

20th January 2021, at 5pm

Attendees

Name	Initials	Attendance
Members		
Paul Buchanan (Chair)	Chair	Present
John Abbott	JA	Present
Gareth Jones	GJ	Present
Rathini Stear	RS	Present
Governors (maximum 12)		
Anna Cain Principal (ex officio)	Principal	Present
Trisha Jaffe (Chair)	Chair	Present
In attendance		
Ray Harris – accountant	RH	Present
Domi Pettifar	DP	Present

Item	
1.	Welcome The Chair, Paul Buchanan, welcomed all those in attendance to the meeting.
2.	Apologies for Absence None
3.	Declarations of interest, pecuniary or otherwise in respect of items on the agenda None
4.	Appointment of Chair of Members The Clerk invited nominations for the position of Chair. Nominations were received for Paul Buchanan. There were no further nominations received. He AGREED to take the position of Chair unopposed.
5.	Resignation and Appointment of Members Robin McIver resigned as a member. The board thanked him for his service. Domi Pettifar was appointed as a member – proposed and seconded.
6.	Ordinary Resolution 1 It was AGREED by the Board to approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on January 23 rd 2020. It was noted that digital signatures will be used to sign all documents due to the coronavirus pandemic.
7.	Review of 2019/20 – presented by Trisha Jaffe, chair of governors The academic year 2019/20 was a year of two halves. The first half started with the school's best GCSE results ever and was then defined by waiting for Ofsted. The inspection in February 2020 resulted in a grade of Outstanding. The school celebrated the following week on its ski trip and within a month the pandemic had hit and the lockdown #1 began. During the lockdown BA staff rose to the occasion and were very successful at maintaining relationships and a sense of belonging with the students. The GCSE centre assessed grades were very strong and robustly moderated by FFT Aspire. The year ended with relocation over the summer to a temporary site in Hackney Downs. Member Q: Is the BA equipped to support the increasingly more complex needs and situations that our children find themselves in? TJ / AC: with a larger premises we have space to allow full-time attendance in line with social distancing guidelines. More complex cases (e.g. in terms of

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	SEN, LAC, YOT involvement) require the staff to review and adapt constantly. The school plans to review its offer this year to ensure it is fit for purpose. AC warned about coming issues due to disruption with commissioning as a result of the pandemic. This is an issue for all AP schools and the ESFA have acknowledged it.
8.	Presentation of Annual Reports & Accounts This year has seen a move to fully digital accounting with better controls and this is reflected in the accounts. RH gave a warning about the potential for inflated overheads at the temporary site for the coming year. It was AGREED by the Board to approve the Annual Report and Financial Statements and the Audit Findings Report.
9.	<u>Ordinary Resolution 2</u> It was AGREED by the Board to re-appoint Rowland Hall LLP as Auditors for the Academy Trust.
10.	<u>Ordinary Resolution 3</u> It was AGREED by the Board to approve the re-appointment of governors who will complete their four year term in the next year: Trisha Jaffe, Andy Aibangbee, Ama Afrifa-Tchie, Jo Daniels, Jonathan Davis, James Dove, James Kane.
11.	Any other urgent, confidential business items There were none.
	There being no any other business items the Chair thanked those in attendance and closed the meeting.

The meeting finished at 6.30pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES BY CHAIR OF THE MEMBERS

I, Chair of the Members at the Annual General Meeting (held virtually due to the pandemic), approve these minutes as an accurate representation of the Meeting, which took place on 20th January 2021 at 5 pm.



Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Paul Buchanan
Chair of the Members
The Boxing Academy