



NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

8 March 2023
11.30-12.00

By video conference

Agenda

1. Apologies and conflicts of interest
2. Review of the Chairman's conflicts of interest
3. AOB

Attendees

Present

Nicholas Serota	Senior Independent Director (Chair)
Shirley Garrod	Non-executive Director
Elan Closs Stephens	Non-executive Director

With

Chris Sandford	Head of Governance
Sarah Jones	Group General Counsel
Alice Hickey	Senior Counsel

Not present:

Richard Sharp	Chairman
Tim Davie	Director-General

1. Apologies and Conflicts of Interest

- 1.1 The Committee were meeting without the Chairman and Director-General present. The Senior Independent Director was sitting as Chair for the session. There were no new conflicts of interest raised.

2. Review of the Chairman's conflicts of interest

- 2.1 The Committee were meeting for the second time, to review evidence and data gathered as part of their work to consider and review the Chairman's adherence to his BBC obligations in respect of conflicts of interest since his appointment as BBC Chairman. It was agreed that, as there was a separate review by the Office of the Commissioner for Public Appointments (OCPA) in respect of matters pre-dating the appointment, the Committee would consider the period after his appointment as chair, along with any other relevant information following publication of the OCPA report.
- 2.2 The Committee reviewed documentation on declarations of personal interest published since the appointment of the Chairman. The Board's Code of Practice was discussed and it was noted that the obligation for declarations relating to Board members fell on the individual member, and it was noted that non-executive Board members were also likely to hold other senior roles elsewhere.
- 2.3 The Committee reviewed detail of meetings with senior political figures held by the Chairman since appointment. The Committee discussed the questions and issues it would want to cover in an interview with the Chairman, which would be arranged for as soon as possible in the following week. It was agreed that specific questions on meetings with the former Prime Minister; charitable donations made by the Chairman's foundation; and relationships with others in senior political positions should all be covered. The approach to the interview and the topic areas to be discussed were agreed as per the discussion. It was also agreed that the Chairman would be approached to find a time to hold the session.
- 2.4 A final plan for the interview session would be produced and circulated offline for final comment.

3. AOB

- 3.1 There were no items of other business.