University of Brighton

Academies Trust

Members

Responsibilities and membership 2025/26

The key responsibilities of the Members are:

1. To agree the Articles of Association which define the trust's charitable purpose and how the Trust will run
2. To approve amendments to the Articles of Association
3. To oversee the governance arrangements of the Trust
4. To note the appointments of Members by the Sponsor and any resignations of Members
5. To receive the annual statutory accounts and the trust's annual report
6. To appoint and remove the trust's external auditors
7. To agree to enter into funding agreements with the Secretary of State in respect of schools joining the trust
8. To hold the Board of Trustees to account
9. To have due regard within its decisions to the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination, advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations between different people, in accordance with the public sector general duty of the Equality Act (2010)

Note: The University of Brighton as the Principal Sponsor appoints the Board of Trustees on behalf of the Members, as indicated by the trust's Articles, and is registered as the Relevant Legal Entity.

Membership 2025/26

Constitution	Membership 2025/26	Means of appointment
Principal Sponsor[1]	Represented by Andrew Lloyd	Not required
Three Members appointed by the University of Brighton as Principal Sponsor	Jeremy Nurse	Nominated
	Vacancy	Nominated
	Lorraine Harrison	Nominated

Chair

- Members shall elect one of their number by ordinary resolution to chair each meeting

Officers

- Samantha Coates, Deputy CEO: Chief Operating Officer
- Mark Blackman, Trust Leader
- Other members of trust staff may be invited to attend for specific items

Clerk

- Trust Governance Professional

Quorum

- Normal quorum: Two members (either in person or by proxy)

Meetings

- At least one meeting per school year.

[1] Any individual authorised to act on behalf of the University of Brighton