



Meeting: Qualifications Board
Location: Virtual - Zoom
Date: 15 January 2021, 10:30 – 14:30

PRESENT:

The Chair (Suzy Walton), Keith Brumfitt, Charlotte Gladstone-Millar, Cristina Gutu, Michelle Hourican and Nigel Spencer.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Executive Director – Strategy & Development (Alan Hatfield), Director – Regulatory Relations (Sundeep Takwani), Director – Skills and Assessment (Catherine Edwards), Director – Professional Qualifications (Judith Bennett), Interim Director - Professional Qualifications (Ann Lamb), Director – Professional Insights (Mike Suffield) – item 4 only, Head of Education Recognition (Katrina Smyth), Professional Development Manager – Quality & Recognition (Linda Calder) – item 8 only, Qualifications Data Science Lead (Tom Laycock) – items 1-4 only and Regulation Officer (Jo Burns).

OBSERVERS:

Joe Johnson (ACCA Observer, Director – Professional Conduct).
Kate Ringham (Oxford Brookes University) – items 1-4 only.

APOLOGIES:

No apologies were received.

1. MINUTES

The Board approved the minutes of the last meeting of the Qualifications Board held on 15 October 2020. The Board noted that ACCA will make the suggested additions to the workplan.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

No apologies were received.

3. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were declared.

4. EXAMINATION RESULTS GOVERNANCE REVIEW

The Board received a presentation from the Director – Skills and Assessment regarding the results of the December 2020 exam session, including an update on any issues arising since the last examinations' results governance review.

The Board also received a report from the Chief External Examiner on her review of the exam papers. The Board noted that the Chief External Examiner's review of the exam papers was not impacted by Covid-19 and that there were no aspects of the examinations that gave her cause for concern.

Following all evidence presented and subsequent discussion, the Board agreed to ratify the December 2020 examination results.

5. FUTURE PLANNING – RESEARCH

The Board noted a presentation from the Director of Professional Insights on the range of areas that Professional Insights (PI) cover.

6. BOARD WORK PLAN

The Board noted its work plan for the Council year's 2020-2021 and added the following items to its work plan:

- Issues arising from remote invigilation
and
- Exam Delivery and Innovation.

7. LEAD REGULATOR UPDATE

The Board noted the update on ACCA's interactions with its lead regulators from the Head of Education Recognition and that ACCA remains in good standing with its lead regulators.

8. CPD COMPLIANCE UPDATE

The Board noted an update on CPD compliance from the Professional Development Manager – Quality & Recognition.

9. BREXIT IMPACT

The Board noted an update of the impact of Brexit on the recognition of the ACCA Qualification from the Head of Education Recognition.

10. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The Board noted the dates of future meetings, including the change in both July and October 2021 meeting dates:

- Friday 9 April 2021 – Half day (AM)



Think Ahead

- Friday 16 July 2021 – Full day
- Friday 15 October 2021 – Half day (AM)