

The Governing Body of Southern Regional College

Standard meeting of the Governing Body scheduled for
Tuesday 14 April 2026 at 17.30 in the Boardroom, Banbridge 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 16 December 2025	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.	DfE Update	Verbal	Noting	Ms J Scallon
8.	Committee Draft Minutes for Adoption a) Staffing Committee 07 October 2025 b) Education Committee 21 October 2025 c) Audit and Risk Committee 18 November 2025	Enclosed	Approval	Committee Chairs
9.	Committee Draft Minutes for Review a) Finance and General Purposes Committee 20 January 2026 b) Education Committee 27 January 2026 c) Staffing Committee 24 February 2026 d) Audit and Risk Committee 09 March 2026	Enclosed	Review	Committee Chairs
10.	Updated Articles of Government	Enclosed	Noting	Chair
11.	Governing Body & Committee Meeting Planner 2026-2027	Enclosed	Approval	Mrs L Campbell
12.	Quality Improvement Plan (QIP)	Enclosed	Noting	Ms L Shackels
13.	Corporate Risk Register • Risk Register Heat Map	Enclosed	Noting	Mrs L Campbell
14.	CDP Action Plan 25-26	Enclosed	Noting	Mrs L Campbell
15.	Accounts Direction	Enclosed	Noting	Mrs Khan
16.	Partnership Agreement Review	Enclosed	Noting	Mrs L Campbell
17.	Update on DfE 2025 Test Drill Exercise	Enclosed	Noting	Mrs L Campbell
18.	ICS Effectiveness Review Action Points Update	Verbal	Noting	Chair
19.	GB Appraisal/Assessment Feedback	Verbal	Noting	Chair

20.	Any Other Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ballot for Chair of Staffing Committee 	Verbal	Vote	Chair
21.	Review of Meeting			
Date of next Governing Body Meeting: Tuesday 16 June 2026 at 17.30 in Boardroom Newry West Campus.				

Distribution List:

Governors:

Dr Thomas Moore (Chair), 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 Libby Shackels (Director of Curriculum), Mr Raymond Sloan (Director of Client Services) ,Mrs Michelle Khan (Assistant Director of Finance and Planning),Mrs Janis Scallon (FE Director),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](#)