

Search & Governance Committee

Thu 10 October 2024, 17:00 - 18:00

MS Teams

Attendees

Present: Andrea Ferguson (Independent Governor and Vice Chair of the Committee); Caroline Elwood (Independent Governor), Anna Dawe (Principal).

In attendance: Joanne Platt (Director of Governance), Sanjay Arya for Item 4.1.

The Director of Governance confirmed that the meeting was quorate.

Meeting minutes

1. Apologies for absence

SG-24-10-01

Apologies for absence had been received from Kath Causey.

2. Declarations of Interest

SG-24-10-02

Caroline Elwood declared an interest in Item 6 and left the meeting for that item. The Committee agreed to discuss an item of other business before Caroline Elwood left the meeting, noting that the Committee would be no longer quorate when Caroline Elwood left the meeting.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising

SG-24-10-03

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the meeting held on 11 September 2024 and agreed they were an accurate record of the meeting. There were no matters arising.

Resolved: The Committee approved the minutes of the meeting held on 11 September 2024 for signature by the Chair.

4. Governor Interviews:

4.1. Sanjay Arya

SG-24-10-04

Sanjay Arya joined the meeting at 5.10pm.

Sanjay Arya left the meeting at 5.30pm.

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5. Deliberations on candidate

SG-24-10-05

The Committee discussed the application and interview with Sanjay Arya and agreed that he had the knowledge, skills and experience the Board was seeking and would be an excellent addition to the Board. It was agreed that he should be recommended for appointment as a Governor to the Governing Board to serve as a member of the Curriculum and Student Matters Committee. It was also agreed that Andrea Ferguson would act as Sanjay's 'Buddy' once appointed.

The Committee agreed to invite Sanjay to attend the 3 December meeting of the Governing Board as an observer, and to attend the Governor's Christmas meal that was taking place immediately after the meeting on 3 December.

Resolved: The Committee resolved to recommend to the Governing Board, the appointment of Sanjay Arya as an Independent Governor for a period of four-years, subject to the completion of a satisfactory 12-month period of probation.

Resolved: The Committee resolved to recommend to the Governing Board, that Sanjay Arya be appointed to the Curriculum and Student Matters Committee.

6. Probationary Review of new Governors (verbal)

SG-24-10-07

Caroline Elwood left the meeting at 5.45pm.

As the meeting was no longer quorate, Governors had an informal discussion on the performance of the four Governors appointed by the Governing Board on 5 December 2023, noting that the Board would make a decision on whether to confirm their appointments at its next meeting on 3 December 2024.

7. Any other business

SG-24-10-08

This item was discussed before Item 6 above, before Caroline Elwood left the meeting.

The Committee discussed the need to appoint a new Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee following Ann Harrison's term of office coming to an end on 8 October 2024. This item was discussed before Item 6, and before Caroline Elwood left the meeting, when the meeting was still quorate.

It was agreed to recommend to the Governing Board that Andrea Ferguson be appointed as Chair of the Committee and that Kath Causey be appointed as Vice Chair of the Committee.

Resolved: The Committee agreed to recommend the appointment of Andrea Ferguson as Chair of the Committee, to the Governing Board.

Resolved: The Committee agreed to recommend the appointment of Kath Causey as Vice Chair of the Committee, to the Governing Board.

8. Date and time of next meeting - 5 March 2025 at 5pm

SG-24-10-09

The meeting ended at 5.50pm.

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