

Alumnis Multi Academy Trust

Board of Directors Minutes

Date:	24.02.2026	Venue:	Teams - Online
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Minute Taker:	Jac Robilliard	Chair:	Sian Jenkins
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Start	17.45	End:	
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Directors in Attendance	Initials	Category	Agenda
Sian Jenkins	SJ	Foundation Director	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Apologies 2. Declarations of Business Interests 3. Minutes of the Last Meetings 4. Policies 5. Admissions 2027 6. Trust Update 7. Items brought forward at the discretion of the Chair 8. Date of next meeting
Matthew Shanks	MS	Foundation Director	
David Chaplin	DC	Foundation Director	
Apologies			
Leo Mackenzie	LM	Foundation Director	
Absent			
Ignacio Gonzalez-Paramo	IGP	Co-Opted Director	
Also Present			
Mark Blackman	MB	Trust Lead	
Jac Robilliard	JR	Trust Business Manager	

Item	Minutes
1.	<p>Apologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leonie Mackenzie - Annual Leave • Ignacio Gonzalez-Paramo - Absent <p>The meeting is quorate and had been called to make deferred decisions from the last meeting.</p>
2.	<p>Declaration of Business / Pecuniary Business Interests</p> <p>No new declarations were made.</p> <p>Trustees were reminded to raise any relevant interests should they arise during the meeting.</p>
3.	<p>Minutes of the last meetings</p> <p>The Minutes 16.12.2025 and of the Pay Committee Minutes 18/11/2025 & 16/12/2025 were circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <div> <p>Decision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Minutes of the meeting of 16/12/2025 and the Pay Committee Minutes of 18/11/2025 and 16/12/2025 were agreed as a true record of the meeting. </div>
4.	<p>Policies</p> <p>The following Policies had been circulated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Aid Policies • Intimate Care Policy • Behaviour Policy • Exclusions • Anti Bullying • Lettings <p>DC - Does the revised policy reflected the latest guidance and operational practice.</p> <p>MB confirmed that it does.</p> <div> <p>Decision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Policies were unanimously agreed. </div>
5.	<p>Admissions Policies 2027</p> <p>The Admissions Policies 2027 had been circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>The Board noted that the Admissions arrangements had been approved by the Diocese and no comments had been received during the consultation period.</p>



It was noted that, although the Board had previously discussed the arrangements, approval had not been formally recorded due to the meeting not being quorate.

Decision

- The Policies were unanimously agreed.

6. Trust Update

Radon

The Board considered the proposal to undertake radon mitigation works, which involved a significant expenditure.

DC questioned whether sufficient funds were available to proceed.

MB confirmed that cash flow projections indicated the Trust could afford the work.

Decision

- The Board approved expenditure for the radon mitigation works.

Webbers School Bank Account

The Board discussed a legacy Webber charity account.

Issues identified:

- Current signatories are no longer with the Trust
- Further investigation is needed to understand the source of the funds

SJ questioned the origin and purpose of the account. MB to investigate.

Decision

- The Board approved updating the bank signatories to the Head Teacher, Kirsty Page, and school administrator, Carolyn Jefferies.

LSC Membership

The Board considered a request for Gail Morris to continue as an LSC member at St Helens.

Decision

- The Board approved Gail Morris' request to continue as an LSC member.

Action

- The Chair agreed to send a message of thanks to Gail and to all LSE members for their contributions.



Director Attendance

The Board discussed the attendance record of Ignacio Gonzalez-Paramo a co-opted director.

Attendance record:

- Absent with apology: 15 September
- Absent without apology:
 - 7 October
 - 18 November
 - 16 December
 - 10 February

Members noted a lack of engagement with both meetings and email communications.

Members asked whether the Board needed to wait for six consecutive absences before acting.

It was confirmed that, as the Board appointed the co-opted Director, it also had the authority to remove the appointment.

Resolution:

Decision

- The Board agreed to remove IGP as a co-opted director.

Action

- The Chair agreed to write to thank him for his previous contribution.

Estates Update

LM and the Chair recently met with Andrew Barrett (Estates).

Key points discussed:

- Andrew is covering a large geographical area
- There are resourcing challenges, particularly with jobs requiring two people
- The workload from schools varies significantly
- Compliance is being managed using a pragmatic tolerance level

A potential issue was identified regarding grounds maintenance if schools don't transfer in April.

Mark confirmed contingency planning is underway for summer term grounds maintenance.



Members noted the vulnerability of the current estates capacity.

The Chair will circulate notes from the meeting for awareness.

School Transfer and Capital Funding

The Board discussed delays to school transfers and building conditions.

Issues raised:

- Some schools have significant capital issues, including leaking roofs and infrastructure problems.
- Urgent capital funding from the DfE is currently the only available funding route.
- Previous funding mechanisms (e.g. strategic improvement capital grants) are no longer available.

MB confirmed Surveyors have been commissioned to assess urgent works in order to submit urgent capital bids.

MS questioned whether the incoming trusts should instead be responsible for this work.

It was noted that the funding landscape has changed significantly and the Trust is seeking to secure funding before transfer so the schools are passed over in a viable condition.

ELS/LSC Meetings/Business

DC requested guidance on themes for upcoming ELS visits, as visits need to take place during the current term.

There was discussion with regard to the need for incoming Trusts to triangulate school improvement work, particularly:

- Evidence of improvement
- Impact of support from external trusts
- Written reports from school improvement partners

It was noted that previous updates had been verbal only.

Action

- Written reports to be requested from incoming Trusts ahead of the next meeting.
- These reports will inform follow-up discussions during ELS visits.

DC raised the possibility of visiting Clawton for the next ELS due to limited engagement.

7. Items brought forward at the discretion of the Chair

8. Date of Next Meeting

31/03/2026 - 17:45 - [Calendar](#)



