

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

MINUTES

A meeting of **GOVERNING BODY** was held on Wednesday 18th February 2026 at 2.00 p.m. in the Senior Common Room.

Present: The President, Professor S. Elston, Professor Z. Molnár, Professor M. Cannon, Professor P. K. Maini, The Revd Canon Professor W. Whyte, Professor A. Hills, Professor R. M. Harding, Professor H. Bouman, Professor S. Myers, Professor A. Wright, Professor A. Starinets, Professor J. Schnell, Professor P. R. Hayes, Professor A. Russell, Professor C. Newton, Dr. G Kantor, Professor B. Murnane, Professor J. Stanyek, Professor K. Southwood, Professor Z. Olszewska, Professor L. Pratt, Professor C. Beem, Professor L. di Mare, Professor G. Rose, Professor S. Kiefer, Professor N. Sugimura, Professor S. Toussaert, Professor R. Slater, Professor S. White, Dr M. Nicholls, Professor E. Wonnacott, Professor N. K. Jones, Ms Z. Hancock, Dr S. Campbell, Dr K. Doornik, Professor L. Hunt, Professor R. Lall, Professor K. J. Patel, Professor T. Qutbuddin, Professor A. Lak, Professor I. Williams, Professor G. Evans, Professor C. Munday, Professor S. Knott, Professor E. Batyra, Professor G. Cormode

Apologies: Professor K. Nation, Professor D. Martin, Professor T. Burt de Perera, Professor H. Skoda, Professor N. Lübecker, Professor R. Ekins, Professor J. Obloj, Professor J. J. Pandit, Professor I. Klinke, Professor E. Greensmith, Professor B. McFarlane, Professor R. Hoye, Professor L. Moody, Professor P. Jha

In attendance: Ms. D. Cripps

AGENDA 'C'

ACTION

1. Minutes and matters arising

The unconfirmed minutes of the meeting of Governing Body held on 14th January 2026 were **approved**.

2. Oxford North Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st January 2026 were received.

The Governing Body **agreed** to extend the Committee's external membership for a transitional period with two members from other College committees (Nick Dunning and Timothy Polgase) and a Director from TWO (Ian Laing). The current internal and external members would continue to serve.

PRINCIPAL BURSAR

3. General Purposes Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th February 2026 were received.

The Governing Body **agreed** to renew Professor Larrington's Emeritus Research Fellowship for a second three-year period from 1st October 2026.

It was **agreed** that two candidates would be invited to accept Honorary Fellowships from the College.

It was **agreed** to rename the Tutorial Fellowship in English currently held by Professor Hayes as the John Kelly Tutorial Fellowship in English.

The *Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Report, 2025/25 (Public Sector Equality Duty)* was **approved**.

The updated College policies were agreed.

The updated Terms of Reference for the Committees of Governing Body were also **agreed**.

4. Finance and Estates Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th February 2026 were received.

The Governing Body **agreed** to appoint Barwood Development Securities Limited as the development partner for the land at Bury St Edmunds on the terms outlined.

It was **agreed** to issue share capital [] in Thomas White Properties Limited in respect of the equity purchase [].

It was also **agreed** to continue design development of the combined Kitchen, Hall and Buttery project towards submission of a planning and Listed Building consent.

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5. Any other business

The President reminded Governing Body that both College Feasts, the Thomas White and Rawlinson dinners, were working events and that their purpose was to welcome guests and expose them to the works of the College.

6. Minutes and matters arising

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The minutes of the meeting held on 21st January 2026 were **approved**.

The Governing Body **agreed** to renew the President's contract from 1st September 2027 after a first five-year term (the meeting was quorate and all voted in favour).

The Vice-President noted that the document prepared by the President about various aspects of the role would be discussed by General Purposes Committee and Remuneration Committee in Trinity Term.

VICE-PRESIDENT