



The Institute of Ismaili Studies

**Minutes of the Board of Governors
Held on 4th and 5th July 2025
Meeting No. 04/25**

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| Governors Present: | Dr Farhad Daftary Mrs Karina Govindji Dr Nadia Eboo Jamal Dr Arif Jamal Mr Rahim Karim Mr Alykhan Kassam Mr Amyn Kassim-Lakha | Professor Tashmin Khamis Mr Naguib Kheraj Dr Sharofat Mamadambarova Dr Shogufa Mir Malekyar Mr Habib Motani Professor Nacim Pak-Shiraz Professor Farid Panjwani |
| Governors Absent: | Professor Ali Asani | |
| Quorum present: | Yes | |
| Others present: | Professor Zayn Kassam (permanent guest) Mrs Selina Ramji (permanent guest) Dr Shiraz Kabani (for items two and three) Ms Salima Bhatia, Dr Gurdofarid Miskinzoda and Mr Riaz Rhemtulla (for items four, five, six and seven) Dr Zamira Dildorbekova, Dr Nader El Bizri and Mr Damon Lane (for item seven) | |

The meeting was called to order at 9.00 am.

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 submission was noted.
3. *Communications Strategy*
 - a) The submission was noted.
 - b) Members shared specific comments on the draft document. An updated version should be shared with the Board for review. Additionally, the strategy should be shared with the Imamate Department of Communications to ensure alignment in approach and overall direction.
4. *IIS 50th Anniversary*
 - a) The submission was noted.
 - b) A committee should be established to advance discussions, and a detailed proposal should be presented at the October meeting.
5. *ECD and Primary Update*
 - a) The submission was noted.
 - b) Strengthening IIS' capacity in this field was identified as a priority.

6. *IIS/DJI/ITREB Chairs meeting*
 - a) The submission was noted.
7. *Outgoing Students*
 - a) The submission was noted.
8. *STEP Education Component*
 - b) The submission was noted.
 - c) Members shared specific comments on the paper, noting that an updated version should be shared with the Board for review.
9. *Board Committee Updates*
 - a) The submission was noted.
10. *Mid-year update on the implementation of the 2025 Operational Plan & Budget*
 - a) The submission was noted.

Selina K Ramji
IIS Board Secretary
5th July 2025