

## **Southampton Solent University**

### **Board of Governors**

Minutes of the special meeting held on Friday 25 July 2025 at 11:00hrs  
Via MS Teams

#### **Present**

Philip de Klerk, Independent Governor  
Mohammad Galib, Student Governor  
Jennifer Glastonbury, Independent Governor  
Adam Golton, Independent Governor  
Dr Francesca Gwynne, Staff Governor (Academic)  
Neil Hayward, Independent Governor  
Professor James Knowles, Vice-Chancellor and Governor ex officio  
Professor Dame Julie Lydon DBE, Independent Governor  
Lisa-Jane Risk, Independent Governor  
Sanidhya Shetty, Student Governor  
Richard Smith, Independent Governor & Chair of Board  
Dr Alan Whitehead CBE, Independent Governor

#### **In attendance**

Jim Irving, Pro Vice-Chancellor Students and Governance  
Eran Kochlany, Chief Financial and Operating Officer (via Teams)  
Helen Jones, Chief People and Culture Officer  
Bridget Woolven, Clerk to the Governors (absent for Min 25/61)

### **AGENDA PART 1**

#### **25/55 Welcome and Apologies**

1. The Chair thanked members for their attendance at the special meeting and welcomed Mohammad Galib to his first board meeting.
2. There were apologies from Mike Gaston, Don Iro, Fay Quayle, Sharath Ranjan, Beth Topazio, Professor Allan Youp.
3. The meeting was quorate throughout.

#### **25/56 Conflicts of Interest**

1. Dr Francesca Gwynne declared an interest in the Pensions Strategy item.

#### **25/57 Other urgent business**

1. None.

### **Performance Matters**

#### **25/58 Vice-Chancellor's report**

**Oral report**  
**Confidential Unreserved**

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**Confidential Reserved**

**25/59 2024/25 Budget Rollover**

**Paper 25/BG/28  
Confidential Unreserved**

**25/60 Lloyds Revolving Credit Facility (RCF) extension**

**Paper 25/BG/29  
Confidential Unreserved**

*(Bridget Woolven left the meeting.)*

**25/61 Pensions Strategy**

**Paper 25/BG/30  
Confidential Reserved**

*(Bridget Woolven rejoined the meeting.)*

**25/62 New JNCES Pay award 2025/26**

**Paper 25/BG/31  
Confidential Unreserved**

**END OF AGENDA PART 1**

**PART 2: Items for Update**

**25/63 Reportable events**

**Confidential Unreserved**

**25/64 Next meeting**

**Tuesday 19 August 2025 at 16:00hrs (pre-meeting) with the Board meeting at 17:00hrs** - Silver Birch Suite, Spark Building, followed by dinner on the Bridge at 19:45hrs.

**25/65 Chair's address**

The meeting closed at 12:00 hrs.