Committee(s)	Dated:
Education Board	09/09/2021
Subject: Governor Appointments Update	Public
Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?	2, 3, 8, 10
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	N
If so, how much?	N/A
What is the source of Funding?	N/A
Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?	N/A
Report of: Director of Community and Children's Services	For Information
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Summary

This report asks Members to note governor appointments to Local Governing Bodies of the City of London Academies Trust. Members are also asked to note the approval of a Chair of Governors in the City of London Academies Trust by the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Education Board under urgency procedure. An updated list of governing body membership of the City Family of Schools is attached in **Appendix 1.**

Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to note:

- The City of London Academies Trust (CoLAT) Board of Trustees ratified new appointments to Local Governing Bodies (LGBs) at their meeting on 8 July 2021, as detailed in paragraph 2 of the report.
- The Chair and Deputy Chair approved the appointment of Randall Anderson as Chair of The City Academy, Hackney under urgency procedure on 15 July 2021.

Main Report

Background

 As per the Sponsorship Agreement with the City of London Academies Trust (CoLAT), the Education Board approve the appointment of Chairs to Local Governing Bodies (LGBs) and are consulted on governor vacancies and notified of governor appointments.

Appointment of governors to CoLAT LGBs

- 2. At the CoLAT Board of Trustees meeting on 8 July 2021, the following governing body appointments were ratified:
 - The appointment of Ria Holzerlandt as a Parent Governor at City of London Academy Highbury Grove.
 - The appointment of Anisha Thakker as a Governor at City of London Academy Highbury Grove.
 - The appointment of Louise Furgason as a Staff Governor (non-teaching) at City of London Academy Highbury Grove.
 - The appointment of Serina Bingham as a Staff Governor (teaching) at City of London Academy Highbury Grove.
 - The appointment of Samantha Hobbs as a Parent Governor at City of London Academy Islington.
 - The appointment of Akbabur Rahman as a Parent Governor at City of London Academy Islington.
 - The appointment of Sandra Jenner as a Governor at City of London Academy Highgate Hill.
 - The appointment of Thomas Kibling as a Governor at City of London Academy Shoreditch Park.
 - The appointment of Jonny McIntosh as a Governor at City of London Academy Shoreditch Park.
 - The appointment of Kam Adams as a Governor at The City Academy, Hackney.

Under the CoLAT standard terms of reference of LGBs, newly ratified governors serve 4-year terms aligning with the academic year.

Approval of Chair appointment to The City Academy, Hackney under urgency procedure

3. At the same meeting of the CoLAT Board of Trustees, the Board endorsed the appointment of Randall Anderson as the Chair of Governors at The City Academy, Hackney. Under the terms of the Sponsorship Agreement, the appointment of Chairs to CoLAT LGBs must be approved by the Sponsor. The approval of the appointment of Chair was submitted to the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Education Board to approve under urgency procedure for the following reasons:

According to the CoLAT Scheme of Delegations, the appointment of LGB Chairs is considered by the Board of Trustees before being approved by the Education Unit. This academic year, the July Education Board meeting (the final meeting of the academic year) took place before the July CoLAT Board of Trustees meeting. This prevented the endorsement of the Board of Trustees to take place before submission to the Education Board. Approval of the appointment of Chair to TCAH LGB is required so that the position can be filled with effect from 1 September 2021. The next Education Board meeting is on 9 September 2021 and therefore the decision is required before the next committee meeting.

- 4. A report of the Town Clerk confirming actions taken under urgency procedure is provided separately in the agenda as confirmation of the approval by the Education Board.
- 5. Randall is currently serving as a governor of The City Academy, Hackney LGB has been a member of the governing body since March 2021. Randall is an elected Member of the Court of Common Council and is a Member of the Education Board. Randall has experience as a school governor and of school leadership through membership of a number of education-related committees at the City of London Corporation. A short biography for Randall was provided to the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Education Board to support their decision.

Governing body membership across the Family of Schools

6. An updated list of governing body membership across the Family of Schools is included in Appendix 1.

Proposals

7. This report is for information only

Options

8. This report is for information only

Key Data

9. The current governing body membership of the City Family of Schools is attached in Appendix 1.

Corporate & Strategic Implications

10. Across all governing bodies, succession planning should be conducted in such a way as to cultivate the balance of skills and experience needed on the governing body as well as to promote greater diversity of governors so that governing bodies reflect the school communities that they serve.

Appendices

• Appendix 1 – Governing body membership of the Family of Schools.

Conclusion

11. This report updates Members on new appointments to CoLAT LGBs. The updated list of governors across the Family of Schools is included in Appendix 1.

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