

BOSTON COLLEGE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SEARCH AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 31 MARCH 2025

1. **PRESENT**

Heather Lee (Chair), Gavin Booth, Claire Foster, Mike Gildersleeves and David Parnell.

Also in attendance: Janet Hemmant (Clerk to the Corporation).

Apologies for absence were received from Nick Worth.

Meeting attendance: 83%

2. **ACTION LOG**

Members reviewed progress made against items in the committee's action log.

Members noted that there were no new applicants to consider at this time. It was agreed that the possibility of recruiting someone from Metsa Wood should be pursued. The committee also noted that the Audit committee had asked for a focus on recruiting a member with audit experience. The committee agreed the current priorities were accountancy, audit and commercial business experience. David Parnell offered to look into potential candidates from his company. One approach had been received from an individual with a political background and the committee discussed this. It was agreed that another LinkedIn post would be appropriate and Claire Foster is to arrange this with Marketing.

3. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the committee held on 25 November 2024 were reviewed and approved.

4. **GOVERNOR REAPPOINTMENTS**

Members received a report from the Clerk to the Corporation on two positions where members would shortly reach the end of their current times of office.

David Fannin and David Parnell had expressed interest in being reappointed and submitted supporting statements. The committee noted that David Fannin was an active and engaged member who made a significant contribution and agreed to recommend his reappointment.

David Parnell withdrew from the meeting.

The committee noted that David Parnell was a valued asset to the Corporation and Chair of the Finance and Resources committee. His active involvement outside of formal meetings has been substantial. The committee agreed to recommend his reappointment.

David Parnell rejoined the meeting.

5. **EXTERNAL REVIEW OF GOVERNANCE**

Members were advised that a report on external reviews had recently been published and it was noted that the college would be due for a review in 2025-26. It was agreed that this should be considered at the next meeting of the committee.

6. **NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the next meeting of the committee would take place on 9 June 2025.