



## Barnsley College Corporation Meeting Minutes – Part 1

**Date:** 16 December 2025  
**Time:** 10:00-12:30  
**Location:** A325, Old Mill Lane Campus

### Governor Attendance

	Role
Marie Lang (ML)	Independent Governor – Chair
David Akeroyd (DA)	Principal & CEO
Carol Cooper-Smith (CCS)	Independent Governor – Vice Chair
George Graham (GG)	Independent Governor – Vice Chair
Leon Etherington (LE)	Independent Governor
Donavan Hutchinson (DH)*	Independent Governor
Jo Mallows (JM)	Independent Governor
Carrie Sudbury (CS)*	Independent Governor
Matt Mills (MM)	Independent Governor
Tracy Johnson (TJ)	Independent Governor
Samantha Dixon (SD)	Independent Governor
Kalam Neale (KN)*	Independent Governor
Kayleigh Bell (KB)	Staff Governor
Leo Hibberd (LH)	Student Governor
Megan Orow (MO)	Student Governor

### In Attendance

Hayley Allsopp (HA)	Vice Principal - Curriculum and Student Experience
Gavin Batty (GB)	Deputy CEO
Tony Johnson (TJo)	Vice Principal - Corporate Services
Laila Lawton (LL)	Chief Financial Officer
Jessica Melling (JMe)	Director of Governance

### Apologies

	Role
Sue Slassor (SS)	Vice principal - Quality
Jean-Paul Lawrence (JPL)	Vice Principal – Partnerships and Growth
Carley Speechley (CSp)	Independent Governor
Gavin Day (GD)	Independent Governor
Steven Burkinshaw (SB)	Staff Governor

\*joined online

<b>PART 1</b>	
<b>PROCEDURAL MATTERS</b>	
<b>1. Quoracy</b> It was confirmed the meeting was quorate.	
<b>2. Apologies for absence</b> Apologies were received from CSp, GD, JPL, SS and SB.  DA introduced JPL and his role to the meeting. It was noted that JPL would be in attendance at future meetings of the Board.	
<b>3. Declarations of Interest</b> A conflict of interest for TJ was noted due to her position with Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council (BMBC). It was highlighted that TJ would not take part in discussion or decision relating to BMBC.	
<b>MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION/DECISION</b>	
<b>4. Financial Approvals</b> LL talked to the report highlighting the requests for approval and the rationale for spend.  The Board <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The transactions contained within the report and appendix, including departures from standard procurement.</li> <li>• Purchase for self service laptop lockers in the Sixth Form and Construction Building at a cost of £180k</li> <li>• Procurement of the gas and electricity contracts at a cost of up to £1.5m for a one year contract</li> <li>• That the report provides Governors with assurance against objective 1.4, the effective and efficient use of resources, the solvency of the institution and the Corporation and safeguarding their assets.</li> </ul> LL noted that the gas and electricity contracts are not due for renewal until April, however advice is to look at the market now due to the competitive rates. It was highlighted that should the cost exceed £1.5m or it is not in the best interest of the College then no contract will be entered into prior to April.	
<b>5. CSTEM Update</b> The Board recognised the comprehensive and detailed nature of the report. ML noted that a meeting is planned in January 2025 to close the CSTEM task and finish group.  The Board <b>RESOLVED</b> to note the update report on CSTEM.	
<b>6. Reflection</b> There were no reflections to note	
<b>7. Any other Business</b> ML noted from January 2026, all Board documentation would be shared on Barnsley.ac.uk email addresses and personal email addresses would no	<b>Action:</b> JMe to work with Governors to ensure all have



<p>longer be used. It was noted that personal email addresses would be added to diary invites though to support diary management.</p>	<p>access to Barnsley.ac.uk email addresses</p>
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