

**COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE  
335th MEETING HELD  
AT 12.45 ON THURSDAY 19 JUNE 2025**

**MINUTES**

Present: Doug Chalmers CB DSO OBE (Chair)  
Rt Hon Lady Arden DBE  
Rt Hon Baroness Beckett GBE  
Rt Hon Ian Blackford  
Councillor Ruth Dombey OBE  
Ewen Fergusson  
Professor Gillian Peele.

Professor Mark Philp, Chair, Research Advisory Board

Lesley Bainsfair, Secretary  
Amy Austin, Senior Policy Adviser  
Peter Kelleher, Senior Policy Adviser  
Lesley Glanz, Executive Assistant

Maggie O'Boyle, Press Officer<sup>1</sup>

**1. APOLOGIES**

John Henderson CB

**2. REGISTERS**

Members were asked to let the Secretariat know of any changes to the register of interests which had been circulated.

**3. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 May 2025 were agreed.

**Chair's update**

Members noted and discussed recent and forthcoming meetings.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Maggie O'Boyle provides part-time press support to the Civil Service Commission; the House of Lords Appointments Commission; the Advisory Committee for Business Appointments; the Office for the Commissioner for Public Appointments; and the Committee on Standards in Public Life.

<sup>2</sup> Meetings are [published](#) in the Committee's register of stakeholder meetings.

Members noted that the Committee on Standards had asked the Chair to write following up his evidence session on 10 June to discuss MPs' outside interests and employment, with any further thoughts on how to monitor and enforce 'reasonable limits'.<sup>3</sup>

**4. 30th ANNIVERSARY UPDATE**

Members noted and approved updated plans to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the Principles of Public Life.

**5. DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT**

Members approved the annual report.

**6. CURRENT STANDARDS ISSUES**

It was noted that the Gambling Commission had brought charges of cheating by gambling on the date of last year's general election, against 15 people including a former MP.

**7. FORWARD AGENDA**

The Committee noted the forward agenda.

**8. AOB**

**Communications Update**

The Committee noted the monthly dashboard overview of CSPL's website for May 2025.

**Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 17 July 2025.

CSPL Secretariat  
June 2025

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<sup>3</sup> <https://committees.parliament.uk/event/24304/formal-meeting-oral-evidence-session/>