

Delta Governance

Delta Academies Trust (the Trust) was incorporated on the 23 September 2010. It is a company limited by guarantee with no share capital (registration no. 07386086) and is an exempt educational charity under the Academies Act 2010. The charitable company's memorandum and articles of association dated 11 October 2010, are the primary governing documents of the Trust. The Trust is a single-trust multi-academy sponsor, with a clear geographical context, mainly in the Yorkshire and Humber region. It acts as one employer across all Trust academies.

The Members have an overview of the governance arrangements of the Trust and the power to appoint and remove Trustees.

The Trustees of the charitable company are Directors for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006 and Trustees for the purposes of charity legislation. Trustees of the charitable company are nominated by either the Secretary of State for Education or by the Members. Trustees, who are appointed on a voluntary basis, are drawn from the public and private sector, and bring significant educational and other professional expertise.

The Board of Trustees is the legal governing body of all academies within the MAT and remains accountable in law and to OFSTED, the DfE and the Education and Skills Funding Agency for the exercise of its functions. The specific functions and decisions that are reserved to the Board are set out in the Trust's Scheme of Delegation. The Board of Trustees has decided to meet at least six times a year and its rules and methods of operation are set out in the Trust's published Memorandum and Articles of Association. The Board of Trustees (Board) sets out group strategy and operational policies, which are then applied within and across all academies through the Executive Leadership of the Trust and via Heads of Academy, Principals, Senior Leadership Teams and Academy Advisory Bodies (AABs) which are established in each academy.

Sub-committees of the Board, together with their Terms of Reference were reviewed during the 2023/24 academic year. The following committees were formed with terms of reference and delegated powers, which are reviewed by the Board on at least an annual basis:

- Education Standards
- Education Inclusion
- Audit and Risk
- Finance, Capital and Resources
- Remuneration
- Exchange Partnership
- Environment
- Academy Advisory Bodies.

Members

Full Name	Date of appointment	Date stepped down	Declared Business and/or Pecuniary Interest	Other AABs/Governors / educational institutions
Steven Peter Hodsman	10 November 2015	Current Member	<p>Director of SPH Governance in Education Limited.</p> <p>Senior Associate of the Association of Education Advisers.</p> <p>Consultant Investigator for Browne Jacobson</p> <p>Member of the NGA NLG Advisory Group</p> <p>Member of the Large MAT Chairs Group</p>	<p>Member of the Education Standards Board for North Lincolnshire</p> <p>Member at Venn Academy Trust</p> <p>Appointed member of DfE Regional Director Advisory Board – Yorkshire and the Humber.</p>
Sandra Lesley Bailey	10 November 2015	Current Member	<p>Vice Chair of the Doncaster Schools Forum.</p> <p>Member of the Doncaster Learning Provision Board</p> <p>Member of the Independent Admissions Appeals Panel in Doncaster</p>	<p>Chair and Trustee of St Mary’s Academy Trust</p> <p>Governor at Thorne King Edward Primary School</p>
Denis Hird	15 September 2016	Current Member	None	<p>Chair of AAB at Goldthorpe Primary</p> <p>Governor at Wilthorpe Primary</p>

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Richard Martin Robinson	04 January 2019	Current Member	Director and Secretary of Sturmec Limited.	None
Neil Oliver	22 January 2019	Current Member	Cube 3 Construction Ltd.	None

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Trustees

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Paul Terence Tarn	29 February 2016	Members	Ex officio	Current Trustee and CEO	<p>Director Delta Academies Trust</p> <p>Director of Delta Academies Charitable Trust.</p> <p>Member of ASCL.</p> <p>Director of The Education Exchange Limited.</p>	CEO secondment to Coast And Vale Learning Trust.
David Stuart White	27 May 2020	Members	Four years	Current Trustee	<p>Chair of the Independent School Admissions Appeal Panel in Sheffield.</p> <p>Member, Independent School Exclusions Panel in Sheffield</p> <p>Member of the Independent Remuneration Committee at Sheffield City Council</p>	

