

Alumnis Multi Academy Trust

Board of Directors Minutes



Date:	23.07.2026	Venue:	Teams - Online
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Minute Taker:	Jac Robilliard	Chair:	Sian Jenkins
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Start	16.15	End:	17:15
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Directors in Attendance	Initials	Category	Agenda
Su Carey	SC	Co-Opted Director	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Welcome, Introductions & Apologies 2. Confidentiality Reminder 3. Declaration of Business Interests 4. Trust Update 5. Items brought forward by the Chair 6. Date and time of next meeting
David Chaplin	DC	Foundation Director	
Leo Mackenzie	LM	Foundation Director	
Matthew Shanks	MS	Foundation Director	
Sian Jenkins	SJ	Foundation Director	
Absent/Apologies			
Also Present			
Mark Blackman	MB	Trust Lead	
Jac Robilliard	JR	Trust Business Manager	



Item	Minutes
1.	<p>Welcome, Introductions and Apologies</p> <p>The Chair welcomed attendees.</p>
2.	<p>Confidentiality Reminder</p>
3.	<p>Declaration of Business Interests</p> <p>None</p>
4.	<p>Trust Update</p> <p>The Board considered the latest position regarding the proposed transfer of schools from Alumnis.</p> <p>It was noted that a letter from ACE Chair of Trustees had confirmed that the ACE Trust Board was unable to support the transfer of the five schools proposed to transfer to ACE unless appropriate funding for estates was in place. At present, this funding is not available and, consequently, the date for transfer to ACE remains to be confirmed.</p> <p>The Board noted that four schools are due to transfer to LAP in October and that both LAP and Harbour have offered support to the remaining five Alumnis schools.</p> <p>Directors discussed at length both the short-term arrangements for supporting the schools and their Head Teachers and the longer-term strategy for the onward transfer of the Alumnis schools.</p> <p>The Board expressed frustration that a significant amount of time had been invested in working with ACE towards a transfer, only for the proposed arrangement to be unable to progress at this stage due to the estates funding position.</p> <p>In light of the current uncertainty, the Board agreed that a proactive approach should be taken to the longer-term transfer of the Alumnis schools, and that the Board should seek to go to market and approach other Multi-Academy Trusts that may be able to provide a suitable future home for the schools.</p> <p>It was agreed that Mark would seek advice from the Regions Group regarding which Trusts would be appropriate to approach and would bring this information back to the Board for consideration.</p> <p>The Board also considered the positive feedback received from the Heads of the four schools transferring to LAP. In light of this feedback, it was agreed that appropriate support for the Head Teachers should be put in place for September while the longer-term position is resolved.</p>



	<p>Decisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short-term support: To urgently explore support from LAP and Harbour for the Head Teachers, pending the longer-term transfer arrangements. • Long-term transfer strategy: To take a proactive approach to the onward transfer of the Alumnis schools and to go to market by approaching other suitable Multi-Academy Trusts. • Regions Group advice: MB to seek advice from the Regions Group regarding which Trusts would be appropriate to approach for consideration. • Next steps: To reconvene on 19 August to receive an update and confirm the plan for September. <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MB to urgently approach LAP and Harbour to establish the support they can provide to the Head Teachers from September. • MB to seek advice from the Regions Group on appropriate Trusts to approach as part of the longer-term transfer strategy. • MB to provide an update on both the immediate support arrangements and potential Trusts for consideration. • The Board to reconvene on 19 August to review progress and confirm the plan for September.
5.	Items brought forward by the Chair
6.	<p>Date and time of next meetings</p> <p>Extraordinary Meeting 19 August 2026 15:00</p>

