The Governing Body of Southern Regional College

Standard meeting of the Governing Body scheduled for
Tuesday 16 June 2026 at **17.30 in the Boardroom, Newry West Campus.**

Item No.	Item	Papers	Actions	Presenters
1.	Welcome and Apologies for Absence	Verbal	Noting	Secretary
2.	Declaration of Interests	Verbal	Noting	Chair
3.	Minutes of the Governing Body meeting held on 14 April 2026	Enclosed	Approval	Chair
4.	Matters Arising	Verbal	Noting	Chair
5.	Chair's Business	Verbal	Noting	Chair
6.	Principal & Chief Executive's Business	Verbal	Noting	Mrs L Campbell
7.	Policy Review a) Governing Body Standing Orders b) Governance Operating Framework	Enclosed	Approval	Mrs L Campbell
8.	Draft SRC Strategic Plan 25-26 28-29	Verbal	Noting	Mrs L Campbell
9.	Committee Draft Minutes a) Staffing Committee 24 February 2026 b) Audit and Risk Committee 09 March 2026 c) Education Committee 24 March 2026	Enclosed	Approval	Committee Chairs
10.	Committee Draft Minutes for Review a) Finance and General Purposes Committee 31 March 2026 b) Staffing Committee 28 April 2026 c) Education Committee 19 May 2026	Enclosed	Review	Committee Chairs
11.	FE Fit for the Future Update	Verbal	Noting	Chair
12.	Register of Interests 2025-2026	Enclosed	Noting	Chair
13.	Updated Meeting Schedule 2026-2027	Enclosed	Noting	Mrs L Campbell
14.	Governing Body Committees' Terms of Reference a) Finance and General Purposes Committee b) Audit and Risk Committee c) Education Committee d) Staffing Committee	Enclosed	Noting	Mrs L Campbell
15.	Hardship Fund Update	Verbal	Noting	Mrs L Campbell
16.	DfE Annual Year End Assurance Statement 2025-2026	Enclosed	Noting	Mrs L Campbell
17.	Tertiary Education Report	Verbal	Noting	Ms L Shackels
18.	College Development Plan 2026/2027	Verbal	Noting	Mrs L Campbell
19.	Budget Update	Verbal	Noting	Mrs L Campbell
20.	Any Other Business a) Co-optee b) Chair of Audit and Risk Committee Ballot	Enclosed	Noting	Secretary/Chair

21.	Review of Meeting
Date of next Governing Body Meeting**: Tuesday 15th September 2026 at 17.30 in Boardroom Newry West Campus.**	

Distribution List:

Governors:
Dr Thomas Moore (Chairman), Mrs Lee Campbell (Principal / Chief Executive), Mrs Geraldine Campbell, Dr Liz Finnigan, Mr Sean Fitzsimons, Mr Nick Harkness, Mr Stuart Harper, Mrs Monica Kelly, Mrs Patricia McCaffrey, Mr Gary McMurray, Mrs Sharon O'Hare, Mrs Hilary Singleton, Mr Andrew Sloan, Mrs Angela Whiteside and Ms Celine Maria Corhea (Student Governor)

Attendees:
Ms Michelle Khan (Assistant Director of Finance), Mr Raymond Sloan (Director of Client Services) , Ms Libby Shackels (Director of Curriculum) and Mrs Emma Foster (Secretary to the Governing Body).

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Governing Body of Southern Regional College is responsible for securing the efficient and effective management of college activities and property. It is also responsible for the quality of service that the College offers to learners, communities and businesses as well as the Colleges financial health and strategic direction. The designated Accounting Officer role is held by the Principal/Chief Executive of the college. They are responsible for the propriety and regularity of the public finances of which the Accounting Officer is answerable.

The Governing Body is made up of a Chairperson and Vice Chair, the Principal and Chief Executive and currently 14 committee members which include two staff governors and a student governor.

The ToR can be summarised as follows:

In particular, the Governing Body is responsible for securing the efficient and effective management of College activities and property

1. The governing body provides strategic oversight, ensuring that the college's mission, vision, and strategic goals are aligned with its educational objectives and community needs.

2. Ensures fair employment practices, staff development, and a positive working environment.

3. The Governing Body must guide the strategy of the college in line with the priorities set by the Department and the NI Executive.

4. It must also review and approve local policies that fall within the remit of the Committee.

5. Follow a policy of openness and transparency.

6. Contribute to the maintenance or increasing of public confidence in the quality of the College's corporate governance and management.

7. Members should bring independence, objectivity, impartiality and expertise to both college decision making and challenge processes.

8. To maintain a high standard of governance in relation to public funds.

9. The governing body oversees the college's financial health, approves budgets, and ensures responsible financial management. It also monitors financial performance and compliance.

Further details can be found in the document links overleaf.

Standing Orders

Governing Body Standing Orders

Partnership Agreement

Partnership agreement between DfE and SRC

Instruments of Government

Model Instrument of Government for Colleges of Further Education

Articles of Government

FE college model instrument and articles of government | Department for the Economy

Northern Ireland Audit Office Guidelines

Effective Audit and Risk Assurance Committees | Northern Ireland Audit Office