

City of London Corporation Committee Report

Committee(s): Education Board (for information)	Dated: 02/10/26
Subject: Governor Appointments Update	Public report: For Decision
This proposal: • delivers Corporate Plan 2024-29 outcomes	Diverse Engaged Communities Providing Excellent Services
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	No
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
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Summary

This report updates Members on the recent appointments of governors across the City Family of Schools. An updated list of the governing body membership is attached in **Appendix One**. Members are asked to approve the appointments of Chairs to City of London Academies Trust (CoLAT) Local Boards,

Recommendation(s)

- Members are asked to note the report.
- Members are asked to approve Chairs of CoLAT Local Boards.

Main Report

Background

1. As per the current Sponsorship Agreement with CoLAT, the Education Board approves the appointment of Chairs to Local Boards and is consulted on governor vacancies and notified of governor appointments.

Current Position

2. Chair changes since May 2026 are;
Christopher Cook Galleywall Primary, new appointment.
Nicola Davison, City of London Academy Highbury Grove, existing board member nominated as Chair from 1st September.
Steven Berryman, City of London Academy Southwark, renewal for a second term to be approved at Trust Board meeting on 24th September.
Peter Green, Newham Collegiate Sixth Form Centre, renewal for a second term to be approved at Trust Board meeting on 24th September.
Thomas Kibling, City of London Academy Shoreditch Park, resignation from 1st October.
Keith Bottomley, City of London School for Boys.

The governance arrangements at The Aldgate School are the sole responsibility of the London Diocesan Board for Schools and therefore not reportable to the City of London Corporation's Education Board. The Community and Children's Services Committee oversees the Corporation's relationship with The Aldgate School in its capacity as the Local Authority. The City of London Corporation has nomination rights for one governor at The Aldgate School. This position is currently held by Tim McNally.

Options

3. Members approve the appointments of Chairs to CoLAT Local Boards.

Key Data

4. The current governing body membership of the City Family of Schools is attached in **Appendix One**.

Corporate & Strategic Implications

5. Strategic implications – Supporting good and effective governance practices across the Family of Schools is aligned the following strategies and plans:
 - The City Corporation's Corporate Plan 2024-29
 - The Education Strategy 2024-29

Financial implications - None

Resource implications - None

Legal implications - None

Risk implications - None

Equalities implications – Across all governing bodies, appointment and 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.

Climate implications - None

Security implications - None

Conclusion

6. This report updates Members on the current position of appointments to CoLAT LGBs. The updated list of governors across the City Family of Schools is included in **Appendix One**.

Appendices

- **Appendix One** – Governing body membership of the Family of Schools.

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Appendix One

Local Board Membership for the City of London Academies Trust

City of London Academy Highbury Grove

Name	Basis of Appointment	Term of Office
Nicola Davison	Appointed by the Trust	4 years expiring 31 st August 2027
Aimee Lyall	Principal – Ex officio	During term of office as Principal
Nick Worsley	Appointed by the Trust	4 years expiring 31 st August 2027
Louise Furgason	Non-teaching staff Local Board member	4 years expiring 28 th February 2029
Nicholas Durack	Appointed by the Trust	4 years expiring 31 st August 2029
Ahlisha Tucker	Parent Local Board member	4 years expiring 31 st December
Charles Cohen	Appointed by the Trust	4 years expiring 29 th February 2028
Akinbayo Akinbode	Appointed by the Trust	4 years expiring 29 th February 2028
Betsy Adams	Staff Local Board member	4 years expiring 28 th February 2029
Victoria O'Mard	Parent Local Board member	4 years expiring 31 st August 2029
Charlotte Dougan	Appointed by the Trust	4 years expiring 31 st August 2029
Grant Ciccone	Appointed by the Trust Board	4 years expiring 24 th September 2030 *Pending ratification
Simon Nathan	Appointed by the Trust Board	4 years expiring 24 th September 2030 *Pending ratification

City of London Academy Highgate Hill

Name	Basis of Appointment	Term of Office
Roy Blackwell (Chair)	Appointed by the Trust Board	4 years expiring 31 st August 2028
Prince Gennuh	Principal – Ex officio	During term of office as Principal
Shireen Fraser	Appointed by the Trust Board	4 years expiring 31 st August 2027
Kristin Baumgartner	Appointed by the Trust Board	4 years expiring 31 st August 2028
Julie Robinson	Appointed by the Trust Board	4 years expiring 31 st August 2028

