



The Institute of Ismaili Studies

**Minutes of the Board of Governors
Held on 22nd May 2026
Meeting No. 03/26**

Governors Present:	Dr Farhad Daftary	Professor Tashmin Khamis
	Dr Minaz Fazal	Mr Naguib Kheraj
	Ms Karina Govindji	Dr Shenila Khoja-Moolji
	Dr Arif Jamal	Dr Sharofat Mamadambarova
	Dr Nadia Eboo Jamal	Mr Habib Motani
	Mr Rahim Karim	Mr Fayyaz Nurmohamed
	Mr Alykhan Kassam	Professor Nacim Pak-Shiraz

Governors Absent: Professor Ali Asani, Mr Aryn Kassim-Lakha

Quorum present: Yes

Others present: Professor Zayn Kassam
Ms Selina Ramji
Dr Shiraz Kabani (items four and five)
Professor Nader El-Bizri (item six)
Tara Woolnough (item six)
Stephan Hollins-Liszko (item seven)
Dr Zamira Dildorbekova (items seven and eight)

The meeting was called to order at 1.00 pm

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. *HR, finance and recruitment update*
 - a) The submission was noted.
4. *IIS 50th Anniversary*
 - a) The submission was noted.
 - b) An updated version of the document should be prepared for submission to the Chair.
5. *Fundraising proposal for NCF*
 - a) The submission was noted.
 - b) An updated version of the document should be prepared for submission to the NCF.
6. *Update on Publications*
 - a) The submission was noted.
 - b) Members requested an update once the review by People and Culture has been completed.

7. *Update on DAPs*

- a) The submission was noted.
- b) Members requested a summary on the consultant's findings to be shared for the July meeting.

8. *Update on STEP three-year programme and SOAS revalidation*

- a) The submission was noted.
- b) Members were pleased with the outcome and expressed their gratitude to Dr Dildorbekova and the team for their work on this.

Selina K Ramji
IIS Board Secretary
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