

Minutes

The British Museum Board Meeting 5 October 2019

Held at the Hotel Palazzo Montemartini, Rome

Present

Sir Richard Lambert
Chairman
The Hon Nigel Boardman
Ms Cheryl Carolus
Ms Clarissa Farr
Professor Chris Gosden
Dame Vivian Hunt
Sir Charlie Mayfield
Sir Paul Nurse
Mr Mark Pears
Mr Grayson Perry
Sir Paul Ruddock
Lord Sassoon
Dame Minouche Shafik
Lord Turner
Mr George Weston

In Attendance

Hartwig Fischer
Director
Jonathan Williams
Deputy Director
Christopher Yates
Deputy Director
Mark Bates
Governance & Planning Manager

1. Welcome and apologies

- 1.1 The Chairman welcomed George Weston to the Board.
- 1.2 Apologies had been received from Elizabeth Corley, Patricia Cumper, Muriel Gray, Philipp Hildebrand, Deryck Maughan and Gavin Patterson.

2. Declaration of Interests

- 2.1 No interests were declared.

For Discussion and approval

3. Public engagement update

- 3.1 This item was deferred.

4. Health and Safety Policy

- 4.1 The Board approved minor amendments to the Health and Safety Policy.

Standing Business

5. Minutes

- 5.1 The minutes of the Board meeting held on 4 July 2019 were approved as a true record of the meeting.
- 5.2 There were no matters arising from the minutes.

6. Chairman's Report

- 6.1 The Chairman informed the Board that he had co-opted David Whittleton to the Rosetta Project Committee.

7. Management Report

- 7.1 The Board noted the report.

8. Committee reports

- 8.1 Adair Turner reported that the next Audit Committee meeting would be considering security.
- 8.2 Minouche Shafik reported that the Nominations and Remuneration Committee had approved a draft role specification for three Trustee posts which had been sent to DCMS for approval. She also reported that the Chairman would be meeting the President of the British Academy to discuss its nomination to the Board.

For Information

9. Loans approvals

9.1 The Board noted loans approved by the Chairman on behalf of the Trustees.

10. Committee minutes

10.1 The Board noted the minutes of the Standing Committee meeting of 13 June; the Audit Committee meeting of 21 March; and the Nominations & Remuneration Committee meeting of 13 June.

11. Any other business

11.1 There was no other business.

The management team withdrew from the meeting.

Closed session

12. Director's remuneration

12.1 The Chairman reported on the outcome of his review of the Director's performance in 2018/19. On the recommendation of the Nominations and Remuneration Committee, the Board approved an increase in the Director's baseline salary of 2% with effect from 1 April 2018 and approved a bonus of 15% of baseline salary for the financial year 2018/19.

_____Chairman

Date of next meeting: 5 December 2019, 15.00-17.30, the British Museum