

Agenda

Ofqual Board – 56th Meeting

Date and Time:

Wednesday 18 November – 10:00 – 15:05

Venue:

Room 4, Spring Place, Herald Avenue, Coventry, CV5 6UB



NOTE: (1) There will be a board only session between 10:00 and 10:30.

(2) Board member photographs will be updated at lunchtime

45/15 10:30 – Welcome and apologies for absence

46/15 Declarations of Interest

47/15 10:35 – Minutes of the meeting held on 23 September 2015 (*open*)
(attached)

- **matters arising** from past meetings of the Board **(attached)**
(*open*)

Reporting

48/15 10:45 – Chief Executive’s Report

Paper by the Chief Executive **(attached)** (*open*)

To note the paper and consider any issues arising from it.

11:30 – 11:40 - break

49/15 11:40 – Chief Operating Officer’s Report

Paper by the Chief Operating Officer **(attached)** *(open)*

To note the paper and consider any issues arising from it.

Vocational Qualifications and Regulatory Policy

50/15 12:00 – Vocational Qualifications Update

Paper by the Executive Director for Vocational Qualifications **(attached)** *(open)*

To receive an update on vocational qualifications matters.

General Qualifications

51/15 12:20 – General Qualifications Update

Paper by the Executive Director for General Qualifications **(attached)** *(open)*

To receive an update on general qualification matters.

12:40 – 13:25 - lunch

52/15 13:25 – Awarding new GCSEs post 2017

Paper by the Standards Chair **(attached)** *(closed)*

To consider arrangements for awarding reformed qualifications from 2017 onwards.

This report is closed because it contains details of Ofqual’s developing thinking on the awarding of GCSEs beyond summer 2017. Publication of the report at this stage would be prejudicial to the effective conduct of public affairs. Ofqual will be carrying out a formal public consultation on this matter in due course.

Strategy Risk and Research

53/15 14:05 – Strategy Risk and Research Update

Paper by the Executive Director for Strategy, Risk and Research **(attached)** *(open)*

To receive an update on strategy risk and research matters.

Governance

54/15 14:45 – Annual Review of the Board Governance Framework

Paper by the Board Secretary **(attached)** *(open)*

To consider the recommendations from the annual review of the Board Governance Framework

55/15 15:00 – Report on the Work of Board Committees

Paper by the Board Secretariat Manager **(attached)** *(closed)*

To receive an update on the work of Board Committees.

This report is closed because it contains details of the business of the Board's closed Committees and the publication could be prejudicial to the effective conduct of public affairs. The corresponding minute provides an overview of the report.

56/15 15:10 – Dates for board and committee meetings in 2016/17

Paper by the Board Secretary **(attached)** *(open)*

To agree dates for board and committee meetings in 2016/17.

57/15 Publication of Papers

To agree that the open papers for this board meeting should be published.

58/15 15:15 – Other Business

To consider any items of other business.

59/15 Date of Next Meeting

The next board meeting will be on Wednesday 20 January 2016.
There will be a board strategy day on 26 February 2016.

Attendees

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Tim Balcon	apologies
Mike Cresswell	
Philip Fletcher	
Maggie Galliers	
Anne Heal	
Barnaby Lenon	
Dana Ross-Wawrzynski	
Terri Scott	
Amanda Spielman	Chair
Glenys Stacey	
Roger Taylor	
Tom Taylor	
Neil Watts	
Julius Weinberg	

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Marc Baker	Chief Operating Officer
Jeremy Benson	Executive Director for Vocational Qualifications
Michelle Meadows	Executive Director for Strategy, Risk & Research
Natalie Prosser	Director of Legal
Ian Stockford	Executive Director for General Qualifications
Alison Townsend	Board Secretary