Name	Basis of Appointment	Term of Office
Peter Bremner	Staff Local Board member (teaching)	4 years expiring 31 ^s August 2028
Steven Mitchell	Parent Local Board member	4 years expiring 31 st December 2026
Mohammed Laki	Parent Local Board member	4 years expiring 13 th December 2028
Ian Gaskell	Appointed by the Trust Board	4 years expiring 16 th March 2029
Vacancy	Appointed by the Trust Board	VACANT
Vacancy	Appointed by the Trust Board	VACANT
Vacancy	Appointed by the Trust Board	VACANT
Vacancy	Staff Local Board member (non-teaching)	VACANT

City of London Academy Islington

Name	Basis of Appointment	Term of Office
Peter Lisley (Chair)	Appointed by the Trust Board	4 Years expiring 31 st August 2027
Laurie Glees	Principal	During term of office as Principal
Hafiza Patel	Appointed by the Trust Board	4 years expiring 31 August 2028
Peter Laurie	Appointed by the Trust Board	4 years expiring 31 August 2028
Richard Kottler	Appointed by the Trust Board	4 years expiring 31 st December 2026
Naureen Bhatti	Appointed by the Trust Board	4 years expiring 31 st August 2028
Kristy Sandino	Appointed by the Trust Board	4 years expiring 31 st August 2029
Sionade Robinson	Appointed by the Trust Board	4 years expiring 31 st August 2029
Maia Hamilton	Appointed by the Trust Board	4 years expiring 11 th December 2029
Fay McKnight-Bailey	Staff Local Board member (non teaching)	4 years expiring 11 th December 2029
Pete French	Parent Local Board member	4 years expiring 18 ^h March 2030
Nanouche Umeadi	Parent Local Board member	4 years expiring 14 th July 2030
Vacancy	Appointed by the Trust Board	VACANT
Vacancy	Staff Local Board member (Teaching)	VACANT

City of London Primary Academy Islington

Name	Basis of Appointment	Term of Office
Alistair Richardson (Chair)	Appointed by the Trust Board	4 years expiring 4 February 2028
Gina Campbell (Deputy Chair)	Appointed by the Trust Board	4 years expiring 23 rd July 2028
Kim Clapham	Headteacher – Ex officio	During term of office as Headteacher
Paul Barry	Appointed by the Trust Board	4 years expiring 16 th September 2027
Sonja Shah-Williams	Appointed by the Trust Board	4 years expiring 21 st February 2029
Timothy Gittins	Appointed by the Trust Board	4 years expiring 20 th January 2028
Alexandra Tsoi	Staff Local Board member (Teaching)	4 years expiring 8 th September 2026 *Awaiting renewal confirmation
Flora McCormack	Appointed by the Trust Board	4 years expiring 18 th September 2027
Alistair Metcalfe	Parent Local Board member	4 years expiring 15 th July 2028
Faye Maleady	Staff Local Board member (non-teaching)	4 years expiring 20 th January 2029
George Pechlivanidis	Parent Local Board member	4 years expiring 1 st July 2029
Mercy Haggerty	Appointed by the Trust Board	4 years expiring 18 th March 2030

City of London Academy Shoreditch Park

Name	Basis of Appointment	Term of Office
Thomas Kibling (Chair)	Appointed by the Trust Board	4 years expiring 31 st August 2028 *Resignation from 1st October 2026
Holly Arles	Principal – Ex officio	During term of office as Principal
Veronica Wadley	Appointed by the Trust	4 years expiring 31 st July 2027
Kam Adams	Appointed by the Trust	4 years expiring 30 th July 2028
Barbara Hamilton	Appointed by the Trust	4 years expiring 31 st July 2028
Preet Singh	Staff Local Board member	4 years expiring 2 nd October 2026
Darren Thompson	Appointed by the Trust	4 years expiring 31 st August 2027
Natalie Ohene	Appointed by the Trust	4 years expiring 12 th December
Jonathan McIntosh	Appointment to be	4 years expiring 12 May 2029
Matthias Baudisch	Parent Local Board	4 years expiring 12 June 2029
Rachel Payne	Parent Local Board	4 years expiring 12 June 2029
Vacancy	Appointed by the Trust	VACANT
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Vacancy	Staff Local Board member (Non-Teaching)	VACANT

