

Minutes of the 78th meeting of the Ofqual Board held 28 August

Attendees

Ofqual Board

Delroy Beverley – from items
46/18 to 54/18

Sally Collier

Mike Cresswell

Lesley Davies

Hywel Jones – by telephone

Christine Ryan – from items
46/18 to 54/18

Roger Taylor – Chair

Frances Wadsworth

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Salma Ahmed	Board Secretary
Phil Beach	Executive Director for Vocational and Technical Qualifications
Daniel Gutteridge	Acting Director of Legal
Steve Hickmott	Senior Manager, Vocational and Technical Qualifications Policy
Emma Leary	Associate Director VTQ Policy, Vocational Qualifications
Michelle Meadows	Executive Director for Strategy, Risk and Research
Stephen Park	Interim Chief Operating Officer
Julie Swan	Executive Director for General Qualifications

Observers

Phil Carr	Associate Director, VTQ Design and Development
Michael Hanton	Associate Director for Strategic Policy and Risk

Kate Keating	Associate Director of Communications
Catherine Large	Director of Vocational Qualifications
Anona White	Private Secretary to the Chief Regulator

External attendees

Jennifer Coupland	Director for Professional & Technical Education - Department for Education – for items 46/18 to 49/18 only
Eileen Milner	Chief Executive Officer - Education Skills Funding Agency – for items 46/18 to 49/18 only
Rob Nitsch	Chief Operating Officer - Institute for Apprenticeships – for items 46/18 to 49/18 only



46/18 Welcome, declarations of interest and apologies for absence

The Chairman welcomed external guests; Jennifer Coupland, Eileen Milner and Rob Nitsch to the meeting. All attendees introduced themselves and the Chairman informed attendees that Hywel Jones was attending the meeting by telephone.

Apologies were received from Ian Bauckham, Jo Saxton and David Wakefield.

There were no declarations of interest to note.

47/18 Perspective on the T Level programme – Department for Education (DfE)

The Director for Professional & Technical Education, DfE provided the Board with a summary of her role and responsibilities and the DfE's current perspective on the T Level programme.

48/18 Perspective on the T Level programme – Institute for Apprenticeships (Institute)

The Chief Operating Officer, of the Institute provided the Board with a summary of his role and he delivered a presentation to the Board outlining the Institute's perspective on the T Level programme and its priorities.

The Chief Executive Officer, ESFA also provided the Board with a summary of her role and the role of the ESFA in terms of the T Level programme.

49/18 Outcomes of Ofqual’s Technical Qualifications Policy Consultation

This section has been redacted, as its publication would be prejudicial to the effective conduct of public affairs.

50/18 Closed Board Session

Members of the Ofqual Board met confidentially during the closed Board session.

51/18 Minutes of the meeting held on 18 July 2018

The Board approved the minutes of the 18 July 2018 Ofqual Board as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Matters arising

The Board considered and noted a paper on the matters arising from past meetings of the Board and it acknowledged the updates on each of the matters as outlined would be brought to future Board meetings on the dates indicated.

Reporting

52/18 Chief Regulator’s Update

The Chief Regulator presented a verbal update to the Board.

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53/18 Technical Qualifications – Policy consultation outcomes

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55/18 Publication of Papers

The Board agreed to the publication of the open papers for the Board meeting.

56/18 Other Business

The Chairman confirmed and the Board were content with the order of business of the meeting having been changed in order to accommodate the session with the external guests earlier in the morning.

The Board formally commended staff for the progress that had been made with T Levels and also the successful running of the A level and GCSE results days.

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Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting of the Board was confirmed as Wednesday 26 September 2018.