

## Goldington Academy Trust

### Minutes of the Annual General Meeting for Goldington Academy Trust held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 6:30pm (Virtual Meeting via Zoom)

#### Member attendance

	Attendance
Mr Doug Alcock	Y
Mr Robin Francis (Chair of Governing Body)	Y
Mr Martyn Hallett	Y

#### Trustee (Governor) attendance

		Attendance
Mrs Azma Ahmad-Pearce	Appointed Governor	Y
Mr Francis Galbraith	Principal	Y
Mrs Joanna Hawkins	Appointed Governor	Y
Mr Dharminder Mehmi	LA Governor	Y
Mrs Kate Reynier	Appointed Governor	Y
Mrs Felicia D'Amelio	Staff Governor	Y
Mr Liam Hall	Staff Governor	Y
Mrs Natalie Hopkins	Parent Governor	Y
Mrs Jo Jarvis	Appointed Governor	Y
Mrs Victoria Stoeter	Parent Governor	Y

#### Apologies

		Attendance
Mrs Sara Redmond	Appointed Governor	N
Mrs Heather Cunliffe	Appointed Governor	N
Mr Stuart Bolton	Parent Governor	N

#### Minutes: Robeka Hussey

0.0	<p><b>Notice of AGM</b></p> <p>0.1 The notice of the AGM was circulated on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024 to Members and Trustees (governors). The notice detailed an agenda for the AGM as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Declarations of Interest</li> <li>2. Apologies</li> <li>3. Review of Accounts and Annual Report for the period to 31st August 2023 (available in the Academy Trust and Governance section of the Academy website)</li> <li>4. Appointment and Retirement of Directors</li> <li>5. Appointment of Auditors for 2023/24</li> <li>6. Any motions which the Members wish to debate</li> <li>7. Any business which governors (Trustees) have asked the Members to consider</li> </ol> <p>0.2 In addition to the above, the minutes of the last AGM were provided for approval.</p> <p>0.3 No motions were received in writing in advance of the meeting. No business was put forward by Trustees (governors) to the Members in advance of the meeting.</p>
1.0	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>1.1 None advised.</p>

2.0	<p><b>Apologies</b></p> <p>2.1 All Members were noted to be in attendance. Governors - Mr Stuart Bolton, Mrs Heather Cunliffe and Mrs Sara Redmond offered their apologies.</p>
2.0A	<p><b>Minutes of the last AGM</b></p> <p>2.2 Members reviewed the minutes of the AGM held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023 and these were noted as approved. Mr Robin Francis agreed to sign off the minutes. There were no matters arising from the minutes.</p>
3.0	<p><b>Review of Accounts and Annual Report for the period to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023</b> <i>(available in the Academy Trust and Governance section of the Academy website)</i></p> <p>3.1 The Accounts and Annual Report were considered. All Members were satisfied with the information provided and approved the accounts. Mrs Jo Hawkins explained that the school was in a good financial position and thanked Mr. Birchall for his continued efforts. She brought to the attention of the attendees that the finances were in surplus and in accordance with ESFA the Reserves need to be observed closely to ensure it does not reach above 20% of total income.</p> <p>3.2 Members noted the continued success of the school, including GCSE results and pupil numbers. Mr Galbraith commented that academic progress had been exceptional, and Progress 8 had achieved 0.88. The school was in the top 2% of secondary schools in the country in 2022/23, which was a super achievement. Recruitment has proved challenging, but it has been a very successful year. Mr Galbraith was grateful to Staff, Learning Support Staff and Governors for their continued support. It should be noted that alongside the academic achievements, Music, Sport and Drama had many successes. The library continues to be an asset to the school. Mr Galbraith made mention of some of the individual trips and visits at this point.</p> <p>3.3 The Accounts and Annual Report were approved by the Members.</p>
4.0	<p><b>Appointment and Retirement of Directors</b></p> <p>4.1 Members noted the retirement of the following Directors since the last AGM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mrs Natalie Sacre (Staff Governor)</li> <li>• Mrs Liz Spavins (Staff Governor)</li> <li>• Mr Joel Greenaway (Appointed Governor)</li> </ul> <p>4.2 Members noted the appointment of the following Directors since the last AGM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stuart Bolton (Parent Governor)</li> <li>• Victoria Stoeter (Parent Governor)</li> <li>• Liam Hall (Staff Governor)</li> <li>• Felicia D'Amelio (Staff Governor)</li> </ul> <p>4.3 Members were requested by the Chair to Appoint a potential Appointed Governor to the Governing Board:</p> <p>Mr Robin Francis commented that the CV for Mrs Claire Rulton had been circulated to all the Governors. Mr Doug Alcock was aware of her application. Although she is not an experienced Governor, she has various voluntary positions within the local community and charity interests. She has also attended the FGB meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> February and had taken an active role in the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members were invited to vote Mrs Claire Rulton to be an appointed governor.</li> <li>• All Members voted to Appoint Mrs Claire Rulton.</li> </ul> <p>4.4 Recruitment of Members</p> <p>It was noted that it was Mr Martyn Hallett's intention to resign from his position as a Member. However, as there needs to be a minimum of three Members, his resignation</p>

	<p>cannot be accepted until a suitable candidate is recruited. A potential candidate who is a former Governor has been contacted, as he has expressed an interest in the role. Mr Doug Alcock is in contact with another potential candidate, who is also a former Governor. All of her children attended Goldington Academy and she had an active interest in the school, as part of PTA. She would be an ideal candidate to become a Member for Goldington Academy. Mr Alcock is hoping to arrange a meeting to discuss it further.</p> <p>Mr Francis reminded Governors to inform him if they knew of a suitable candidate that may be interested in taking on the role of Member. A Governor asked whether the candidate had to have connection to the school. It was explained that although it was not a necessity, it does help to have experience of the school. This can be important when Members must make decisions that could have an impact on the school. For instance, Members would be instrumental in the decision for Goldington Academy to join MAT and have the power to close the school, if it was deemed necessary. A Member should be available, whenever their input is needed to fundamentally help and support the school. It was concluded that the most important factor should be an interest in the school and its continued success.</p> <p>Mr Francis explained that in the past Governors had also acted as Members. However, DfE wanted to ensure that there was a separation, so that Members are not involved in Governance. This separation allows Members to have independence, so when approached, they do not have background knowledge and can act impartially.</p>
5.0	<p><b>Appointment of Auditors</b></p> <p>5.1. Members agreed to the retention of Streets as auditors for the forthcoming year.</p>
6.0	<p><b>Any other motions</b></p> <p>None</p>
7.0	<p><b>Business for consideration</b></p> <p>None</p>