

Minutes The British Museum Board Meeting 24 August 2023

Held via MS Teams

Present

Mr George Osborne Chair
Professor Abhijit Banerjee
Professor Dame Mary Beard
Dame Elizabeth Corley
Ms Clarissa Farr
Professor Chris Gosden
Ms Muriel Gray
Mr Philipp Hildebrand
Dame Vivian Hunt
Lord Jonathan Marland
Sir Charlie Mayfield
Mr Mark Pears
Sir Paul Ruddock
Baroness Minouche Shafik
Ms Priyanka Wadhawan
Professor Sir Mark Walport
Mr George Weston
Professor Dame Sarah Worthington

In Attendance

Eoin Martin
Governance Manager

1. Apologies

- 1.1 Apologies had been received from Alejandro Santo Domingo and Weijian Shan.

2. Declaration of Interests

- 2.1 No interests were declared.

Discussion and Approval

3. Resignation of Dr Hartwig Fischer

- 3.1 Having received a letter from Hartwig Fischer, offering his resignation as Director of the Museum with immediate effect, the Chair of Trustees had convened an extraordinary meeting of the Board to discuss next steps.
- 3.2 It was agreed that it was essential that an interim successor to Dr Fischer have the appropriate skillset to both run and represent the Museum, to work with its existing management, and to fulfil the responsibilities of Accounting Officer. It was agreed that it was essential that the Board's intentions in replacing Dr Fischer be made clear by the time his resignation was communicated to the Museum's staff.
- 3.3 The Board agreed to meet the following day to consider options.

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Date of next meeting: 25 August 2023