



The Institute of Ismaili Studies

**Minutes of the Board of Governors
Held on 26th February 2021 on Zoom
Meeting No. 03/21**

Governors Present:	Professor Ali Asani Dr Nadia Eboo Jamal Ms Karina Govindji Dr Arif Jamal Mr Rahim Karim Mr Alykhan Kassam Mr Aryn Kassim-Lakha	Professor Tashmin Khamis Mr Naguib Kheraj Dr Sharofat Mamadambarova Dr Shogufa Mir Malekyar Mr Habib Motani Professor Nacim Pak-Shiraz (except for item 5a) Professor Farid Panjwani
Governors Absent:	None	
Quorum present:	Yes	
Others present:	Dr Farhad Daftary (permanent guest) Ms Selina Ramji (permanent guest) Dr Omar Ali de Unzaga, Ms Salima Bhatia, Dr Hakim Elnazarov, Ms Liz Geary, Dr Walid Ghali, Dr Laila Halani, Mr Zahir Jivraj, Dr Shainool Jiwa, Dr Shiraz Kabani, Dr Tullio Lobetti, Dr Wafi Momin, Dr Shiraz Thobani, Mr Mark Verrier and Ms Tara Woolnough (invited for items 1-4)	
Apologies:	None	

The meeting was called to order at 14.00pm.

1. Conflicts of interest

- a) There were no declarations of interest over and above the current standing list of interests notified to the Board.

2. Co-Director's Report

- a) The Co-Director's Report for February 2021 was noted.
- b) Governors inquired after the welfare of staff and students during this time.

3. Key Messages from the budget meeting

- a) The 2021 Operational Plan and Budget was approved without amendment.
- b) In addition, the proposed early priorities, board committees and working groups were also approved.
- c) It was noted that the Full Board felt a high degree of comfort with the programmatic direction of the IIS.

4. Travel in 2021

- a) Governors requested the Senior Management Team to finalise a set of guidelines which would inform decision making around travel in 2021.

5. *Board Committees and Working Groups*

- a) Prior to one Governor joining the meeting, in light of a declared interest, that Governor's appointment to one of the Committees was discussed and approved.
- b) As the list of committees and working groups were approved during the budget meeting, the IIS has a clear mandate to move forward in a certain direction.
- c) All Committee and Working Group Chairs were requested to move forward and begin all specified areas of work.

Selina K Ramji
IIS Board Secretary
26 February 2021