

Minutes The British Museum Board Meeting 25 August 2023

Held via MS Teams

Present

Mr George Osborne Chair
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
Sir Paul Ruddock
Mr Alejandro Santo Domingo
Mr Weijian Shan
Ms Priyanka Wadhawan
Mr George Weston
Professor Dame Sarah Worthington

In Attendance

Eoin Martin
Governance Manager

1. Apologies

- 1.1 Apologies had been received from Abhijit Banerjee, Mark Pears, Minouche Shafik and Mark Walport.

2. Declaration of Interests

- 2.1 No interests were declared.

Discussion and Approval

3. Appointment of an Interim Director

- 3.1 There was a discussion of next steps on the appointment of a Director to succeed Dr Hartwig Fischer on an interim basis, of recent engagement with the government on this, and of the process for putting forward an appointee to be approved by the Prime Minister.
- 3.2 There was a further discussion of the skillset required of a Director and the challenge of identifying those who met the essential criteria but would be willing and available to step up immediately, in light of the circumstances.
- 3.3 It was agreed that the Board would explore interim options while the process of recruiting a Director on a permanent basis is pursued.

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Date of next meeting: 28 August 2023