

Fifty third meeting of the Ofqual Board

**Public minutes of the meeting held at 16:00 on
Thursday 18 June 2015 at Ofqual, Spring Place, Coventry
and by teleconference**

Present: Board Members
Tim Balcon
Mike Cresswell
Philip Fletcher
Maggie Galliers (Chair)
Anne Heal
Barnaby Lenon
Dana Ross-Wawrzynski
Terri Scott
Amanda Spielman
Glenys Stacey
Roger Taylor
Tom Taylor
Neil Watts

Ofqual
Marc Baker Chief Operating Officer
Anita Simak Interim Finance Manager
Alison Townsend Board Secretary

15/15 Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Julius Weinberg.

Amanda Spielman was joining the meeting by teleconference and, to avoid difficulties chairing the meeting remotely, it was agreed that Maggie Galliers would Chair this meeting.

16/15 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

17/15 **2014/15 Annual Report and Accounts**

The Board considered a paper that presented the draft 2014/15 Annual Report and Accounts.

The Board noted that Audit & Risk Assurance and Finance Committees had held a joint meeting earlier at which it had received the outcome of the external audit of the accounts by the National Audit Office. The joint meeting had also reviewed the draft Annual Report and Accounts.

At the joint meeting the National Audit Office had indicated that it was expecting to issue an unqualified audit opinion. The Board heard that the external audit had identified one misstatement in the 2014/15 accounts. The misstatement was not material and the joint meeting had agreed that no adjustment to the accounts was required. Cash Equivalent Transfer Values for pensions were still awaited from myCSP and the Board noted that these would be included in the document when available.

The Audit and Risk Assurance and Finance Committees had agreed to recommend that the Board approved the 2014/15 Annual Accounts but had recognised that there was some small items of outstanding work to be completed before the document could be finalised and signed.

The Board thanked the Finance team for their work to draw together the 2014/15 Annual Report and Accounts.

Agreed, that the Board approved the 2014/15 Annual Report and Accounts for signature by the Accounting Officer, subject to the inclusion of final pension Cash Equivalent Transfer Values and the completion of the outstanding items of work.

18/15 **Other Business**

There was no other business.

19/15 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next Board meeting would be on Wednesday 29 July 2015.