# **EQUITAS ACADEMIES TRUST**





MINUTES OF TRUST BOARD MEETINGS POLICY

**Review Date:** December 2018

To be Reviewed: December 2020

Agreed: Full Trust Board

**Policy Lead:** Marion Lower

#### MINUTES OF TRUST BOARD MEETINGS

#### 1. OVERVIEW

Equitas Academies Trust is aware that the minutes taken from all Trust Board meetings are the official record of the main matters discussed during a meeting and of any decisions taken.

The Trust understands that there is an obligation under the Freedom of Information Act to make available information on request depending on whether the Trust Board considers such information is deemed to be confidential under the Act.

#### 2. AIMS

To ensure that the minutes taken by the clerk are a true written record of a meeting and correspond with the Trustee's recollection of what was discussed at that meeting.

To work with other schools to share good practice in order to improve this policy.

### 3. RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE POLICY AND PROCEDURE – ROLE OF THE TRUST BOARD

The Trust Board has:

- appointed a clerk to the Trust;
- the responsibility for ensuring all Full Trust Board and sub-committee meetings are clerked;
- responsibility for approving the minutes of the Trust Board and sub-committee meetings;
- responsibility for ensuring all minutes are readily available upon request;
- delegated powers and responsibilities to the Executive Headteacher to ensure all Trust personnel and stakeholders are aware of and comply with this policy;
- responsibility for ensuring that the Trust complies with all equalities legislation;
- nominated a designated Equalities Trustee to ensure that appropriate action will be taken to deal with all prejudice related incidents or incidents which are a breach of this policy;
- responsibility for ensuring funding is in place to support this policy;
- responsibility for ensuring this policy and all policies are maintained and updated regularly;
- responsibility for ensuring all policies are made available to parents;
- responsibility for the effective implementation, monitoring and evaluation of this policy

## 4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

In order to establish whether the minutes are a true record of the last meeting, there will be a proposer and a seconder to confirm this or all those present will confirm approval.

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The Chair of the Trust Board or sub-committee Chair always signs the minutes after their

approval by the Trust Board or sub-committee at the next meeting.

5. **AVAILABILITY OF MINUTES** 

All minutes will be made available to any interested person.

6. MINUTES AGENDA AND OTHER DOCUMENTATION

The Trust will make available to any interested person the minutes, agenda and other

documentation for the next meeting.

7. CONFIDENTIALITY

The Trust will make every effort to maintain the confidentiality of any one named in the

minutes.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES** 8.

At each meeting the Chair will go through the minutes of the previous meeting and

Trustees can query or ask for further information on any item in those minutes.

Date of next review: December 2020

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