

<p><b>BAR STANDARDS BOARD</b></p>
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REGULATING BARRISTERS

**Part 1 - Public****Minutes of the Bar Standards Board meeting**

Thursday 28 March 2019, Room 1.1, First Floor

289 – 293 High Holborn, London, WC1V 7HZ

- Present:** Baroness Tessa Blackstone (Chair)  
Naomi Ellenbogen QC (Vice Chair)  
Lara Fielden  
Andrew Mitchell QC  
Irena Sabic  
Nicola Sawford  
Adam Solomon QC  
Kathryn Stone OBE  
Stephen Thornton CBE
- By invitation:** Richard Atkins QC (Chair, Bar Council)  
Amanda Pinto QC (Vice Chair, Bar Council)  
James Wakefield (Director, COIC)  
Grant Warnsby (Treasurer, Bar Council)  
Malcolm Cree CBE (Chief Executive, Bar Council)
- BSB Executive in attendance:** Peter Astrella (Regulatory Risk Manager)  
Vanessa Davies (Director General)  
Rebecca Forbes (Head of Governance & Corporate Services)  
Oliver Hanmer (Director of Regulatory Assurance)  
Michael Jampel (Head of Policy and Research)  
Andrew Lamberti (Communications Manager)  
Ewen Macleod (Director of Strategy and Policy)  
John Picken (Governance Officer)  
Wilf White (Director of Communications and Public Engagement)
- Press:** Neil Rose (Legal Futures)  
Max Walters (Law Society Gazette)

**Item 1 – Welcome**

1. The Chair welcomed Members and guests to the meeting.

2. **Item 2 – Apologies**

- Alison Allden OBE
- Aidan Christie QC
- Steven Haines
- Zoe McLeod
- Mark Hatcher (Special Adviser to the Chair of the Bar Council)
- Sara Jagger (Director of Professional Conduct)

**Item 3 – Members' interests and hospitality**

3. None.

**Item 4 – Approval of Part 1 (public) minutes (Annex A)**

4. The Board approved the Part 1 (public) minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 31 January 2019.

**Item 5a – Matters arising and action points (Annex B)**

5. The Board noted the updates to the action list.

**Item 5b – Forward Agenda (Annex C)**

6. Members noted the forward agenda list.

**Item 6 – Strategy 2019-2022 and Business Plan 2019-2020**

BSB 009 (19)

7. Oliver Hanmer introduced the paper drawing attention to:
- the strategic plan 2019-22
  - the BSB risk outlook 2019-22
  - the business plan 2019-20
  - the research plan 2019-20
8. He also referred to the organisational values as expressed in paragraph 6 of the report which would apply to all those working for the BSB. The Board approved these unanimously.
9. Richard Atkins QC commented positively on the values, in particular the commitment to efficiency. In this regard, he stressed the need for the BSB and Bar Council to work effectively together, within the bounds of the existing protocol, to avoid any duplication of effort.
10. The Board strongly endorsed this approach. Andrew Mitchell QC noted that some issues under Strategic Aim 3 (advancing access to justice in a changing market) might also fall within the remit of the Bar Council and be more readily accomplished by it. We should therefore keep lines of communication open to encourage a streamlined, efficient way forward.
11. **AGREED**
- a) to approve the Strategy for 2019-22 and the associated Risk Outlook. **OH**
  - b) to approve the Business Plan for 2019-20 and note the supporting Research Plan. **OH**
  - c) to approve the new organisational values.

**Item 7 – Amendment to Scheme of Delegations to give effect to the new Bar qualification rules**

BSB 010 (19)

12. Vanessa Davies referred to the forthcoming rule changes to provide for new Bar training arrangements. These require changes to the BSB's Scheme of Delegations so that they can be implemented.
13. **AGREED**
- a) to approve the proposed additions to the Scheme of Delegations (delegated to the Director General) to take effect following publication of the amended Handbook, giving effect to the rule changes for new Bar training; **VLD to note**
  - b) to endorse the Director Generals' proposed sub-delegations as set out in the paper. **VLD to note**

**Item 8 – Amendment to Standing Orders**

BSB 011 (19)

14. The Board **agreed** that the BSB Standing Orders 2019 will now come into force as from 15 October 2019 and **approved** an amendment so that the Independent Decision-Making Body (IDB) is formally established on the same date.

**Item 9 - Chair's report on visits and external meetings (Feb – Mar 2019)**

BSB 012 (19)

15. The Board **noted** the report.

**Item 10 – Any Other Business**

16. None.

**Item 11 – Date of next meetings**

17. • Thursday 2 May 2019 (Board Away Day).  
• Thursday 13 June 2019 (full Board meeting).

**Item 12 – Private Session**

18. The following motion, proposed by the Chair and duly seconded, was agreed. That the BSB will go into private session to consider the next items of business:
- (1) Approval of Part 2 (private) minutes – 31 January 2019;
  - (2) Matters arising and action points – Part 2;
  - (3) Approval of fees and charges for the authorisation and supervision of Authorised Education and Training Organisations (AETOs);
  - (4) Review of the BSB's Communication and Public Engagement (CPE) Strategy
  - (5) BSB Consolidated Risk Report for the Board: March 2019;
  - (6) Professional Indemnity Insurance and BMIF
  - (7) Scope of practice – review of how barristers could provide legal services in the future
  - (8) Quarterly Strategic update;
  - (9) Any other private business.
19. The meeting finished at 5.15 pm.