

BARBICAN CENTRE BOARD

Wednesday, 20 November 2024

Minutes of the meeting of the Barbican Centre Board held at Committee Room - 2nd Floor West Wing, Guildhall on Wednesday, 20 November 2024 at 11.00 am

Present

Members:

Alderman Sir William Russell (Chair)	Zulum Elumogo (External Member)
Tobi Ruth Adebekun (Deputy Chair)	Jaspreet Hodgson
Tijs Broeke (Deputy Chair)	Mark Page (External Member)
Deputy Randall Anderson	Jens Riegelsberger (External Member)

Observers

Munsur Ali
Micheal Asante
Stephen Bediako

Guests

Kathryn McDowell	LSO
Dr Maggie Semple	

Officers:

David Farnsworth	- Barbican Centre
Ali Mirza	- Barbican Centre
Cornell Farrell	- Barbican Centre
Natasha Harris	- Barbican Centre
Luke Kemp	- Barbican Centre
Devyani Saltzman	- Barbican Centre
Philippa Simpson	- Barbican Centre
James Tringham	- Barbican Centre
Harriet Usher	- Barbican Centre
Beau Vigushin	- Barbican Centre
Helen Wallace	- Barbican Centre
Matthew Cooper	- Town Clerk's Department
Kate Doidge	- Town Clerk's Department
John Cater	- Town Clerk's Department

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Munsur Ali, Michael Asante, Stephen Bediako, Farmida Bi, Alderman Sir Nicholas Lyons, Jane Roscoe, Despina Tsatsas, and Irem Yerdelen.

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

There were no declarations.

3. **BOARD MINUTES**

The draft public minutes and non-public summary of the meeting held on Wednesday, 25 September 2024 were approved as an accurate record.

4. **ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE BOARD'S TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The Board considered a Report of the Town Clerk, concerning the annual review of its terms of reference. There were two suggested amendments to the terms of reference put forward to the Board for its consideration.

Some Board Members expressed a concern that an amendment to paragraph 4(B) of the terms of reference may not align with the City Corporation's Member-led recruitment process for positions such as the Chief Executive Officer of the Barbican Centre. It was agreed that officers would take this comment away and return to the Board meeting in January 2025 with amended wording for the Board's review and sign-off.

It was suggested and agreed that the amendment clarifying that a Deputy Chair be elected from Members of the Board be adjusted to 'from the Elected City Corporation Members'.

RESOLVED – That the terms of reference of the Barbican Centre Board be reported back to the Board at its meeting in January 2025, taking into account the points detailed above.

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

The Board received a Report of the Interim CEO, Barbican Centre, comprising updates from across the Centre.

RESOLVED – That Members note the Report and endorse the Managements Approach.

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

There were no questions.

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

There was no other urgent business.

8. **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.

9. **NON-PUBLIC BOARD MINUTES**

The draft non-public minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 25 September 2024 were approved as an accurate record.

10. **NON-PUBLIC CEO REPORT BY THE BARBICAN'S DIRECTORS**
The Board received a Report of the Interim CEO, Barbican Centre, comprising updates from across the Centre.
11. **BARBICAN REFLECTIONS**
The Board received a Report of Dr Maggie Semple concerning the reflections of the Board around the leadership changes at the Centre.
12. **BARBICAN RENEWAL UPDATE - VERBAL UPDATE**
The Board received a verbal update of the Interim CEO, Barbican Centre concerning Barbican Renewal.
13. **ARTISTIC VISION AND STRATEGY UPDATE**
The Board received a Report of the Interim CEO, Barbican Centre concerning the artistic vision and strategy of the Centre.
14. **BARBICAN IMMERSIVE PROGRAMME UPDATE**
The Board received a Report of the Interim CEO, Barbican Centre concerning Barbican Immersive.
15. **MUSIC DEPARTMENT UPDATE**
The Board received a Report of the Interim CEO, Barbican Centre concerning the Barbican's Music Department.
16. **LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA - ANNUAL REVIEW FOR 2023/24**
The Board received a Report of the Managing Director of the London Symphony Orchestra (LSO) concerning the LSO's activity in the 2023/24 season.
17. ***BARBICAN BUSINESS REVIEW: AUGUST 2024 (PERIOD 5)**
The Board received a joint Report of the Chamberlain and the Interim CEO, Barbican Centre concerning the period 5 accounts for the Centre.
18. ***BARBICAN CWP AND CAPITAL PROJECTS - UPDATE REPORT**
The Board received a Report of the Interim CEO, Barbican Centre concerning the period 5 accounts for the Barbican Centre.
19. ***ARTS PROGRAMMING & BUSINESS EVENTS RISK & ETHICS REGISTERS**
The Board received a Report of the Interim CEO, Barbican Centre concerning Arts Programming & Business Events Risk Registers for the Centre.
20. **QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE BOARD**
There were no questions.
21. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**
There was no other business.

The meeting ended at 12.40 pm

Chairman

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