

Trustees

The Articles of Association for Sussex Learning Trust have established the Board of Trustees as comprising up to 11 Member-appointed Trustees. The Board may also co-opt additional Trustees.

Name of Trustee	Date of appointment (*indicates renewed term of office)	Term of office expires (see note)	Appointment method
Jonathan Ash-Edwards (Chair)	1/09/23	31/08/27	Appointed by Members and confirmed by Board
Jessica Gray	26/02/25*	25/02/29	Appointed by Members
Esther Gunter	05/11/24*	04/11/28	Appointed by Members
Hamish Hill	19/01/22*	18/01/26	Appointed by Members
Phillip Potter	07/12/22	06/12/26	Co-opted by Trustees
Stuart Robertson +	1/09/24*	31/08/28*	Appointed by Members
Kathleen Russ	17/07/24	16/07/28	Co-opted by Trustees
Rich Stevens	21/05/25**	20/05/29**	Co-opted by Trustees
Subbu Veluswamy +	06/05/22	05/05/26	Appointed by Members
Nicola Waters (Vice Chair)	07/06/24	06/06/28	Appointed by Members

+ Trustee serves as a member of the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee

* (additional term of office) Members ratified the reappointment as a Trustee following a reapplication on expiry of former term

** initially appointed by Members for a four-year term and subsequently co-opted by Trustees for a second four year term

Trustees have declared the following interests

Hamish Hill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independent private practice as clinical psychologist and associate (contractor) clinical psychologist with Beacon House Therapeutic Services and trauma team (since 2023) • Employed as Senior Practice Tutor on the Post-Graduate Certificate in Supervision at Anna Freud / University College London (since 01/09/2023) • Leader with 10th Haywards Heath Beavers group (since 01/10/2023)
Phillip Potter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trustee of Friends of Oak Grove College • Headteacher of Oak Grove College • Governor Headteacher (ex officio) Oak Grove College • Local Governor South Downs Teacher Training
Kathleen Russ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Independent Trustee of British Universities and Colleges Sport • Chair of England Hockey • Chair of Mansfield College Audit Committee (since 29/11/24)

The following Trustees have declared the following relationships with members of the Sussex Learning Trust academies community

Esther Gunter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trustee with child at Warden Park Secondary Academy
Rich Stevens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trustee with children at Northlands Wood Primary Academy and Warden Park Secondary Academy

Attendance at Board of Trustees meetings

Name of Trustee	2024/25	2025/26
Jonathan Ash-Edwards	6/6	1/1
Jessica Gray	4/6	1/1
Esther Gunter	2/6	1/1
Hamish Hill	6/6	1/1
Phillip Potter	5/6	0/1
Rich Stevens	5/6	1/1
Kathleen Russ	4/6	1/1
Stuart Robertson +	6/6	1/1
Subbu Veluswamy +	5/6	1/1
Nicola Waters	6/6	1/1
Jeff Thompson		
Jenny Allik	2/2	
Peter Hiscock	6/6	

*** The record shows the number of meetings attended/number of meetings that a governor was eligible to attend

Former Trustees In post from 2022 to current year	Date of appointment	Date of stepping down or expiry of term
Phil Todd	02/04/18*	03/04/22 End of term of office
Joe Packham	19/1/22* (third term of office)	29/3/23 Resignation
Jeff Thompson	9/10/19 (Member appointed) 18/10/23 (Co-opted by Trustees)	18/10/23 (end of initial term of office) 31/12/23 (resignation)
Jenny Allik	21/02/24*	20/01/25 (resignation)
Peter Hiscock	29/03/22	18/07/25 (resignation)