



**MINUTES OF THE NORTH EAST SURREY
COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY SEARCH
AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE OF THE
CORPORATION HELD ON FRIDAY 25
NOVEMBER 2016 at 08.00 IN SP205, THE
SKILLS PARK**

PRESENT¹	IN ATTENDANCE
Peter Stamps Cliff Hall Chris Shortt Peter Stamps	David Round – Clerk to the Corporation Ms Gloria Ozolua – Governor candidate (for item 03.16)

¹Attendance = 66%

07.16	NEW GOVERNOR APPLICATION
<p>In the absence of Professor Luke, Mr Peter Stamps, Vice Chair of the Corporation, took the Chair.</p> <p>Members of the Committee met Ms Gloria Ozolua, who was a candidate to join the Corporation. Ms Ozolua is a practising solicitor specialising in corporate law in central London. She lives locally and knows the College. Ms Ozolua has a keen interest in mentoring and, having being mentored herself as part of her legal training she has undertaken a number of mentoring roles particularly in relation to widening access to education.</p> <p>Members of the Committee discussed with Ms Ozolua her interest in the role of Governor, her background and suitability having regard to the skills and knowledge audit of the Governing Body. The audit of Governor skills had identified the area of legal expertise as an area in which the Governing Body should be strengthened. The Search and Governance Committee RECOMMENDED that the application of Ms Ozolua for membership of the NESCOT Corporation, taking account of the skills, knowledge and experience and profile of the current membership of the Corporation and the priorities previously identified by the Committee, be endorsed by the Board.</p>	
08.16	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
<p>Received from Professor Sam Luke and Carol Martin.</p>	
09.16	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
<p>The Chair reminded Members to declare any interest that they may have in any items on the agenda. Peter Stamps and Cliff Hall declared their interests as unremunerated directors of NCL and NBS Ltd.</p>	

10.16	MINUTES
<p>The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 September 2016 were APPROVED as a correct record and signed by the Acting Chair.</p>	
11.16	ANNUAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE
<p>The Annual Report of the Committee was presented. It was noted that: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee had secured appointments to the Board in the priority skills and knowledge areas of Property/Estates, Audit and Governance, Finance, Education (particularly FE) and Healthcare. • The number of external Governors on the Board had increased from 9 to 10. • An external evaluation of Board effectiveness undertaken by the National Leaders of Governance (NLG) had been very positive and the recommended actions had been progressed. • Student Governors are highly effective and a real asset to the Governing Body. • Governor development had been a priority in 2015/16. All Governing Body meetings now include a development input including visits to curriculum areas, the forthcoming Governor conference would include an input from the Principal of an Outstanding College, the LEP CEO and the AoC. Following careful preparation undertaken by the Committee and the Curriculum and Quality Committee, a Governor curriculum links scheme had been successfully launched this team. • Governor attendance was 86% in the 12 months from 01 August 2015 to 31 July 2016 (82% in 2014/15). The sector average is 80.5%. <p>The Annual Report of the Committee was APPROVED.</p>	
12.16	REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS
<p>No changes to the current Standing Orders were recommended.</p> <p>RESOLVED: that the Committee recommends that the Corporation reaffirms the Standing Orders of the Governing Body.</p>	

13.16	GOVERNOR ATTENDANCE
<p>Details of the attendance records of Governors for the period from 01 August 2015 to the current date were reported. The reporting period is consistent with those published in the draft Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Corporation to be approved at the December Governing Body meeting. The attendance of NESCOL Governors was excellent compared to the sector average.</p> <p>The report on Governor attendance was noted.</p>	
14.16	ANY OTHER BUSINESS
<p>There was no further business.</p>	
15.16	DATE OF NEXT MEETING
<p>The next scheduled meeting will take place on 09 February 2017 at 18.00.</p>	

Signed

Professor Sam Luke, Chair of Search & Governance Committee

Date:

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