

**COMMITTEE OF ALDERMANIC ALMONERS, COMMON COUNCIL GOVERNORS  
AND DONATION GOVERNORS OF CHRIST'S HOSPITAL  
Monday, 30 May 2022**

**Minutes of the meeting of the Committee of Aldermanic Almoners, Common  
Council Governors and Donation Governors of Christ's Hospital held at  
Guildhall, EC2 on Monday, 30 May 2022 at 11.30 am**

**Present**

**Members:**

Nicholas Bensted-Smith (Chairman)  
Jamel Banda (Deputy Chairman)  
Deputy Randall Anderson  
Deputy Marianne Fredericks  
Alderman Prem Goyal  
Alderman Sir Andrew Parmley  
Deputy Henry Pollard  
Ian Seaton  
Deputy Shravan Joshi

**Officers:**

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| Elena Clements | - Town Clerks Department  |
| Sarah Clifton  | - Christ's Hospital       |
| Ben Dunleavy   | - Town Clerk's Department |
| Hugo Middlemas | - Christ's Hospital       |

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Deputy Giles Shilson.

**2. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN  
RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

There were none.

**3. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

The Committee proceeded to elect a Chairman in accordance with Standing Order No. 29. The Town Clerk informed the Committee that Nicholas Bensted-Smith, as the only Member expressing their willingness to serve, was therefore duly elected as Chairman for the ensuing year and took the Chair.

The Chair thanked Members and said that a key goal was to educate new Members of the Court of Common Council on the work that the Committee did. A visit to Christ's Hospital would be arranged for autumn.

RESOLVED – That Nicholas Bensted-Smith be elected Chairman of the Committee of Aldermanic Almoners, Common Council Governors and Donation Governors of Christ's Hospital for the ensuing year.

4. **ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN**

The Committee proceeded to elect a Deputy Chairman in accordance with Standing Order No. 30. The Town Clerk informed the Committee that Jamal Banda, as the only Member expressing their willingness to serve, was therefore duly elected as Deputy Chairman for the ensuing year.

RESOLVED – That Jamal Banda be elected Deputy Chair of the Committee of Aldermanic Almoners, Common Council Governors and Donation Governors of Christ's Hospital for the ensuing year.

Deputy Henry Pollard moved a vote of thanks to Marianne Fredericks, the immediate past Chair.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: THAT, at the conclusion of her term of office as their Chair, the Members of this Committee wish to extend to

Deputy Marianne Fredericks

their sincere thanks and appreciation for the extremely able and competent manner in which she has presided over their deliberations and the detailed interest and commitment she has shown to all aspects of the work of the Committee of Aldermanic Almoners, Common Council and Donation Governors of Christ's Hospital.

HER detailed knowledge of, and involvement with, the School has been of immense value to the Committee and her continued interest in the City's presentees has been much appreciated. As well as serving on this Committee for several years and as its Chairman for longer than any other, she also sat on the then pupil selection Reference Sub-committee and served as a Donation Governor which has enabled her to see, first hand, the benefits of an outstanding education at Christ's Hospital.

MARIANNE has overseen many improvements during her extended time as Chairman, beginning with a new and improved annual process for the City's presentation of a child to the School. She worked hard to strengthen the relationship between this Committee and the School and to improve the flow of information between the two. She lobbied for and subsequently oversaw the introduction of a £150 per annum grant for all Donation Governors to be able to access in order to help fund any extra-curricular activities for their respective presentees and, crucially, was also instrumental in securing additional funding for presentation rights from the City's Policy and Resources Committee in 2016.

HER kind and thoughtful treatment of applicants and their parents from the point of application and, thereafter, right the way through their time at Christ's has been much appreciated by all parties. Indeed, it was also Marianne who first introduced the now much anticipated and celebrated annual Guildhall lunch with presentees and their responsible adults.

IN taking leave of Marianne as their very passionate and active Chairman, Members of this Committee wish to thank her for her dedicated service and excellent leadership and wish her every possible success in the future.

5. **MINUTES**

The public minutes and non-public summary of the meeting held on 23 February 2022 were approved as an accurate record.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

At the request of the Chairman, the Town Clerk undertook to arrange for the Impact Report to be included in the next edition of the Member's Briefing Newsletter.

6. **PRESENTATION GOVERNORS**

The appointment of Donation Governors was taken in the non-public session.

7. **IMPACT REPORT**

The Committee received a report of Christ's Hospital regarding the Impact Report.

The Director of Development at Christ's Hospital informed Members that the Impact Report focused on the school's response to the Covid-19 pandemic, and the differences that had been made in the year for pupils and their families, and the wider community.

In response to a question from a Member, the Director of Development said that while a small number of pupils choose not to continue into the sixth form after finishing their GCSE's, these places are filled by an external sixth form intake.

Members heard that Christ's Hospital was planning to retain the advances that had been developed during remote learning over the Covid-19 pandemic. There was a greater use of technology in teaching.

A Member asked for further detail on the extra support being provided to ensure that students are fully supported with regards to mental health issues. In reply, the Director of Development said that Christ's Hospital had a strong pastoral system including a medical centre, mental health first aiders, tutor teams and a counselling team, and can draw on other local authority services. The school also has a strong peer mentoring and support programme.

The Deputy Chairman asked what engagement Christ's Hospital saw from its alumni network. The Director of Development replied there is a strong relationship which helps to provide careers support, mentoring and general advice from alumni to current pupils.

8. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

There were no questions.

9. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**  
There was no other business.
10. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**
11. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**  
The non-public minutes of the meeting held on 23 February 2022 were approved as an accurate record.
12. **SAFEGUARDING REPORT**  
The Committee received a report of Christ's Hospital regarding Safeguarding.
13. **PROGRESS ON CHILDREN PRESENTED IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS**  
The Donation Governors on the Committee provided updates on their Presentees.
14. **QUESTIONS ON NON-PUBLIC MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**  
There was one question in the non-public session.
15. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED**  
There were two items of other business in the non-public session.

**The meeting ended at 12.45 pm**

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Chairman

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