financial Officer

- Director of ICT

- Director of Academy Development (COL)

- Director of Estates and Facilities Management

- Chief Standards Officer

- Town Clerk's Department

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Rehana Ameer and Deputy Edward Lord.

2. DECLARATIONS

There were no declarations.

3. REGISTER OF INTERESTS UPDATES

There were no updates.

4. MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meetings held on 11 December 2020 and 25 February 2021 be approved as a correct record.

a) Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee

Trustees received the public minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 25 February 2021.

b) Minutes of the Finance and Operations Committee

Trustees received the public minutes of the Finance and Operations Committee meeting held on 25 February 2021.

c) **Minutes of the Standards and Accountability Committee**

Trustees received the public minutes of the Standards and Accountability Committee meeting held on 4 February 2021.

6. **ACADEMIES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME UPDATE**

Trustees considered an update report of the Director of Academy Development regarding the Academies Development Programme.

In response to questions and comments from Trustees, Officers advised that support would be provided in respect of warranties, listing of assets and ongoing maintenance costs. It was also reported that representatives from the City Academy Hackney were willing to give a presentation to Trustees on the school's Capital Build project

RESOLVED –

1. That Trustees note the progress of the academy's development programme to date.
2. That representatives from City Academy Hackney be invited to give a presentation to Trustees on the school's Capital Build project.

7. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE BOARD**

There were no questions.

8. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Chairman reported that

- Alderman Robert Howard had been appointed as a CoLAT Company Member (in the place Deputy Phillip Woodhouse who was not able to take up this role);
- A resolution would be put to CoLAT Company Members to appoint Auditors;
- The Chairman placed on record his thanks to all staff for their extraordinary efforts in managing the successful reopening of schools from 8 March 2021.

9. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

RESOLVED - That the public be excluded from the remaining items of business which relate to the identity of individuals or is commercially sensitive.

10. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

The non-public minutes of the meetings held on 11 December 2020 and 25 February 2021 were approved as a correct record.

a) **Non-Public Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee**

Trustees received the non-public minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 25 February 2021.

b) **Non-Public Minutes of the Finance and Operations Committee**

Trustees received the non-public minutes of the Finance and Operations Committee meeting held on 25 February 2021.

c) **Non-Public Minutes of the Standards and Accountability Committee**

The Committee received the non-public minutes of the Standards and Accountability Committee meeting held on 4 February 2021.

12. **NON-PUBLIC OUTSTANDING ACTIONS**

The Committee noted a report of the Town Clerk concerning the non-public outstanding actions.

a) **Delegated Actions Digest**

The Committee received a report of the Town Clerk in relation to the Delegated Actions Digest.

13. **APPOINTMENTS TO LOCAL GOVERNING BODIES**

The Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk regarding Appointments to Local Governing Bodies.

14. **CITY OF LONDON ACADEMIES TRUST LOCAL GOVERNING BODY 2019-20**

The Committee received a report of the Chief Executive Officer concerning the City of London Academies Trust Local Governing Body 2019-2020.

15. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER SUMMARY**

Trustees considered an Executive Summary of the Chief Executive Officer.

16. **CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER UPDATE AND APPROVALS**

Trustees considered an update report of the Chief Financial Officer.

17. **CITY OF LONDON ACADEMIES TRUST SIXTH FORM COLLEGIATE SIXTH FORM UPDATE**

The Committee considered a report of the Chief Executive Officer providing an update on the development of a Collegiate Sixth Form.

18. **INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR UPDATE AND APPROVALS**

Trustees considered an update report of the IT Director on IT operations across key areas.

19. **ESTATES AND FACILITIES MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR UPDATE ON TRUST SCHOOL**
Trustees considered an update on Estates and Facilities Management issues across Trust schools.
20. **CITY OF LONDON ACADEMIES TRUST APPRENTICESHIP ACADEMY LEADERSHIP AND OPERATIONAL MONITORING**
Trustees considered a report of the Chief Executive Officer providing an update on Apprenticeship Academy provision and the work of the Steering Committee.
21. **SAFEGUARDING SCRUTINY MEETINGS UPDATE**
Trustees considered an update from the Chief Standards Officer regarding Safeguarding Scrutiny Meetings.
22. **REMOTE MONITORING VISITS ACADEMY REPORTS**
Trustees received an update on remote learning provision across Trust Schools.
23. **TACKLING RACISM TASKFORCE- EDUCATION WORKSTREAM - CITY OF LONDON ACADEMIES TRUST**
Trustees considered a report of the Chief Executive setting proposed Education Workstreams and recommendations and actions for the Trust.
24. **NON-PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE BOARD**
There were no non-public questions.
25. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT AND TRUSTEES AGREE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHEN THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED**
There was no other business.
29. **ANY OTHER CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT AND TRUSTEES AGREE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED**

The meeting closed at 11.16 am

Chair

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