City of London Academy Southwark

Name	Basis of Appointment	Term of Office
Dr Steven Berryman (Chair)	Appointed by the Trust Board	4 years expiring 31 st August 2026
Elaine Davis*** Vice Chair	Appointed by the Trust Board	4 years expiring 31 August 2029 *Resignation from 17th September 2026
John Lynes	Principal – Ex Officio	During term of office as Principal
Adenike Martin	Parent Local Board member	4 years expiring 31 st August 2028
Aimee Smith	Teaching Staff Local Board member	4 years expiring 31 st August 2028

Greig Larsen	Staff Local Board member (non-teaching)	4 years expiring 7 th June 2027
Tim McNally***	Appointed by the Trust Board	4 years expiring 31 st August 2026 <i>*Second term to be approved at local board meeting 01/10/2026</i>
Anesu Chekera	Appointed by the Trust Board	4 years expiring 31 st August 2028
Ruth Anderson	Appointed by the Trust Board	4 years expiring 31 st August 2029
Abiodun Agboluaje	Parent Local Board member	4 years expiring 9 th March 2029
Suzanne Ornsby	Appointed by the Trust Board	4 years expiring 11 th December 2029
Vacancy	Appointed by the Trust Board	VACANT
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Galleywall Primary, City of London Academy

Name	Basis of Appointment	Term of Office
Christopher Cook (Chair)	Appointed by the Trust	4 years expiring 31 st August 2030
Martin Blain	Head teacher – Ex Officio	During term of office as
Barbara Reichwein	Parent Local Board member	4 years expiring 7 th June 2027
Anna Akitoye*	Parent Local Board member	4 years expiring 7 th June 2027
Katie Buttigieg	Staff Local Board member (non-teaching)	4 years expiring 7 th June 2027
David Sales	Appointed by the Trust Board	4 years expiring 31 st August 2028
Thanos Bikakis	Appointed by the Trust Board	4 years expiring 31 st August 2028
Dmitry Lysenko	Appointed by the Trust Board	4 years expiring 31 st August 2028
Alice Malivoire	Appointed by the Trust Board	4 years expiring 31 st August 2028
Vacancy	Appointed by the Trust Board	VACANT
Vacancy	Staff Local Board member (teaching)	VACANT
Vacancy	Appointed by the Trust Board	VACANT
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London Nautical, City of London Academy

Name	Basis of Appointment	Term of Office
Duncan Souster (Chair)	Foundation by virtue of post	4 years expiring 6 th December 2028
Michael Schofield	Principal – Ex officio	During term of office as Principal
Anthony Abimbola (Vice Chair)	Co-opted Local Board member	4 years expiring 5 th April 2028

Catherine Mulvihill	Co-opted Local Board member	4 years expiring 31 st ^{new} August 2027
Eve Pape	Parent Local Board member (elected)	4 years expiring 15 th December 2027
Tracey Butler	Parent Local Board member (elected)	4 years expiring 15 th December 2027
Jayne Qureshi	Appointed by Local	4 years expiring 15 th December
Lisa Wilson	Staff Local Board member (Teaching)	4 years expiring 11 th February 2028
Dr Ria Jones	Appointed by the Trust	4 years expiring 16 th July 2029
Katherine Hall	Appointed by the Trust	4 years expiring 16 th July 2029
Bob Roberts	Appointed by the Trust	4 years expiring 11 th December
Vacancy	Staff Local Board member (non-teaching)	VACANT
Vacancy	Co-opted Local Board member	VACANT
Vacancy	Co-opted Local Board member	VACANT

Newham Collegiate Sixth Form Centre

Name	Basis of Appointment	Term of Office
Peter Green (Chair)	Appointed by the Trust Board	4 years expiring 31 st August 2026
Anita Lomax	Principal – Ex officio	During term of office as Principal
Minesh Talati	Appointed by the Trust Board	4 years expiring 31 st January 2030
Martin Gaskell	Appointed by the Trust Board	4 years expiring 30 September 2026
Dhruv Patel	Appointed by the Trust Board	4 years expiring 31 st December 2026
Hannah Jackson	Staff Local Board member (Teaching)	4 years expiring 31 st August 2028
Thomas O'Brien	Appointed by the Trust Board	4 years expiring 31 st August 2028
Shamir Sanghrajka	Appointed by the Trust Board	4 years expiring 16 th March 2029
Vacancy	Appointed by the Trust Board	VACANT
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Vacancy	Appointed by the Trust Board	VACANT
Vacancy	Appointed by the Trust Board	VACANT
Vacancy	Parent Local Board member	VACANT
Vacancy	Parent Local Board member	VACANT
Vacancy	Staff Local Board member (non-teaching)	VACANT

