



## Northern College

### THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Governors held on **11 April 2022**.

**Present:** Bob Harrison, Clive Macdonald (Chair), Yultan Mellor (Principal), Colin Forrest, Liz Stanley, Neil James, Seb Schmoller, Mike Bramhall, Henry Otulakowski, Sue Horner, Ann Corrigan, Tim Thornton, Clare Clifton, Emma Norton and Ken Richardson.

**In attendance:** The Head of Human Resources (Elin Longley) and the Clerk to the Governors (Sarah Johnson).

**Apologies:** Aidan Roberts

### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

B22/43 None.

### GOVERNANCE MATTERS (Document 6i)

B22/44 It was reported that following a rigorous selection process, supported by Peridot, the chair appointment panel recommended that Mark Sanders be appointed as a governor in the category of interest and experience, and as chair designate.

B22/45 It was noted that an exact date for Mark to take over as chair would be confirmed but would be post the Board meeting scheduled for 23 May 2022, and prior to the Board meeting scheduled for 14 July 2022.

B22/46 The Board unanimously approved the appointment.

B22/47 The Board considered and approved two further appointments to the Board in the category of interest and experience.

B22/48 The Board considered and approved appointments to committees.

B22/49 It was suggested that the relevant committee explore the option to appoint future new members to the Board for an initial term of two years rather than the current four.

B22/50 The Board explored the impact of the appointments on the diversity of the Board and agreed that this remained a challenging area and should continue to be an action for further proactive development. It was noted that a full report regarding the profile of membership would be considered by the Board at its meeting in July 2022.

**Resolved: i That Mark Sanders be appointed as a governor and chair designate in the category of interest and experience, for a four-year term of office from 11 April 2022 to 10 April 2026.**

- ii That Bob Craig be appointed as a governor in the category of interest and experience, for a four-year term of office from 11 April 2022 to 10 April 2026.
- iii That Neil Copley be appointed as a governor in the category of interest and experience, for a four-year term of office from 11 April 2022 to 10 April 2026.
- iv That Mark Sanders and Neil Copley be appointed to the Policy and Finance Committee.
- v That Bob Craig be appointed to the Curriculum, Quality and Student Experience Committee.
- vi That Neil Copley be appointed to the Remuneration Committee.
- vii That Neil Copley's CV be circulated to members.
- viii That the relevant committee explore the option to appoint future new members to the Board for an initial term of two years rather than the current four.
- ix That the exact date for transfer of the chair role to Mark Sanders be confirmed at the meeting of the Board on 23 May 2022.
- x That Board diversity continue to be an action for further development and a full report regarding the profile of membership be considered by the Board at its meeting in July 2022.

#### **DATES OF THE NEXT MEETINGS**

B22/51	23 May 2022 (Additional) – 3.00pm
	14 July 2022 – 11.00am (development session 10.00 – 11.00am)
	29 September 2022 – 11.00am (development session 10.00 – 11.00am)
	15 December 2022 – 11.00am (development session 10.00 – 11.00am)
	9 March 2023 – 11.00am (development session 10.00 – 11.00am)
	20 July 2023 – 11.00am (development session 10.00 – 11.00am)