

LONDON BOROUGH OF REDBRIDGE



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF ASPIRE EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP

DATE AND VENUE: Wednesday 2nd September 2026 at 6.30pm via zoom.

PRESENT: Paddy Mackie, Lee Walker (Executive Head teacher), Huma Perwiz and Ritu Kalhan

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Karen Mount – Clerk to Governors

ACTIONS	BY WHOM
Minute 4: The clerk was requested to contact co-opted governors to inform them of their appointments.	Clerk – emailed all co-opted gobs 02.09.2026
Minute 4: The Executive Head teacher will contact Mrs Rashid.	Executive Head teacher

It was noted that Darren Douglas, Eliya Haider and Tiju Thomas did use the link sent by the clerk however, the clerk was not notified that three governors were in the waiting room until 6.50pm when the meeting was closing.

The meeting waited until 6.37pm before they started.

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** a) There are no apologies received; please see explanation above.

b) **Quorum** – the clerk confirmed the meeting was quorate.
- 2. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY/PERSONAL INTERESTS:** There are no declarations of pecuniary/personal interests in any of the following agenda items.
- 3. INSTRUMENT OF GOVERNMENT:** The board received the Instrument of Government for Aspire Education Partnership.

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4. **CO-OPTION OF GOVERNORS:** Governors noted there are 8 co-opted governor vacancies. It is for the board to fill these vacancies.

The following nominations have been received and governors have received supporting statements for seven of them:

Dr Venetia Brown – previous governor
Hitesh Sharma – previous governor
Millie Davis – previous governor
Mira Naeem – previous governor
Rajivan Kanthasamy – previous governor
Gill Massar – previous new governor (Head teacher at William Bellamy and has finance experience)
Abida Rashid – previous governor
Rigobert Mfula – new governor (has experience in finance and sustainability).

The Executive Head teacher is not supporting or recommending Mrs Rashid as she does not have the skill set, the new governing board is looking for. Mrs Rashid's supporting statement does not outline a broad skill set.

It was agreed that there should be one vacancy left on the board to consider filling after the first year.

Governors' questions (Response in italics)

Could governors have more information for Mr Sharma? *Mr Sharma was the Vice-Chair of Goodmayes Primary School Governing Board. He has an IT and Company background.*

The Executive Head teacher stated that Mr Sharma was an asset on the Goodmayes board and his experience, commitment and support will be invaluable on the Aspire Education Partnership board.

Mr Sharma has held the Executive Head teacher to account over the past four years, he understands the role of governor and as well as offering support he also offers challenge.

DECISION: The Governing Board co-opted Dr Venetia Brown, Hitesh Sharma, Millie Davis, Mira Naeem, Rajivan Kanthasamy, Gill Massar and Rigobert Mfula.

ACTION: The clerk was requested to contact co-opted governors to inform them of their appointments.

ACTION: The Executive Head teacher will contact Mrs Rashid.

Please note that as the next meeting does not take place until 21st September 2026, the following two items will be decided at this meeting.

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5. **TERM OF OFFICE OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF GOVERNORS:** Prior to the election of the Chair and Vice-Chair of Governors, the governing board must determine the date on which the term of office of the Chair and Vice-Chair shall end. This can be for a period of 1 to 4 years.

DECISION: The term of office of Chair will be three years (02.09.2026 – 01.09.2029) and the term of office of Vice-Chair will be two years (02.09.2026 – 01.09.2028).

6. **ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR:** To elect a Chair and Vice-Chair. Governors are asked to note that a governor who is employed as a teacher or otherwise at the school, or is a registered pupil there at, shall not be eligible for election as Chair or Vice-Chair of the Governing Board.

The Executive Head teacher nominated Dr V Brown as Chair and Mr H Sharma as Vice-Chair. As this is a new governing board, both would have the experience and capacity to lead governors and the two schools forward.

Dr Brown is a Chair at a school in Haringey and has a wealth of knowledge and experience to bring to the board.

DECISION: The Governing Board approved the election of Dr Brown as Chair and Mr Sharma as Vice-Chair.

7. **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:** Governors noted the date of the next meeting as Monday 21st September 2026 at 5.00pm at Chadwell Primary School

Future meeting dates

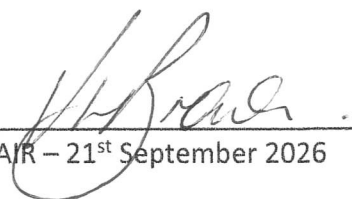
Tuesday 24th November 2026 at 5.00pm at Goodmayes Primary School

Wednesday 24th March 2027 at 5.00pm at Chadwell Primary School

Thursday 15th July 2027 at 5.00pm at Goodmayes Primary

8. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:** There was no other business.
9. **CONFIDENTIALITY:** Governors are reminded that the signed minutes of every meeting of the Governing Board should, as soon as possible, be made available at the school to persons wishing to inspect them. It is for the Governing Board to consider which items, if any, should be treated as confidential and excluded from publication.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 6.50pm.


CHAIR – 21st September 2026

DECISIONS BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF ASPIRE EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP
SUMMER TERM 2026

Minute 4	The Governing Board Co-opted Dr Venetia Brown, Hitesh Sharma, Millie Davis, Mira Naeem, Rajivan Kanthasamy, Gill Massar and Rigobert Mfula
Minute 5	The term of office of Chair will be three years (02.09.2026 – 01.09.2029) and the term of office of Vice-Chair will be two years (02.09.2026 – 01.09.2028).
Minute 6	The Governing Board approved the election of Dr Brown as Chair and Mr Sharma as Vice-Chair.