

Minutes

The British Museum Board Extraordinary Meeting 23 June 2021

Held digitally

Present

Baroness Shafik (Acting Chair)
Professor Dame Mary Beard
Dame Elizabeth Corley
Ms Clarissa Farr
Professor Chris Gosden
Ms Muriel Gray
Mr Philipp Hildebrand
Dame Vivian Hunt
Sir Charlie Mayfield
Mr Mark Pears
Mr Grayson Perry
Sir Paul Ruddock
Lord Sassoon
Sir Mark Walport
Mr George Weston
Professor Dame Sarah Worthington

In Attendance

Mark Bates
Governance & Planning Manager

1. Apologies and declaration of interests

- 1.1 Apologies had been received from Patricia Cumper and Deryck Maughan.
- 1.2 Minouche Shafik advised the Board that the Chairman was not in attendance because it would not be appropriate for him to be involved in the election of his successor.
- 1.3 There were no declarations of interest.

2. Recommendation of the Chair Search Committee

- 2.1 Minouche Shafik informed the Board that the Chair Search Committee's unanimous recommendation was that George Osborne be appointed by the Board as a Trustee and Chair.

3. Decision

- 3.1 All those Trustees present confirmed their support for the recommendation. Minouche Shafik reported that both Trustees who could not be present had been briefed on the appointment. She also reported that the Director supported the Committee's recommendation.
- 3.2 The Board of Trustees approved unanimously the appointment of George Osborne as a Trustee from 1 September 2021, and elected him as Chair from 4 October for a term of four years to 3 October 2025, with an expectation that he would serve a further term by mutual agreement.
- 3.3 Minouche Shafik recorded her thanks to the Chair Search Committee members, to Odgers Berndtson for their support with the search, and to DCMS for acting as observer to the Committee's proceedings.

Deputy Chair