



Financial Reporting Council

FRC Board Terms of Appointment

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FRC Non-Executive Board Members - Terms of Appointment

The terms of appointment are subject to the Companies Act 2006 and to the Articles of Association of the FRC as amended from time to time. The Board complies with the relevant principles and provisions of the UK Corporate Governance code, including evaluating its own performance.

Members are appointed by the Secretary of State for the Department for Business and Trade in accordance with the Governance Code for Public Appointments and public sector diversity targets. The appointment of a Member will be for a period as agreed, unless otherwise terminated earlier by either party in accordance with the provisions of the Articles. The appointment may be renewed as agreed by the Secretary of State for the Department for Business and Trade.

The FRC Board is supported by two governance committees - the Audit & Risk Committee and the People Committee, and three regulatory committees - the Regulatory Standards and Codes Committee, the Supervision Committee and the Conduct Committee.

The anticipated time commitment for non-executive Board members is around 25 days per year. A Member's time commitment will include attending scheduled FRC Board and governance/regulatory committee meetings each year and any dedicated strategy or emergency meetings, as well as appropriate preparation time. Any circumstances which might affect a Member's ability to devote sufficient time to the role should be discussed with the Chair of the Board and/or the Company Secretary.

Remuneration of Members is set by agreement with the Secretary of State. Members are currently paid a fee of £17,500 per annum which is paid monthly in arrears. This amount is inclusive of membership of a committees. Additional fees are paid to Members appointed as Chairs of the committees. The FRC reimburses all reasonable expenses incurred in performing the duties of office. Members are classified as employees of the FRC for tax purposes and therefore expenses will be subject to taxation.

The FRC Board determines the FRC's philosophy and overall strategy and its management and culture as well as determining the nature and extent of the significant risks to be taken in achieving the FRC's strategic objectives. Members have the same general legal responsibilities to the FRC as any other Director under the Companies Act 2006 and are required to work with other FRC Directors and the Executive to support the FRC in achieving its agreed objectives in the public interest and for the benefit of its stakeholders.

Members are subject to the obligations set out in the Articles and to any Code of Conduct adopted by the Board and as amended from time to time. In particular, Members should discharge their responsibilities in the public interest and with integrity, objectivity and independence and in line with the Regulators' Code. Members must notify the FRC if they are subject of a disciplinary sanction by any professional or other body or tribunal if found guilty of an offence by any court, declared bankrupt, enter into an arrangement with creditors, or are otherwise disqualified from acting as a Member.

It is accepted and acknowledged that Members may have business interests other than those of the FRC. Any potential conflicts between a Member's own interests and the interests of the FRC should be declared to the Chair of the Board and the FRC's Company Secretary at the time of appointment. In the event that a Member becomes aware of any additional potential conflicts of interest, the Member should refer to the obligations detailed in the Code of Conduct and disclose the potential conflict to the Chair or Company Secretary as soon as they become apparent. Should a Member be offered any additional outside commitment, the Chair should be notified as soon as possible and before accepting.

If, during a term a Member considers accepting an appointment to any public company, other public interest entities or a high-profile position, that Member should follow the process set out in the FRC's Code of Conduct. If, during the period of appointment the Member's circumstances were to change in a way that suggested it no longer remained appropriate for the Member to continue with their roles at the FRC, the Chair will be asked to review the position with the Member.

All information acquired during a Member's appointment and which is not in the public domain is confidential to the FRC and should not be disclosed to third parties or used for any reason other than in the interest of the FRC without express prior clearance from the Chair, either during the appointment or following termination.

Members will be provided with an FRC email address to communicate with other Member or members of the Executive. Members may not use any other email address in respect of the communication of information that is confidential to the FRC. Members are not provided with hard copies of Board meeting packs, but have access to an online secure portal to access papers using their own tablet or other electronic device.

The FRC maintains directors' and officers' liability insurance cover for Members for the full term of their appointments. In an event where it proves necessary, Members may obtain independent professional advice at the FRC's expense through a procedure set out by the FRC.

The Board will review these terms of appointment annually.

Approved by the Board on the 21st September 2023