

London Universities Purchasing Consortium Board elections 2024

The rotation of the Board members is intended to ensure that direct representation is made available to all members on a rolling three-year basis. All Board members are subject to re-election at the end of a three-year term.

The current Board, their original appointment dates and their last election dates are as follows:

| Director | Member | Specialism | Date of original appointment | Date of last election | Next election due |
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| Mark Blaney (Chair) | Royal College of Anaesthetists | Financial | 20/9/2017 | 2023 | 2026 |
| Andrew Dyer (Dep. Chair) | London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine | Financial | 11/12/2020 | n/a | 2024 |
| Vacancy | | Sustainability or Responsible Procurement | | | 2024 |
| Vacancy | | HR | | | 2024 |
| Amanda White | Royal College of Art | Financial | 15/9/2017 | 2023 | 2026 |
| Dan Roberts | SOAS | ICT | 9/12/2022 | n/a | 2026 |
| Cristian Martin | LSE | Procurement | 17/3/2024 | n/a | 2026 |
| Christopher Hinge | University of Westminster | Estates/FM | 8/12/2023 | n/a | 2027 |
| Simon Francis | Institute of Cancer Research | Estates/FM | 8/12/2023 | n/a | 2027 |
| Don Bowman (and Co. Secretary) | LUPC | n/a | 1/12/2018 | n/a | n/a |

Board members, with the exception of the Executive Director (Don Bowman), are appointed for three-year terms and the Articles allow for 10 Board members, plus the LUPC Director.

There are two Board members who have now resigned from the Board or reached the end of their term, and one who is due for re-election. A total of three Board positions are available.

One of the roles will be reserved for a specialist *HR candidate* and another for a specialist in the *Sustainability or Responsible Procurement field*. Having specialist roles ensures the Board is well advised across a range of relevant areas.

The Articles allow that only one Board member per LUPC member is allowed.

As a responsible business organisation, LUPC strongly encourages applications from under-represented groups to put themselves forward, to ensure the Board reflects the diversity of our membership. Currently there is under representation from both female and ethnic minority directors on LUPC's board and we would welcome applicants that would help us to achieve a representative Board.

Election Process

In the event of no additional nominations being made, the existing members may be re-elected for a further term, subject to the agreement of the Board.

If more than three candidates put themselves forward, an election will be required on the following basis:

- all full member institutions are invited to vote for a representative on the basis of one vote per institution per vacancy;
- all nominations by a full member institution must be seconded by another;
- the candidate(s) securing the highest number of votes at the close of the ballot will become the elected member, subject to the agreement of the Board;
- If nominations do not exceed the number of vacancies, the Board may agree the election without a formal ballot;
- a period of at least two weeks will be allowed for nominations to be made;
- in the event that the nominations exceed the number of vacancies a further two weeks will be allowed for the return of ballot papers; and
- in the event of a tie or insufficient ballot returns the Board will agree the outcome of the election.

LUPC Board Elections timetable 2024

| • | Invitation to nominate representatives | 18 June 2024 |
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| • | Closing date for nominations | 5 July 2024 |
| | If an election is required (more than 3 candidates) | |
| | Issue of ballot papers by | 8 July 2024 |
| • | Closing date of ballot | 22 July 2024 |
| • | Result to be confirmed by | 23 July 2024 |

If you are interested in putting yourself forward for Board membership or would like more information, please contact <u>Don Bowman</u>.