

BARBICAN CENTRE BOARD

Wednesday, 17 July 2024

Minutes of the meeting of the Barbican Centre Board on Wednesday, 17 July 2024
at 11.00 am

Present

Members:

Tobi Ruth Adebekun (Deputy Chairman)	Alderman Sir Nicholas Lyons
Tijs Broeke (Deputy Chairman)	Mark Page (External Member)
Munsur Ali	Anett Rideg
Deputy Randall Anderson	Jens Riegelsberger (External Member)
Stephen Bediako (External Member)	

In Attendance

Farmida Bi
Alderman Sir William Russell

Officers:

David Farnsworth	- Interim CEO, Barbican Centre
Ali Mirza	- Interim Deputy CEO, Barbican Centre
Nick Adams	- Barbican Centre
Jackie Boughton	- Barbican Centre
Cornell Farrell	- Barbican Centre
Natasha Harris	- Barbican Centre
Pip Simpson	- Barbican Centre
Devyani Saltzman	- Barbican Centre
James Tringham	- Barbican Centre
Beau Vigushin	- Barbican Centre
Sarah Wall	- Barbican Centre
Mark Lowman	- City Surveyor's Department
John Cater	- Town Clerk's Department

1. APOLOGIES

In advance of the meeting, formal apologies for absence were received from Michael Asante, Farmida Bi, Zulum Elumogo, Jaspreet Hodgson, Jane Roscoe, Alderman Sir William Russell, Despina Tsatsas, and Irem Yerdelen.

In the absence of Sir William, the Deputy Chair, Tijs Broeke took the chair for the meeting.

At this point the Chair welcomed David Farnsworth to his first Board meeting as Interim CEO. The Chair commended David for his sterling track record at the Corporation, having led on the reorganisation and rebrand of the City Bridge Foundation, bringing together its role as a bridge owner and major charity funder across the capital.

The Chair thanked Ali Mirza for stepping up during a very challenging time as Interim CEO; Ali will now be working closely with David in a new interim capacity as Deputy CEO, focussing on the cultural change programme underway.

The Chair welcomed Devyani Saltzman, who joined the Barbican earlier in the month as Director of Arts and Participation. Devyani is a writer and curator and was previously Director of Public Programming at the Art Gallery of Ontario, North America's fourth largest museum.

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

There were no declarations under the Code of Conduct.

3. BOARD MINUTES

The draft public minutes and non-public summary of the meeting held on Wednesday, 22nd May 2024 were approved as an accurate record.

4. APPOINTMENTS

The Committee considered a Report of the Town Clerk concerning the appointment of a Chair to the People, Culture, and Inclusion (PCI) Committee of the Barbican Centre Board and a further vacancy of an elected Member on the PCI Committee.

In response to the Town Clerk seeking expressions of interest in the vacancy of an elected Member of the Board, the Chair confirmed that Irem Yerdelen (who was absent from today's meeting) had previously indicated that she was minded to serve on the Committee for the remainder of the 2024/25 civic year. The Chair would follow up with the Town Clerk and Ms Yerdelen after the meeting.

RESOLVED – that the Board endorsed Tobi Ruth Adebekun as Chair of the of the People, Culture, and Inclusion Committee of the Barbican Centre Board for 2024/25.

5. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE BOARD

There were no questions.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

There was no other urgent business.

7. 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.

8. **NON-PUBLIC BOARD MINUTES**

The draft non-public minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 22nd May 2024 were approved as an accurate record.

9. **GW4: BARBICAN RENEWAL - INFRASTRUCTURE PHASE 1**

The Board considered a Joint Report of the City Surveyor and the Interim CEO, Barbican Centre concerning Phase 1 of the Barbican Centre's Infrastructure Renewal Programme.

10. **BARBICAN RENEWAL UPDATE**

The Board received a presentation and considered a related request for Delegated Authority concerning Barbican Renewal.

11. **BARBICAN CENTRE CATERING SERVICES - PROCUREMENT STAGE 2 AWARD REPORT - DELEGATED AUTHORITY REQUEST**

The Board considered a Report of the Interim CEO, Barbican Centre concerning the award decision on the Barbican Centre catering tender.

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

There were no questions.

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

There was one item of non-public urgent business.

The meeting ended at 12.55 pm

Chairman

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