

The Governing Body of Southern Regional College

Standard meeting of the Governing Body scheduled for
Tuesday 16 December 2025 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.	Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further Education <i>16-18 Legislation</i> <i>(17:40-18:05)</i>	Enclosed	Noting	Mr Dempster
4.	Minutes of the Governing Body meeting held on 25 November 2025	Enclosed	Approval	Chair
5.	Matters Arising	Enclosed	Noting	Chair
6.	Chair's Business	Verbal	Noting	Chair
7.	Principal & Chief Executive's Business	Verbal	Noting	Mrs L Campbell
8.	Policy Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Eyesight Policy and Proposal Paper 	Enclosed	Approval	Mrs L Campbell
9.	Committee Minutes for Adoption <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Audit and Risk Committee 23 September 2025 	Enclosed	Approval	Committee Chairs
10.	Committee Annual Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Education Committee b) Audit and Risk Committee c) Staffing Committee d) Finance and General Purposes Committee 	Enclosed	Approval	Committee Chairs
11.	Audit and Risk Committee Terms of Reference	Enclosed	Approval	Mrs L Campbell
12.	Committee Draft Minutes for Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Finance and General Purposes Committee 04 November 2025 b) Audit and Risk Committee 18 November 2025 	Enclosed	Review	Committee Chairs
13.	Strategy Day Update 17 February 2026	Verbal	Noting	Mrs L Campbell
14.	Any Other Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Letter from Northern Ireland Audit Office 15 December 2025 2. ETI Update 	Enclosed Verbal	Noting Noting	Mrs L Campbell Mrs Nesbitt
15.	Review of Meeting			
Date of next Governing Body Meeting: Tuesday 14 April 2026 at 17.30 in Boardroom Banbridge 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, Dr Laura Milner, Mrs Sharon O'Hare, Mrs Hilary Singleton, Mr Andrew Sloan, Mrs Angela Whiteside and Ms Celine-Maria Cohera (Student Governor).

Attendees:

Ms Joanne McGuigan (Interim Director of Finance and Planning), Ms Libby Shackels (Director of Curriculum), Mr Raymond Sloan (Director of Client Services), Mr Sam Dempster (Education NI) (TEAMs), Mrs Elaine Nesbitt (Acting Assistant Director of HE and Quality) 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](#)

