

Southampton Solent University

Board of Governors

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 5 March 2025 at 17:00hrs
In Silver Birch Suite, Spark Building, East Park Terrace, Southampton

Present

Chinmay Darji, Student Governor
Philip de Klerk, Independent Governor (via Teams) (To Min 25/13)
Mike Gaston, Co-opted Governor (FE)
Jennifer Glastonbury, Independent Governor
Adam Golton, Independent Governor
Dr Francesca Gwynne, Staff Governor (Academic)
Neil Hayward, Independent Governor
Don Iro, Independent Governor and Vice Chair
Professor James Knowles, Vice-Chancellor and Governor ex officio
Professor Dame Julie Lydon DBE, Independent Governor
Fay Quayle, Independent Governor
Sharath Ranjan, Independent Governor
Lisa-Jane Risk, Independent Governor
Sanidhya Shetty, Student Governor
Richard Smith, Independent Governor & Chair of Board
Beth Topazio, Staff Governor (Professional Services)
Dr Alan Whitehead CBE, Independent Governor
Professor Allan Youp OBE, Independent Governor

In attendance

Andrew Bird, Chief Marketing Officer
Professor Cathy Barnes, Pro Vice-Chancellor Research, Academic Strategy and Planning
Jim Irving, Pro Vice-Chancellor Students and Governance
Eran Kochlany, Chief Financial and Operating Officer (via Teams)
Helen Jones, Chief People and Culture Officer
Professor Sarah Jones, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Education
Bridget Woolven, Clerk to the Governors

25/01 Welcome and Apologies

1. The Chair welcomed Fay Quayle to her first board meeting.
2. There were no apologies.
3. The Chair, on behalf of the Board, congratulated Dr Alan Whitehead on receiving a CBE in the New Year's Honour List.
4. The meeting was quorate throughout.

25/02 Conflicts of Interest

1. None declared.

25/03 Minutes

Decision

1. The minutes of the meeting held on 4 December 2024 were approved as an accurate record, subject to a correction on the attendee list.

25/04 Matters Arising & Chair's Actions

**Paper 25/BG/01
Confidential Unreserved
Agenda Part 1**

25/05 Chair's report

**Oral Report
Confidential Unreserved**

25/06 Vice-Chancellor's report

**Paper 25/BG/02
Confidential Unreserved**

25/07 Student Governors' report

**Paper 25/BG/03
Restricted**

Decision

1. The Board noted the report.

25/08 Staff Governors' report

**Paper 25/BG/04
Restricted**

Decision

1. The Board noted the report.

25/09 Management accounts and financial forecast

**Paper 25/BG/05
Confidential Unreserved**

25/10 Transfer of AIB loan

**Paper 25/BG/06
Confidential Unreserved**

25/11 Oxford Business College

**Paper 25/BG/07
Confidential Unreserved**

25/12 Apprenticeships annual report

**Paper 25/BG/08
Confidential Unreserved**

25/13 Student Recruitment report

**Paper 25/BG/09
Confidential Unreserved**

(Philip de Klerk left the meeting.)

25/14 Finance & Resources Committee Chair's report

**Oral Report
Confidential Reserved**

25/15 Annual equality workforce report

**Paper 25/BG/10
Confidential Unreserved**

End of Part 1

Agenda Part 2

25/16 Academic Board 12 February 2025

**Minutes to follow
Restricted**

25/17 Finance & Resources Committee 26 February 2025

**Minutes to follow
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25/18 Affixing of the seal

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25/19 Reportable events

Confidential Unreserved

25/20 next meetings in 2024/25

Tuesday 6 May 2025 at 17:00hrs – Silver Birch Suite, Spark Building

Tuesday 29 July 2025 at 17:00hrs - Silver Birch Suite, Spark Building

The meeting closed at 20:00 hrs.