

**Paston College Further Education Corporation**

**Special Corporation Meeting – Part 1**

Minutes of a special meeting of the Corporation held on Thursday, 12 March 2009 at 6.20pm in the Nelson room, Paston College

**Present:** Francis Harmer (Chair)  
Stephen Baker  
Richard Draper  
Brian Durrant  
Ivor Kiddle  
Nicola Lucking  
Peter Mayne  
Richard McGreevy  
Jayne Morgan  
Peter Stibbons

**In attendance:** Julia Howard  
Susan Bowman (Clerk)

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Rachel Chambers, Elizabeth Cornwall, Peter Hardy Nigel Horner-Glister, Maurice Sendall and Clive Stockton.

**2. Corporation Appointments:**

The Clerk was pleased to inform members that Ivor Kiddle, Maurice Sendall and Richard Draper had been nominated as Foundation members of the Corporation for a further four years to 2013. They had expressed their willingness to serve for a further four years. The Chair thanked them for their continued work on the Corporation.

The Clerk informed members that Francis Harmer has been Chair and Richard Draper Vice Chair for more than six periods, the maximum specified in the Governance Protocols for the College unless special reasons obtained. She advised members that special reasons did obtain in that it had previously been agreed that continuity of leadership was required throughout the capital project. Francis informed members that he intends to step down as Chair of Finance and General Purposes in April 2009 to allow for succession.

**Nomination for Chair:** Francis Harmer  
Proposer: Richard McGreevy, Seconded: Steve Baker.

**After a vote it was resolved:**

**The Chair of Corporation for the year to 31 March 2010 will be Francis Harmer**

**Nomination for Vice Chair:** Richard Draper  
Proposer: Nicola Lucking, Seconded: Peter Stibbons

**After a vote it was resolved:**

**The Vice Chair of the Corporation to 31 March 2010 will be Richard Draper**

In the absence of Maurice Sendall, Nicola Lucking informed members that the Search and Governance Committee had received a request to appoint an additional Staff Governor since the Student Governors were increased to two as a result of

changes to the Instrument and Articles of Governance (Jan 2008). The Committee recommended that Corporation should have two Staff Governors, one from the teaching staff and one from the support staff. **It was resolved:**

**That there will be two Staff Governors as follows:  
a Teaching Staff Governor  
a Support Staff Governor  
and that elections take place to fill the vacancies**

The Chair informed members that Jayne Morgan, the current Staff Governor, has said that she would like to step down at the end of her term of office on 31 March 2009. Members thanked Jayne for her work as a Governor; she also thanked members, adding that she had enjoyed her time on Corporation. The Chair invited Jayne to attend the meeting on 1 April, which she agreed to do.

Nicola Lucking informed members that the Search and Governance Committee recommended two new independent members for appointment on the basis of their wide range of skills and experience. Both candidates had expressed their willingness to serve on Corporation and have confirmed that they can attend on 1 April. **It was resolved:**

**To appoint Diana Clarke and Paul Morse as independent members for four years from 1 April 2009**

Nicola Lucking informed members that it was recommended that Nigel Horner-Glister be invited to continue for a further term as an Independent Governor.

As it had been determined to limit the size of Corporation to 18, members were informed that the committee had reluctantly taken the decision not to ask Elizabeth Cornwall to serve for a further term. Her original appointment had been as a Community member, nominated by Age Concern, a designation that had been deleted from the current Instrument and Articles of Governance. Members expressed their thanks for the valued contribution Mrs Cornwall had made to the Corporation throughout her term of office. **It was resolved:**

**To appoint Nigel Horner-Glister as an Independent Governor for four years from 1 April 2009  
Not to reappoint Elizabeth Cornwall**

**3. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Wednesday, 1 April 2009 commencing at 4.30 pm

The meeting ended at 6.35 pm.