



The Institute of Ismaili Studies

**Minutes of the Board of Trustees  
Held on 18 February 2021 via Gotomeeting  
Meeting No. 01/21**

<b>Trustees Present:</b>	His Highness the Aga Khan Ms Karina Govindji Mr Naguib Kheraj Mr Habib Motani
<b>Trustees Absent:</b>	None
<b>Quorum present:</b>	Yes
<b>Others present:</b>	Prince Rahim Aga Khan Professor Ali Asani Dr Farhad Daftary Dr Nadia Eboo Jamal Dr Arif Jamal Mr Rahim Karim Mr Alykhan Kassam Mr Aryn Kassim-Lakha Professor Tashmin Khamis Dr Sharofat Mamadambarova Dr Shogufa Mir Malekyar Professor Nacim Pak-Shiraz Professor Farid Panjwani Ms Selina Ramji Dr Shafik Sachedina

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The meeting was called to order at 2.30pm.

*Conflicts of interest*

There were no declarations of interest over and above the current standing list of interests notified to the Board.

The Chair welcomed the newly appointed Trustees and Members of the Board of Governors. The Board noted the report on the onboarding and induction process which had been undertaken for the new members and approved the proposed committee arrangements the early priorities identified and the principles to be applied to the working approach of the Board of Governors.

*2021 Operational Plan and Budget*

- 1.1 The Co-Director presented an overview of the activities of 2020 and the plans for 2021. It was noted that IIS adapted well to the circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic with a shift to working from home and online course delivery. Attention was paid to staff and student well-being and to ensuring that the office facilities and library were accessible and safe for those that needed them. The majority of planned activity was able to take place using technology although there was some slippage due to the disruption and some activities which required travel or in person attendance were cancelled or postponed.
- 1.2 The Board approved the proposed Operational Plan and Budget for 2021.

1.3 His Highness was complimentary about the excellent work undertaken and expressed his thanks to the Board and staff at IIS.

*Any other business*

None

*Selina K Ramji  
IIS Board Support  
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