Plashet, City of London Academy

Name	Basis of Appointment	Term of Office
Mrs Irene Papadopoulos	Appointed by GB/Board	4 years expiring 18 th January 2027
Rachel McGowan	Principal- Ex officio	During term of office as Principal
Councillor Sophia Naqvi	LA nominated, appointed by Local Board	4 years expiring 4 th December 2029

Dr Marion Bates	Parent Local Board member	4 years expiring 11 th May 2027
Sahar Asif	Appointed by GB/Board	4 years expiring 11 th May 2027
Akbal Ahmed	Parent Local Board member	4 years expiring 5 th December 2028
Mohammed Mangerah	Staff Local Board member (Teaching)	4 years expiring 30 th March 2029
Aminah Idris	Staff Local Board member (non-teaching)	4 years expiring 5 th December 2028
Jo Sell	Appointed by GB/Board	4 years expiring 18 th January 2027
Bila Boland	Appointed by GB/Board	4 years expiring 11 th May 2027
Dona Henriques	Appointed by GB/Board	4 years expiring 18 th January 2027
Louise Bauer	Appointed by GB/Board	4 years expiring 18 th January 2027
Meghul Khan	Appointed by GB/Board	4 years expiring 27 th May 2029
Nazma Sharif	Parent Local Board member	4 years expiring 20 th March 2028
Nishul Maru	Appointed by the Trust Board	4 years expiring 14 th July 2030

Redriff Primary, City of London Academy

Name	Basis of Appointment	Term of Office
Kathrin Hanki (Chair)	Appointed by the Trust Board	4 years expiring on 14th December 2027
Joanna James	Headteacher Redriff – Ex Officio	During term of office as Headteacher
Gloria Mazzuccelli	Parent Local Board member	4 years expiring 17 December 2028
Lai Lai Wong	Parent Local Board member	4 years expiring 17 December 2028
Cathy Hodges	Staff Local Board member (non-teaching)	4 years expiring 17 December 2028
Martha Eldred	Staff Local Board member	4 years expiring 17 December 2028
Nick Collier	Appointed by the Trust Board	4 years expiring 17 December 2028
Jack Jorgensen	Appointed by the Trust Board	4 years expiring 17 December 2028
Annette McGowan	Appointed by the Trust Board	4 years expiring 17 December 2028
João Cruz	Appointed by the Trust Board	4 years expiring 17 December 2028

Vacancy	Appointed by the Trust Board	VACANT
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The City Academy Hackney

Name	Basis of Appointment	Term of Office
Darren Thompson (Chair)	Appointed by the Trust Board	4 years expiring 31 st August 2029
Anna Sarchet	Principal	During term of office as Principal
Hannah Cool	Appointed by the Trust	4 years expiring 15 th December
Ayla Brewer	Staff Local Board member (Teaching)	4 years expiring 20 th June 2027
Ashleigh Hope	Appointed by the Trust	4 years expiring 3 rd July 2028
Victoria Ayodeji	Appointed by the Trust	4 years expiring 13 th December
Sinem Ahmed	Staff Local Board member (non-teaching)	4 years expiring 16 th March 2029
Mercy Haggerty	Appointed by the Trust	4 years expiring 11 th December
Georgina Carey	Appointed by the Trust	4 years expiring 11 th December
Sarah Perry	Appointed by the Trust Board	4 years expiring 24 th September 2030
Anthony Boateng	Appointed by the Trust Board	4 years expiring 24 th September 2030 *Pending ratification
Vacancy	Parent Local Board	VACANT
Vacancy	Parent Local Board	VACANT
Vacancy	Appointed by the Trust Board	VACANT

Membership of the Boards of Governors of the City Independent Schools

City of London School

Governor	Basis of Appointment	Current Term Ends
Alderman Robert Howard (Ex-Officio)	Ex officio (Chair of the Board of the CLSG)	(term subject to Chairmanship of CLSG)
Jamel Banda (Ex-Officio)	Ex officio (Chairman of the Board of CLFS)	(term subject to Chairmanship of CLFS)
Sheriff & Deputy Keith Bottomley (Chair)	Commoner	4 years expiring July 2029
Alderman Tim Levene (Deputy Chair)	Alderman	4 years expiring July 2029
Florence Keelson-Anfu	Commoner	4 years expiring July 2030
Dominic Christian	Commoner	4 years expiring July 2028
Naresh Sonpar	Commoner	4 years expiring July 2028
Shahnan Bakth	Commoner	4 years expiring July 2029
David Sales	Commoner	4 years expiring July 2029
David Woodgate (Deputy Chair – External Member)	Co-Opted	4 Years expiring July 2029
Andrew Jones	Co-Opted	4 years expiring March 2027
Lesley Cartmell	Co-Opted	4 years expiring March 2027
John Owen	Co-Opted	4 Years expiring July 2027
Michael Baxter	Co-opted	4 years expiring June 2028
Timi Dorgu	Co-Opted	4 Years expiring July 2029
Anne Lynch	Co-opted	4 years expiring December 2029

