

**Solent University**

*[Confidential in respect of Minutes 22/03-22/13, 22/15, 22/18-22/22]*

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Governors held on  
Wednesday 2 March 2022 at 17:00hrs in Silver Birch Suite, Spark Building, East Park  
Terrace, Southampton, Hants

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Present Stephen Bolton, Independent Governor and Deputy Chair  
Dr Janet Bonar, Staff Governor  
Phil Cotton, Independent Governor and Chair of the Board  
Paul Cox, Co-opted Governor  
Philip de Klerk, Independent Governor  
Nigel Duncan OBE, External Co-opted Governor  
Jennifer Glastonbury, Independent Governor  
Neil Hayward, Independent Governor  
Councillor Alex Houghton, Co-opted Governor  
Don Iro, Independent Governor  
Vaios Koukouletsos, Student Governor (from Min 22/08)  
Professor Julie Lydon OBE, Independent Governor  
Susan Macpherson, Independent Governor  
Louise O'Donoghue, Staff Governor  
Professor Karen Stanton Vice-Chancellor & Governor Ex Officio\*

In attendance Prof Syamantak Bhattacharya, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research & Innovation)  
Jim Irving, University Secretary & Registrar  
Eran Kochlany, Chief Financial Officer  
Leigh Rengger, Chief Marketing Officer  
Andrea Thompson, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Resources)  
Bridget Woolven, Clerk to the Governors

**22/01 Apologies & Welcome**

- i. The Chair welcomed everyone to the first in-person meeting since February 2020. He also welcomed Jim Irving, University Secretary & Registrar, and Prof Syamantak Bhattacharya, Pro Vice-Chancellor - Research & Innovation.
- ii. Apologies had been received from Sharath Ranjan and Philip Wake OBE.
- iii. The Chair congratulated Professor Dame Julie Lydon, who had been awarded a damehood in the Queen's New Year's Honours in 2022 for her services to higher education.
- iv. The meeting was quorate throughout.

**22/02 Conflict of Interests**

- i. There were no conflicts of interests.

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**22/03 Minutes of the meeting held on 24 November 2021**

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**22/04 Matters Arising**

**Presented by: Bridget Woolven, Clerk to the Governors**

**Paper 22/BG/01  
Confidential**

This minute is confidential.

**PART 1:**

**22/05 Chair's Report & BoG Survey**

**Presented by Phil Cotton, Chair of the Board**

**Oral Report  
Confidential**

This minute is confidential.

**22/06 Triennial Review of Governance**

**Presented by Jim Irving, University Secretary & Registrar**

**Paper 22/BG/02  
Confidential**

This minute is confidential.

**22/07 Vice-Chancellor's Report**

**Presented by Professor Karen Stanton**

**Paper 22/BG/03  
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This minute is confidential.

*(Vaios Koukouletsos joined the meeting.)*

**22/08 Solent Future Ready (SFR) Report**

**Presented by Andrea Thompson, Deputy Vice-Chancellor**

**Paper 22/BG/04  
Confidential**

This minute is confidential.

**22/09 Student Recruitment & Market Share report**

**Presented by Leigh Rengger, Chief Marketing Officer**

**Paper 22/BG/05  
Confidential**

This minute is confidential.

**22/10 Management Accounts and Q2 Forecast**

**Presented by Eran Kochlany, Chief Financial Officer**

**Paper 22/BG/06  
Confidential**

This minute is confidential.

**22/11 Resources Committee Report**

**Presented by Stephen Bolton, Resources Chair**

**Minutes  
Confidential**

This minute is confidential.

**22/12 Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Task Force**

**Presented by Don Iro, Independent Governor**

**Oral Report  
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**22/13 Student Governor report**

**Presented by: Vaios Koukouletsos, Student Governor**

**Oral Report  
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**22/14 Staff Governor report**  
Presented by Dr Janet Bonar, Staff Governor

**Oral Report**  
**Confidential**

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**PART 2:** The following were all noted or approved by the Board:

**22/15 Annual People & Development Report 20/21** **Paper 22/BG/07**  
Noted. **Confidential**

**22/16 Articles of Government - revision of Article 10** **Paper 22/BG/08**  
Approved.

At a meeting of the Board of Governors of Solent University (“the University”) held at East Park Terrace, Southampton, Hampshire on 2 March 2022, it was resolved that Article 10 of the University’s Articles of Government, adopted in November 2017, be revised as specified in the attached Annex B.

**22/17 Annual H&S Report 20/21** **Paper 22/BG/09**  
Noted.

**22/18 Governance Committee 9 February 2022** **Minutes**  
Noted. **Confidential**

**22/19 Recruitment of Governors - Progress Report** **Paper 22/BG/10**  
Noted. **Confidential**

**22/20 Audit Committee 22 February 2022** **Minutes**  
Circulated on 2 March 2022. **Confidential**

**22/21 Affixing of the seal** **Confidential**

**22/22 Reportable Events** **Confidential**  
Since the last meeting, there has been the following reportable event(s), as defined by the OfS that ‘could materially affect or materially effects the provider’s legal form of business model and/or its willingness or ability to comply with its conditions of registration’: None.

**22/23 Meeting dates**

i. The Board meeting dates for 2021/22 are:

**Wednesday 16 March 2022 at 16:00hrs: BoG & Academic Board**  
Wednesday 27 April 2022 at 17:00hrs;  
Wednesday 20 July 2022 at 17:00hrs.

- ii. The Chair thanked everyone for their input. The meeting closed at 19:45hrs.