



The Institute of Ismaili Studies
Minutes of the Board of Governors
Held on 25th November
Meeting No. 08/22

Governors Present:	Professor Ali Asani Mrs Karina Govindji Dr Arif Jamal Dr Nadia Eboo Jamal Mr Rahim Karim Mr Alykhan Kassam Mr Aryn Kassim-Lakha	Professor Tashmin Khamis Mr Naguib Kheraj Dr Shogufa Mir Malekyar Dr Sharofat Mamadambarova Mr Habib Motani Professor Nacim Pak-Shiraz Professor Farid Panjwani
Governors Absent:	None	
Quorum present:	Yes	
Others present:	Dr Farhad Daftary (permanent guest) Ms Selina Ramji (permanent guest) Ms Nadine Chambers, Ms Ruth Francis, Dr Walid Ghali, Dr Laila Halani, Dr Shainool Jiwa, Dr Shiraz Kabani, Mr Damon Lane, Mr Wasim Moosa and Dr Shiraz Thobani (joined for items four and five)	

The meeting was called to order at 13.00pm.

1. *Conflicts of interest*

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

2. *Director's Report*

- a) The Director's Report for October 2022 was noted.

3. *Board Committee and Working Group Updates*

- a) Board Committee and Working Group updates were noted

4. *2023 Operational Plan & Budget*

- a) The paper was considered.
- b) The rate of inflation is much higher than we expected and the natural consequences of this are out of our control.
- c) While significant efforts have been made on the proposed budget for 2023, the SMT were requested to further review the proposals to ascertain how they can better fit within the financial envelope while also leaving some flexibility.
- d) The final version of the paper should be completed before the Christmas break.

5. *Strategic Plan – Progress Update*

- a) Following discussions held during the Board retreat in September, further elements of the plan have been developed. In addition, IIS has held consultation sessions with both staff and students, the feedback from which, will be taken into account in the revision of the various elements of the plan.

b) It was noted that the process is slightly behind schedule.

6. *Any other business*

a) None

Selina K Ramji

IIS Board Secretary

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