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David Haigh	15 September 2020 (Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees)	Members	Four years	Current Trustee	<p>Member of the Magistrates Association</p> <p>South Yorkshire Magistrates Bench – Deputy Chair</p> <p>Mayor and Member of Meltham Town Council</p> <p>Member of the Local Councils Association – South Pennine Body</p> <p>Member and Benevolence and Welfare Officer for NASUWT.</p> <p>Part time driver South Pennine Community Transport</p>	
Sean Peter Cavan	15 December 2020	Members	Four years	Current Trustee	<p>Emeritus Fellow – Sheffield Hallam University</p> <p>Member of Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education/ DfE Trailblazer group for teacher apprenticeships</p> <p>Member of Association of Education Advisors</p> <p>Self-employed consultant</p>	<p>Member of the Advisory Board for Pathfinder Teaching School Hub</p>

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Sandra Lesley Bailey	18 December 2018	Members	Four years	Current Trustee	<p>Vice Chair of the Doncaster Schools Forum.</p> <p>Member of the Doncaster Learning Provision Board</p> <p>Member of the Independent Admissions Appeals Panel in Doncaster</p>	<p>Chair and Trustee of St Mary's Academy Trust</p> <p>Governor at Thorne King Edward Primary School</p>
Dr Christopher Thomas John Wilson	23 September 2021	Members	Four years	Current Trustee	<p>Director at Impacted, Impacted Consulting, Impacted SIV and Impacted Group Ltd.</p> <p>Director of Tooley Street Partnership Limited, Tooley Street Partnership Holdings and Tooley Street Group Limited.</p> <p>Director at The Engagement Platform Services Ltd.</p> <p>Director of The Responsible Business Unit</p> <p>Trustee at Get Further.</p>	<p>Member of the OFSTED Insights (Education) External Reference Group.</p>

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Laura Emily Blake	10 July 2024	Members	Four years	Current Trustee	Partner Connect Group Director – Connect PA Limited Director of SKG Group Limited Director Stratagem (NI) Limited Director Linco Consultancy Limited	
Hannah Purkiss	25 September 2024	Members	Four years	Current Trustee	Chief Operating Officer IntoUniversity	

Attendance at meetings 2023/24 academic year

1. Board meetings

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Steven Peter Hodsman (Chair)	6	6
Sandra Lesley Bailey	5	6
Paul Terence Tarn	6	6
Sean Peter Cavan	4	6
David White	6	6
David Haigh	6	6
Dr Chris Wilson	4	6

2. Membership and attendance of each sub- committee for the 2023/24 academic year was as follows:

a. Finance, Capital and Resources Committee

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Sandra Lesley Bailey (Chair)	6	6
Steven Peter Hodsman	3	6
Dr Chris Wilson	5	6

b. Audit and Risk Committee

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Sean Peter Cavan (Chair)	3	3
David White	3	3
David Haigh	3	3

c. Remuneration Committee

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Steven Peter Hodsman (Chair)	0	1
Sandra Lesley Bailey	1	1
David Haigh	1	1

d. Education Standards

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Sean Cavan	2	3
David Haigh (Chair)	3	3
Lesley Bailey	3	3
Dr Chris Wilson	3	3

e. Education Inclusion

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
David White (Chair)	4	4
Sandra Lesley Bailey	2	4
Steven Peter Hodsmann	3	4
Dr Chris Wilson	3	4

f. Education Partnership

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Sean Cavan	4	4
David Haigh (Chair)	3	4
Lesley Bailey	3	4
Dr Chris Wilson	2	4

g. The Environment Committee did not meet in the 2023/24 academic year.

4. Details of local Academy Advisory Body members, including their full names, date of appointment, term of office, date they stepped down (where applicable), who appointed them, relevant business and pecuniary interests including governance roles in other educational institutions and attendance records are published on individual academy websites. Details of the Chair of each Local Academy Advisory Body can also be found on individual academy websites or via the Get Information About Schools service <https://get-information-schools.service.gov.uk>.

For a full list of Trust Academies and links to their websites, please see <https://www.deltatrust.org.uk/our-academies>.