

The Governing Body of Southern Regional College

Standard meeting of the Governing Body scheduled for
Tuesday 25 November 2025 at 17.30 in the **Boardroom, Armagh 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 02 September 2025	Enclosed	Approval	Chair
4.	Matters Arising	Enclosed	Noting	Chair
5.	Chair's Business	Verbal	Noting	Chair
6.	Sustainability Report	Enclosed	Noting	Mr Young/Mr Bronte
7.	Principal & Chief Executive's Business	Verbal	Noting	Mrs L Campbell
8.	Committee Draft Minutes for Adoption a) Audit and Risk Committee 13 May 2025 b) Staffing Committee 20 May 2025 c) Education Committee 03 June 2025 d) Finance and General Purposes Committee 10 June 2025	Enclosed	Approval	Committee Chairs
9.	Committee Draft Minutes for Review a) Audit and Risk Committee 23 September 2025 b) Staffing Committee 07 October 2025 c) Education Committee 21 October 2025	Enclosed	Review	Committee Chairs
10.	Draft Annual Report and Financial Statement	Enclosed	Approval	Mrs L Campbell/Ms McGuigan
11.	Budget Allocation Update 2025-2026	Enclosed	Noting	Ms McGuigan
12.	Cyber Annual Report 2025-2026	Enclosed	Noting	Ms McGuigan
13.	DfE Mid-Year Assurance Statement 2025-2026	Enclosed	Noting	Mrs L Campbell
14.	Enrolment Update 2025-2026	Enclosed	Noting	Ms Shackels
15.	Educational Report Card (ERC) 2024-2025	Enclosed	Noting	Ms McGuigan
16.	Student Achievement for 2024-2025	Enclosed	Noting	Ms Shackels
17.	ICS Effectiveness Review Final Sector Report	Enclosed	Noting	Chair
18.	Any Other Business	Verbal	Noting	
19.	Review of Meeting			
Date of next Governing Body Meeting: Tuesday 16 December 2025 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, Dr Laura Milner, Mrs Sharon O'Hare, Mrs Hilary Singleton, Mr Andrew Sloan, Mrs Angela Whiteside and Ms Celine-Maria Corhea (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 Gary Young (Head of Estates) Mr Lindsay Bronte (Development Manager) 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 College's 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 below

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](#)