

Minutes of the Meeting of the General Dental Council
held at 14.15pm on Friday 6 December 2024
in Closed Session at 37 Wimpole Street, London

Council Members present:

Lord Harris (Chair)
Reshard Auladin
Ilona Blue
Donald Burden
Anne Heal
Angie Heilmann MBE
Serbjit Kaur MBE
Sheila Kumar
Mike Lewis
Timea Milovecz
Simon Morrow
Laura Simons

Executive Team Members in attendance:

Tom Whiting	Chief Executive and Registrar
Stefan Czerniawski	Executive Director, Strategy
Clare Paget	Interim Executive Director, Legal & Governance
Theresa Thorp	Executive Director, Regulation

Staff and Others in attendance:

Samantha Bache	Associate Director, Finance
Katherine McGirr	Head of Right Touch Regulation
Joanne Rewcastle	Associate Director, Communications and Engagement
Ian Vaughan	Interim Head of Governance (Council Secretary)
Tina Rosenow	Senior Governance Manager

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, including Council Members and staff.

2. Declaration of interests

- 2.1 The following declarations of interest were received:
- a. **Item 9 – Council Member Reappointments** – Declarations from Timea Milovecz and Simon Morrow who withdrew from the meeting for this item

3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

- 3.1 Council requested 9.3 regarding the financial delegations, be amended to reflect that the financial delegations were accepted, but subject to a further review of the delegations around special payments, which appeared to be solely within the remit of the Chief Executive.
- 3.2 The full minutes of the closed meeting held on 25 October 2024 had been **approved via correspondence** on 22 November.

4. Matters Arising and Rolling Actions List

- 4.1 There were no actions on the rolling action list for the closed Council meeting.

5. Decisions Log

- 5.1 The Council **noted** that no items had been approved via correspondence.

6. Minutes of the meetings of the Committees

- 6.1 The minutes of the following Committees were **noted** by the Council:
- a. The Remuneration and Nomination Committee (RemNom) meeting on 16 October 2024.
- b. The Statutory Panellists Assurance Committee on 14 November 2024.
- 6.2 The Council **noted** the minutes.

7. Corporate Strategy Update

- 7.1 The Head of Right Touch Regulation introduced the item. The paper was being presented to closed Council as the key components of the corporate strategy were in the early stages of development.
- 7.2 Council was advised that the emerging strategy reflected what had been discussed previously with Council and at the Strategy workshop and therefore would be a continuation of the discussion.
- 7.3 The Council **discussed** the contents of the paper and **broadly agreed** the ambitions, vision and high-level strategic objectives to enable further development.
- [The Head of Right Touch Regulation left the meeting]

8. Independent Governance Associates Reappointments

- 8.1 Council **approved** the reappointments of the following Independent Governance Associates:
- a. Sir Ross Cranston;

- b. Philip Sycamore;
- c. Carol Ashton; and
- d. Elizabeth Butler

9. Council Member Reappointments

- 9.1 Council **approved in principle** the recommendation to seek reappointments from the Privy Council for the following Council Members:
- a. Timea Milovecz; and
 - b. Simon Morrow.
- 9.2 Council was supportive of the reappointment of both Council members but noted that with further changes to the constitution of the GDC, namely the Chair leaving at the end of his existing term and the potential for a registrant chair being appointed, the reappointment would have to be delayed until the recruitment for the new Chair had been resolved.
- 9.3 Council noted the need to maintain the composition of lay and registrant Council members and the importance of the role of the Chair being available to registrant and lay applicants.
- 9.4 Council noted that an additional Remuneration and Nomination Committee meeting would be arranged to approve the process for the recruitment of the Chair.

10. Any Other Business

- 10.1 There was no other business.

11. Date of Next Meetings

- 11.1 The Council noted the date of the next meeting – 28 February 2025 at Wimpole Street, London.

The meeting closed at [15:03].