

MINUTES OF THE CMA BOARD

Meeting date: 11 December 2019

Venue: The Cabot, 25 Cabot Square, London, E14 4QZ

Members present

CMA staff present

Andrew Tyrie (Chairman)	Kate Bridge (KMB), Director of Executive Office and Performance
Kirstin Baker (KB)	
Martin Coleman (MC)	Claire Jewell (CJ), Assistant Legal Director, Governance
Cynthia Dubin (CD) (by phone) ¹	
Amelia Fletcher (AF)	Will Hayter (WH), Senior Director, Policy and International
Andrea Gomes da Silva (AGS)	
Michael Grenfell (MG)	Stuart Hudson (SH), Senior Director, Strategy, Communications, Nations and Regions
Bill Kovacic (BK) ²	
Jonathan Scott (JS)	Paul Ellis (PE), Director, Finance and Security ⁴
Erik Wilson (EW) ³	Board Secretary (minutes) Private Secretary to the Chairman

Advisers present

Sarah Cardell (SC), General Counsel

Mike Walker (MW), Chief Economic Adviser

Apologies

None

1. Introduction

1.1 The Chairman welcomed the Board members to the meeting and introduced Stuart Hudson who recently joined the CMA as Senior Director, Strategy, Communications, Nations and Regions.

There were no apologies.

¹ CD was recused from item 6, due to a previously declared conflict.

² BK joined the meeting during item 4.

³ EW was absent for part of item 4.

⁴ PE was absent for part of item 6.

Declarations of interest, conflicts, and recusals

- 1.2 CD received a redacted version of papers that referenced the digital markets study, and recused herself from that discussion (agenda item 6), due to her previously declared conflict

Gifts and hospitality

- 1.3 No declarations of gifts or hospitality were made by members.

2. CMA Board and committee minutes

- 2.1 The Board approved the minutes of the CMA Board meeting held on 4 November 2019.
- 2.2 The Board noted the minutes of the following CMA committee meetings:
 - Executive Committee 23 and 30 October, and 13, 20 and 25 November 2019
 - Case and Policy Committee of 30 October and 13 November 2019
 - European Union Exit Committee minutes of 17 October 2019
 - Remuneration Committee 16 July and 28 August 2019

3. Pipeline Steering Group update

- 3.1 The Board was **updated** on the development of the pipeline of cases.

4. CEO update

- 4.1 The CEO **provided an overview** of the CMA's current work.

5. Overseas Recruitment

- 5.1 The Board was **updated** on plans for future international recruitment.

6. Online platforms and digital advertising market study

- 6.1 The Board **discussed** the next steps in the market study, noting that the CMA has a statutory obligation to consult by 2 January 2020 on whether or not to make a market investigation reference.