The Institute of Ismaili Studies

Minutes of the Board of Governors
Held on 3rd and 4th October 2025
Meeting No. 05/25

Governors Present:	Dr Farhad Daftary	Mr Naguib Kheraj
	Dr Nadia Eboo Jamal	Dr Sharofat Mamadambarova
	Dr Arif Jamal	Dr Shogufa Mir Malekyar
	Mr Rahim Karim	Mr Habib Motani
	Mr Alykhan Kassam	Professor Nacim Pak-Shiraz
	Mr Amyn Kassim-Lakha	Professor Farid Panjwani
	Professor Tashmin Khamis	

Governors Absent: Professor Ali Asani
Ms Karina Govindji

Quorum present: Yes

Others present: Professor Zayn Kassam (permanent guest)
Mrs Selina Ramji (permanent guest)
Dr Nader El-Bizri (for item three)
Dr Shainool Jiwa (for item four)
Dr Shiraz Kabani (for items five and six)
Dr Zamira Dildorbekova and Mr Riaz Rhemtuall (for items seven, eight and nine)
Dr Nader El Bizri and Mr Damon Lane (for item nine)
Dr Fayaz Alibhai, Mr Shiraz Alibhai and Mr Nazir Mulji (for item 11)

The meeting was called to order at 9.30 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. *Publications Update*

    a) The submission was noted.

    b) A historical analysis on the distribution of publications and how it changes with the current proposed pipeline should be shared with the Board.

4. *LIT Update*

    a) The submission was noted. It was decided not to pursue an update to the current publication.

5. *Communications Strategy*

    a) The submission was noted.

    b) An updated version should be shared with the Director for confirmation the discussion had been reflected and sign-off.

6. *Donor Relations Update*

    a) The submission was noted.

7. *Update on visa implications*

    a) The submission was noted.

    b) Decisions taken by the Board should be communicated to relevant stakeholders.

8. *STEP Update*

    a) The submission was noted.

    b) Members shared specific comments on the paper, noting that an updated version should be shared with the Board for review in January.

9. *DAP Update*

    a) The submission was noted.

    b) A workplan with tasks and timelines should be developed.

10. *Update on IIS 50th anniversary*

    a) The submission was noted.

11. *Ismaili Heritage Project – update and prioritisation of restoration sites*

    a) The submission was noted.

    b) Members shared specific comments on the submission and proposed restoration sites that should be accounted for in the final submission to the AKTC Board.

12. *Board Committee Updates*

    a) The submission was noted.

Selina K Ramji
IIS Board Secretary
4th October 2025