



Minutes

Emergency Board Meeting

Date

Friday 20 March 2020

Attendees

Board

Susan Barratt

Ian Bauckham

Delroy Beverley

Sally Collier

Mike Cresswell

Lesley Davies

Hywel Jones

Christine Ryan

Roger Taylor

Chair

Matt Tee

Mike Thompson

Frances Wadsworth

Ofqual

Varinder Bassan

Phil Beach

Daniel Gutteridge

Kate Keating

Michelle Meadows

Sean Pearce

Julie Swan

Anona White

Acting Board Secretary

Executive Director, Vocational and Technical Qualifications

Director of Legal

Director of Communications

Executive Director, Strategy, Risk and Research

Chief Operating Officer

Executive Director, General Qualifications

Private Secretary to the Chief Regulator

81/19 Welcome and apologies

Received from David Wakefield.

The Board noted that Jo Saxton had resigned with effect from 22 March 2020 to take up a new role at the Department for Education.

82/19 Emergency meeting

The Board were advised by the Chair that due to the recent decision of the Government to close schools, and cancel the summer examination series for GCSEs, AS and A levels, it was necessary to call an emergency Board meeting by virtue of paragraph 3, Annex A to the Ofqual Governance Framework, in order that an urgent matter could be discussed and decisions made.

83/19 Legal Advice

This section has been redacted as it contains legally privileged information.

Decision

The Board considered the above and agreed to the recommendation that Ofqual staff could take preliminary steps to explore with the exam boards, DfE and other stakeholders as to how evidence in the system could be used to estimate grades for affected students.

The Board were advised that an update on the position would be provided at the next Board meeting on the 25 March 2020.

84/19 Date of the next meeting

Wednesday 25 March 2020