

CONSTITUTION: FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

1. COMPOSITION

1.1 Ex-officio members: -

- a) Chairman of the Corporation
- b) The Principal.

1.2 Members appointed by the Corporation: -

Five members of the Corporation.

1.3 Co-opted members:

The Chairman shall have the power to co-opt additional members for any meeting of the committee in order to ensure a quorum.

2. CONDUCT

2.1 The Chairman of the Corporation shall be Chairman of the committee. If the Chairman is unable to attend a meeting, he / she may nominate a deputy to take the chair in his/her place. In the absence of the Chairman and a nominee, the committee members present at a meeting may appoint a member to act as Chairman of the meeting.

2.2 The Clerk to the Corporation shall act as clerk to the committee. In the absence of the Clerk, the Principal shall make arrangements for a suitable person to clerk the committee.

2.3 The committee shall meet at intervals determined by the Chairman in consultation with the Principal and / or Clerk to the Corporation. Additional meetings may be called at the request of a majority of the committee's members.

2.4 The notice and agenda for a meeting of the committee shall be circulated by the Clerk to all members of the committee not less than ten days before the meeting. Any items, motions or reports for the Agenda must be submitted by members at least three weeks before the meeting at which they are to be considered. Items so submitted should be accompanied by a short explanatory note. Items which are submitted late may be included on the agenda at the discretion of the Chairman of the committee. Where the Chairman so directs on the ground that there are matters demanding urgent consideration, it shall be sufficient if the notice and agenda are given within such period, being less than ten days, as he/she specifies.

2.5 A special meeting of the committee may be summoned by the written request to the clerk of a majority of the committee's members or the Chairman and the clerk shall give not less than three clear working days notice of such a meeting. Members of the committee initiating a special meeting shall state in writing the purpose for which it is to be convened and it shall consider no other business.

- 2.6 The quorum for any meeting of the committee shall be three members except in the following circumstance: -
- where a member declares an interest and takes no part in the consideration of any matter, the quorum shall be reduced to allow for his / her abstention.
- 2.7 If the number of members of the committee assembled for a meeting does not constitute a quorum, the meeting shall not be held.
- If in the course of a meeting of the committee the number of members present ceases to constitute a quorum, the meeting shall be terminated forthwith.
- 2.8 If for lack of a quorum a meeting cannot be held or as the case might be cannot continue, the Chairman shall if he or she thinks fit call a special meeting to be summoned as soon as conveniently possible.
- 2.9 Decisions taken by the committee shall be by a show of hands unless a resolution be passed that a secret ballot take place. In the event of equality of votes on any issue the person presiding at the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.
- 2.10 No resolution of the committee may be rescinded or varied at a subsequent meeting unless consideration of the rescission or variation is a substantive item of business on the agenda for that meeting.
- 2.11 The validity of any proceedings of the committee shall not be affected by any vacancy amongst the members of the committee or by any defect in the nomination, election or appointment of a member.
- 2.12 The committee may establish such sub-committees as it sees fit and determine their membership and functions. Such sub-committees may include persons who are not members of the Corporation.
- 2.13 The Clerk to the committee shall keep a record of all meetings and shall submit copies of the committee's minutes to the Corporation.
- 2.14 The Chairman of any meeting of the committee shall, if he / she agrees the minutes to be an accurate record, shall sign them as a true record.
- 2.15 In considering any matter in which a member of the committee has or has had a personal interest, he / she shall declare the interest and shall, if the committee so determines, take no further part in the debate or any vote which may follow it.

3. FUNCTIONS

- 3.1 The function of the committee shall be subject to the provisions of the Articles of Government, to the overall responsibility of the Corporation, and to the responsibilities of the Principal.
- 3.2 The committee shall act on behalf of the Corporation in any matter other than those specifically reserved to the Corporation under the Articles of Government.

4. TERMS OF OFFICE

4.1 Members of the committee appointed by the Corporation shall hold office until: -

- a) he / she ceases to be a member of the Corporation;
- b) he / she gives notice in writing to the Clerk of his / her resignation from membership of the committee;
- c) his / her membership of the committee is terminated by the Corporation;
- d) he / she ceases to be eligible to serve on the committee;
- e) he / she is replaced by the Corporation as a member of the committee.

5. ADMISSION TO MEETINGS

The arrangements for admitting non-members to meetings of the committee shall in accordance with the Corporation's policy on such admissions as determined from time to time.

6. PUBLICATION OF PAPERS

Papers of the committee shall be withheld from publication on the same basis as papers of the Corporation.

REVIEWED FOR COMPLIANCE WITH EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY PRINCIPLES	
JANET HEMMANT, CLERK TO THE CORPORATION	
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