



The Institute of Ismaili Studies

**Minutes of the Board of Governors
Held on 25th June 2021 on Zoom
Meeting No. 07/21**

Governors Present: Professor Ali Asani Professor Tashmin Khamis
Dr Nadia Eboo Jamal Mr Naguib Kheraj
Ms Karina Govindji Dr Sharofat Mamadambarova
Dr Arif Jamal Dr Shogufa Mir Malekyar
Mr Rahim Karim Mr Habib Motani
Mr Alykhan Kassam Professor Nacim Pak-Shiraz
Mr Aryn Kassim-Lakha Professor Farid Panjwani

Governors Absent: None

Quorum present: Yes

Others present: Dr Farhad Daftary (permanent guest)
Ms Selina Ramji (permanent guest)
Mr Hussain Jasani (item 4)
Ms Anum-Ameen Hossain and Mr Aqib Lakhani (items 4, 5 & 6)
Dr Shiraz Thobani (items 5&6)
Mr Alnoor Nathani and Mr Shameer-Ali Prasla (item 6)

Apologies: None

The meeting was called to order at 13.00pm.

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 & PhD Scholarship Programme

a) The Co-Director's Report for June 2021 was noted.

b) Governors inquired after the welfare of staff and students during this time.

c) Dr Daftary informed the Governors that Dr Janis Esots, who had been with the IIS for eight years, had passed away. The Governors requested that IIS do what it can to support with the funeral and any other arrangements. IIS will look to publish an edited book in 2022 dedicated to Dr Esots.

3. Board Committee and Working Groups Updates

a) Updates from the Committee and Working Group Chairs were noted.

4. Department of Academic Research and Publications – South Asian Studies Strategy

a) The Governors deliberated on the submission and shared feedback for consideration.

b) The Governors were comfortable with the overall approach and requested that an updated version be shared with the Board of Trustees in August.

5. Department of Curriculum Studies – Early Childhood Development

a) The Governors noted the submission.

a) A separate session on IIS' approach to ECD will be arranged for the Governors in due course.

6. *Department of Curriculum Studies – Digital Curriculum*

a) The Governors considered the submission and provided input on the recommendations as outlined in the paper.

7. *Any other business*

a) The Governors were happy to move forward with the implementation of the revised format of the Director's Report.

8. *In camera*

Exempt from publication – see confidential minutes

Selina K Ramji
IIS Board Secretary
25 June 2021