

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ONSLOW COLLEGE BOARD

OUT OF CYCLE MEETING

Location: Online

Date: 30 July 2025 AT 6:00 PM

Present: Chris Albertson, Ezra Shaw, Jessica Churchman, Melina Hogg, Bronwyn Raybould, Piripi Evans, Tim Dagger, Chris Albertson, Marianne Taylor, Carol Murray Brown, Jono Wyeth, Craig McWilliam, Gianni Martin

Apologies: Andy Inder, Huia Puketapu

Confirmation of Minutes

A motion was put forward to accept the minutes of the previous out-of-cycle board meeting held on 5 June 2025 as a true and fair record.

Moved: Ezra Shaw

Seconded: Chris Albertson

Result: Carried

Motion: Reduction of Student Representatives

A motion was put forward to reduce the number of student representatives on the Board from four to two.

Discussion Summary

The Board held a discussion on the motion. Key points raised included:

- A board member noted that reducing the number of student representatives would align with the co-governance structure for gender representation on the Board.
- A note was made that this change would allow the Board the capacity to co-opt members with specific skills to address a range of challenges.
- It was stated that two representatives would still provide double the representation of many other schools.
- The stewardship of the school's resources was also raised as a consideration.

Concerns raised against the reduction:

- A student representative questioned the urgency of the decision, noting the meeting was out-of-cycle and that the issue was originally intended for the August meeting. They expressed that they were not prepared for a binding vote and needed time to consider the impact and consult with others.
- The staff representative questioned the original rationale for having four representatives. They expressed concern that reducing student voice goes against the value the Board places on it and stated they had not had the opportunity to canvas staff on the matter.
- Several members expressed concern about the lack of a paper or prior communication on this significant topic, feeling that a brief discussion was insufficient for an informed decision.

Key Questions and Suggestions during discussion:

- A member asked how representation and governance function in this context. They suggested that if a reduction occurred, the Board should consider what could be put in place to support the remaining student representatives.
- The idea of a subcommittee for gender and rangatahi representation was proposed as an alternative to explore.
- The value of the learning and governance experience that comes with being a student representative was

highlighted.

- The current student leadership structure, a group of 24 students meeting fortnightly, was mentioned.

Outcome

Due to the significant concerns raised about the lack of notice and the need for more thorough consideration, a formal vote on the motion was deferred. The Board agreed that a paper should be prepared by the students to allow for an informed decision at a future meeting on Monday 4 August via online meet.

Moved: | CARRIED

Approved as a true and correct record:

Signed: 