City of London School for Girls

Governor	Basis of Appointment	Current Term Ends
Jamel Banda (Ex-Officio and previously appointed by the Court)	Ex officio (Chairman of the Board of the CLFS) Commoner	(term linked to Chairmanship of CLFS) 4 years expiring July 2027
Sheriff and Deputy Keith Bottomley (Ex-officio)	Ex officio (Chairman of the Board of the CLS)	(term linked to Chairmanship of CLS)
Alderman Robert Howard (Chairman)	Alderman	4 years expiring July 2029
The Honourable Emily Sophia Wedgwood Benn (Deputy Chair)	Commoner	4 years expiring July 2029
Alderman Sir Andrew Parmley	Alderman	3 years, expiring July 2029
Jaspreet Hodgson	Commoner	4 years, expiring July 2027
Shravan Joshi	Commoner	4 years expiring July 2028
Anett Rideg	Commoner	4 years expiring July 2030
Vacancy	Court of Common Council	
Vacancy	Court of Common Council	
Peter Bennett	Co-opted	4 years, expiring July 2027
Dame Dervilla Mitchell	Co-Opted	4 years, expiring June 2029
Mark James	Co-Opted	4 years expiring July 2029
Del Cooke	Co-Opted	4 years expiring Sept 2029
Tanya Seghatchian	Co-Opted	4 years, expiring July 2030
Natasha Blick	Co-Opted	4 years, expiring January 2030

Vacancy	Co-Opted	
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City of London Freemen's School

Governor	Basis of Appointment	Current Term Ends
Alderman Robert Howard (Ex-Officio)	Ex Officio (Chair of the Board of CLSG)	(term subject to Chairmanship of CLSG)
Sheriff and Deputy Keith Bottomley (Ex-Officio)	Ex Officio (Chair of the Board of CLS)	(term subject to Chairmanship of CLS)
Jamel Banda (Chairman)	Commoner	3 years expiring July 2029
Chief Commoner Philip Woodhouse (Deputy Chairman)	Commoner	1 year expiring July 2027
John Foley	Commoner	4 years expiring July 2030
Tessa Marchington	Commoner	3 years expiring July 2029
Vacancy	Commoner	
Vacancy	Commoner	
Vacancy	Commoner	
Vacancy	Commoner	
Nicholas Goddard	Co-opted	4 years expiring July 2027
Roy Anklesaria	Co-opted	4 years expiring July 2030
Clare Verga	Co-opted	4 years expiring July 2030
Vacancy	Co-opted	
Vacancy	Co-opted	
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Vacancy	Co-opted	

City Junior School

Composition: up to 11 Governors:

- 1. Two ex-officio (Chairs or Deputy Chairs of the City of London School and the City of London School for Girls)*
- 2. Up to 3 Members of the Board of Governors of the City of London School, of whom no fewer than one shall be Common Councillors.*
- 3. Up to 3 Members of the Board of Governors of the City of London School for Girls, of whom no fewer than one shall be Common Councillors.*
- 4. Up to three external members with experience relevant to the Board*

Governor	Basis of Appointment	Current Term Ends
Sheriff & Deputy Keith Bottomley	1	Term subject to Chair of CLS
Deputy Emily Benn	1	Term subject to Deputy Chair of CLSG
Naresh Sonpar	2	Term expires 31 July 2030
Anne Lynch	2	Term expires 31 December 2029
David Woodgate	2	Term expires 31 July 2030
Anett Rideg (Chair)	3	Term expires 31 July 2027
Shravan Joshi	3	Term expires 31 July 2030
Mark James (Deputy Chair)	3	Term expires 31 July 2030
Her Honour Judge Anuja Dhir	4	Term expires 31 July 2027
Peter Bennett	4	Term expires 4 December 2029
Katherine Vintiner	4	Term expires 10 March 2030