

The Manchester College Board

Minutes of the meeting held on Friday 5th July 2019 at 10am at OP116/117.

Present: Jenifer Burden, Cllr John Hacking, Catherine Hill OBE, Lisa O'Loughlin (Principal), Mathew Maile, Pauline Waterhouse OBE (Chair).

Apology: Malcolm Sugden

In Attendance: Rachel Curry (Vice Principal - Planning and Performance), John Evans (Vice Principal - Quality and Standards), Jennifer Foote MBE (Company Secretary and General Counsel), Lindsey Johnson (Vice Principal - HE Curriculum and Support), Christine Kenyon (Vice Principal FE), Kile Moyana (Assistant Company Secretary and Legal Officer), Michael Walsh (Vice Principal and Dean - HE and Higher Skills)

No declaration of interests were received.

The Board recorded its thanks for the valued contribution and commitment made by Mathew Maile at his last meeting as a co-opted student member.

Part A

21/19	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd May 2019</p> <p>The Part A minutes of the meeting held on 3rd May 2019 were received and approved as a correct record. It was confirmed that a Group Equality & Diversity Report would be considered at the LTE Group Board meeting in October.</p>
22/19	<p>Nomination of Chair</p> <p>It was agreed to recommend Pauline Waterhouse for the position of Chair for 2019/20.</p>
23/19	<p>QIP Update</p> <p>The Board received for information an 'in year' update in respect of the above. Whilst progress was evident, the meeting acknowledged that the objectives set focussed on bringing about significant improvement over time. The report evidenced the notable progress made to date. The metrics and commentary included in the comprehensive report indicated that mainstream teachers had espoused the new structure of targets and resources provided by HoD quality champions in a concerted effort to enhance student outcomes, particularly in English & maths. Governors probed the detail on the negative correlation presented between Construction and Engineering. Indicators revealed positive progress had been made within Construction yet this was not the case for Engineering, despite being under the same departmental leadership. Principalship explained that the department was a recent amalgamation and it was anticipated that the improvement shown in Construction would also shortly become evident in Engineering.</p>

	<p>In response to a query relating to the predicted achievement English and maths, it was established that whilst these had decreased slightly, they remained above the national rate and the decrease related to exam attendance. Members were encouraged to note that an 'Engagement and Communication' steering group with the Combined Authority and Manchester City Council would be convened in August. A member requested that an over-arching comparison data on targets against progress indicators would be useful when scrutinising reports in the future. The Vice Principal of Quality of Standards agreed that a report highlighting the progress parallel to targets to help induce aspirational levels would be provided.</p>
	<p>RESOLVED that as the items to be considered are deemed commercially sensitive, the Board move into confidential session.</p>
	<p>----- Chair</p> <p>----- Date</p>

The meeting closed at 1:30pm.