

LANGLEY, Mayor	RESOLVED: That the Court of Common Council holden in the Guildhall of the City of London on Thursday 23 rd April 2026, doth hereby appoint the following Committee until the first meeting of the Court in April, 2027.
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BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE GUILDHALL SCHOOL OF MUSIC & DRAMA

1. **Constitution**

A Non-Ward Committee consisting of:

- A maximum of 22 members, comprised of:
 - up to 8, but no fewer than 6, Governors elected from and by the Court of Common Council for a term of three years (renewable twice), at least one of whom shall have fewer than five years' service on the Court at the time of their appointment;
 - the Principal of the Guildhall School of Music & Drama (*ex-officio*);
 - one member of the Guildhall School academic (teaching) staff to be elected by such staff for a term of three years (renewable twice);
 - one member of the Guildhall School professional services (non-teaching) staff to be elected by such staff for a term of three years (renewable twice);
 - the President of the Students' Union (*ex officio*);
 - up to 12, but no fewer than 8, Independent Governors with appropriate expertise for a term of three years (renewable twice).

None of the appointed Governors shall serve on the Board for more than a maximum of nine years.

The Chair of the Board shall be elected by the Board from the Common Council Governors. There shall be two Deputy Chairs: one elected from the Common Council Governors, and one elected from the Independent Governors. The Board shall also be permitted to elect a Senior Independent Governor for compliance with the Committee of University Chairs' (CUC) Higher Education Code of Governance.

2. **Quorum**

The quorum consists of a minimum of half the serving Court of Common Council Governors and half the serving Independent Governors.

3. **Membership 2026/27**

- 2 (2) Tessa Marie Claire Marchington *for two years*
- 3 (3) Ann Holmes, Deputy
- 2 (1) Naresh Hari Sonpar, *for one year*
- 3 (3) Caroline Wilma Haines, Deputy
- 3 (2) Suzanne Ornsby KC
- 5 (2) The Hon. Emily Sophia Wedgwood Benn, Deputy
- 5 (2) John Ross Foley
- 1 (1) Dawn Wright, Deputy

together with those referred to in paragraph 1 above, and:-

- the Principal of the Guildhall School for the time being - Professor Jonathan Vaughan
- one Academic Member of the Guildhall School Staff, elected by the Academic Staff - Dr Amy Blier-Carruthers
- one Non-Academic Member of the Guildhall School Staff, elected by the professional services staff - Professor Julian Hepple
- the President of the Student Union for the time being - Izzy Pulman-Jones
- up to 12 Non-City of London Corporation Members with appropriate expertise - Professor Maria Delgado
Neil Greenwood
Dr Paula Haynes
Amatey Doku
Michelle Wright
Sean Goss
Annilese Miskimmon
Professor Christoph Lindner

4. **Terms of Reference**

These terms of reference should be read in conjunction with the Guildhall School's *Governing Document* which lists the primary responsibilities of the Board of Governors. In summary, these are to be responsible for:-

- (a) the mission, character, and reputation of the School, determining the values and standards that support strategy and operation;
- (b) engaging with the School Executive on the development, and subsequent approval of, a Strategic Plan, and its ongoing monitoring and evaluation;
- (c) the effective and efficient use of resources;
- (d) the approval of an annual Business Plan;
- (e) the approval of annual estimates of income and expenditure;
- (f) the setting of fees for students attending the School;
- (g) the general welfare of students in consultation with the Academic Board;
- (h) the management of the School's land and buildings belonging to the City of London Corporation (with the exception of those which are the province of another committee);
- (i) authorising the institution of any civil proceedings (e.g., for the recovery of debts) arising out of the exercise of its functions.