

138th Meeting of the Board of Governors
Online only - MS Teams
Thursday 1 May 2025, 2:00 PM — 2:15 PM BST

Present:	Tijs Broeke	Independent Governor and Chair of the Board of Governors
	Baron Anyangwe	Independent Governor
	Urmi Dutta- Roy	Independent Governor
	Julie Hall	Vice Chancellor
	Usman Khan	Independent Governor
	Muniya Barua	Independent Governor
	Valerie Leipheimer	Independent Governor
	Tracey Rob Perera	Coopted member of the ARC
	Petra Wend	Independent Governor
	Andrea Stark	Independent Governor
	Munesh Mahtani	Independent Governor
	David Morrall	Independent Governor
	Claire Locke	Staff Governor
	Awesome Olasope	Student Governor
Also present:	Eugene McCrossan	Chief Operating Officer
	Gary Davies	DVC (SRBD)
	Nona McDuff	DVC and Provost
	Nikki Le Faou	University Secretary
	Billy Ahmed	Governance Officer
Apologies:	Linda Patterson	Independent Governor
	Fahmida Yesmin	Student Governor

1. Welcome, apologies, announcements, and declarations of interest

Apologies: Apologies had been received from Independent Governor Linda Patterson, Student Governor Fahmida Yesmin and Deputy Vice Chancellor Gary Davies.

Declarations of Interest: Independent Governor Muniya Barua declared an interest in item 3 as she knew Gerry McDonald. New City College are a BusinessLDN member, and they both serve on the Education and Skill Board for the sub-regional partnership. Muniya recused herself from the section of the meeting where Gerry's membership was considered.

2. Minutes

For Discussion

2.1. Minutes of the March 2025 meeting of the Board of Governors

For Approval - Presented by Tijs Broeke

The minutes of the March 2025 meeting of the Board of Governors were approved as a correct record.

2.2. Confidential minutes of the March 2025 meeting of the Board of Governors

For Approval

The confidential minutes of the March 2025 meeting of the Board of Governors were approved as a correct record.

2.3. Joint session with the Student Union - outputs from the January session for noting

For Noting

The Board of Governors noted the outputs from the January session with the Student Union, the session had been very productive and it was requested that an annual session with the Student Union be added to the work program.

2.4. Matters arising

For Noting - Presented by Tijs Broeke

3. Board Recruitment

For Approval - Presented by Nikki Le Faou

The Board of Governors considered a report that provided an update on the recruitment campaign that had taken place over the Spring. Interviews for two Independent Governor roles had taken place over two days on 26th and 27th March. The Selection Panel had unanimously recommended the appointment of: Gerry McDonald in recognition of his education and audit and risk experience, and Sanam Arora in recognition of her international experience and links for an initial term of three years, commencing immediately following the completion of due diligence checks.

It was noted that the recommendation to the Board had been made subject to final conversations with the Chair of the Governance Committee in relation to management of conflict of interest and confirmation of annual review arrangements. It was confirmed that these conversations had taken place, both had provided a considered response in relation to conflicts of interest.

In considering the report the Board noted that conflicts of interest had been carefully managed throughout the process and had been put on record as part of the recruitment file.

Conclusions

The Board of Governors approved the appointment of Gerry McDonald and Sanam Arora as Independent Governors for an initial term of three years, commencing immediately following the completion of due diligence checks.