

BARBICAN CENTRE BOARD

Wednesday, 12 July 2023

Minutes of the meeting of the Barbican Centre Board held at Frobisher Rooms,
Barbican Centre on Wednesday, 12 July 2023 at 11.00 am

Present

Members:

Tom Sleigh (Chair)	Zulum Elumogo (External Member)
Tobi Ruth Adebekun (Deputy Chairman)	Mark Page (External Member)
Alderman Sir William Russell (Deputy Chairman)	Jens Riegelsberger (External Member)
Deputy Randall Anderson	Despina Tstatsas (External Member)
Michael Asante (External Member)	Deputy Alpa Raja
Tijs Broeke	

In Attendance

Officers:

Claire Spencer	- CEO, Barbican Centre
Nick Adams	- Barbican Centre
Cornell Farrell	- Barbican Centre
Will Gompertz	- Barbican Centre
Shaney Jhaveri	- Barbican Centre
Ali Mirza	- Barbican Centre
Mercy Welbeck	- Barbican Centre
Emily Williams	- Barbican Centre
Udhay Bhakoo	- Chamberlain's Department
Sarah Wall	- Chamberlain's Department
Ben Dunleavy	- Town Clerk's Department

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Wendy Mead and Jane Roscoe.

The Chair congratulated Sanweep Dwesar MBE and Dame Kathryn McDowell on their recent honours.

The Chair welcomed Shaney Jhaveri, the new Head of Visual Arts at the Barbican Centre.

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

There were no declarations.

3. **BOARD MINUTES**

The public minutes and non-public summary of the meeting held on 17 May 2023 were approved as a correct record.

4. **MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEES**

a. **Finance and Risk Committee**

The Chair of the Finance and Risk Committee provided Members with an oral update on the Committee's meeting on 27 June 2023.

b. **Nominations, Effectiveness and Inclusion Committee**

The Chair of the Board provided Members with an oral update on the Nominations, Effectiveness and Inclusion Committee's meeting on 28 June 2023.

5. **WORKPLAN**

Members noted the Board's future workplan.

6. **CEO REPORT BY THE BARBICAN'S DIRECTORS**

Members received a report of the CEO, Barbican Centre, providing an update on the Centre's activities.

RESOLVED, that – the Board endorses Management's approach.

7. **VISUAL ARTS AT THE BARBICAN CENTRE**

Members received a report of the CEO, Barbican Centre, relating to the Visual Arts department.

Members also received a presentation from the new Head of Visual Arts. The Board praised presentation as being exciting and bringing a fresh perspective.

During discussion, the following points were raised:

- Members encouraged the Head of Visual Arts to consider how he could link with other institutions. Officers confirmed they would have events and collaborations with communities in the City and beyond.
- A Member asked how outside space would be utilised in programming. Officers replied that there was a tremendous opportunity to use outside spaces. The CEO confirmed that the Centre was working collaboratively with residents of the Barbican Estate on the impacts of any outside programming.
- A Member encouraged the Head of Visual Arts to harness the Board and let Members know how they could support their work.

RESOLVED, that – the report be received and its contents noted.

8. ***CONCERT HALL 2016 REFURBISHMENT WORKS**

Members received a report of the CEO, Barbican Centre, relative to the Concert Hall refurbishment.

RESOLVED, that – the report be received and its contents noted.

9. ***DIRECTOR SHARED OBJECTIVES 23/24**

Members received a report of the CEO, Barbican Centre, relative to the objectives for the Centre's directors.

RESOLVED, that – Members approve the Director Shared Objectives for 2023/24.

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

There were no questions.

11. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**

There was no other business.

12. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

RESOLVED – That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

13. **NON-PUBLIC BOARD MINUTES**

The non-public minutes of the meeting held on 17 May 2023 were approved as a correct record.

14. **SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES**

a. **Non Public Minutes of the Finance and Risk Committee**

The Chair of the Finance and Risk Committee provided Members with an oral update on the non-public elements of Committee's meeting on 27 June 2023.

b. **Non-Public Minutes of the Nominations, Effectiveness and Inclusion Committee**

The Chair of the Board provided Members with an oral update on the non-public elements of the Nominations, Effectiveness and Inclusion Committee's meeting on 28 June 2023.

15. **BARBICAN YOUNG CHANGEMAKERS - LIFT OFF**

Members received a report of the CEO, Barbican Centre, concerning the Barbican Young Changemakers programme.

16. **CEO REPORT BY THE BARBICAN'S DIRECTORS**

Members received a report of the CEO, Barbican Centre, providing an update on the Centre's activities.

17. **BARBICAN CENTRE STRATEGIC PLAN (DRAFT)**

Members received a report of the CEO, Barbican Centre, concerning the draft Strategic Plan.

18. ***CONTROVERSIAL ARTS PROGRAMMING & BUSINESS EVENTS RISK REGISTER**

Members received a report of the CEO, Barbican Centre, concerning the controversial arts programming and business events risk register.

19. **QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE BOARD**

There were no questions in the non-public session.

20. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**

There was no urgent business in the non-public session.

21. **CONFIDENTIAL BOARD MINUTES**

The confidential minutes of the meeting held on 17 May 2023 were approved as a correct record.

22. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**

There was one item of confidential business.

The meeting ended at 13.51

Chairman

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