

JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS COMMISSION (JAC) MEETING

9 March 2023

Minutes of Board Meeting

Present	
Commissioners	Staff
Helen Pitcher (Chair)	Chief Executive
Adam Johnson (interim Vice Chair)	Deputy Chief Executive
Mathangi Asokan	Head of Operations and Digital
Christa Christensen	Head of Operational Delivery
Anuja Dhir	Head of Diversity and Engagement
Emir Feisal	Head of Selection Policy
Sue Hoyle	Head of Secretariat/Board Secretary
Andrew Kennon	Senior Policy Advisor
Sarah Lee	
Barry Morgan	
Greg Sinfeld	
Brie Stevens-Hoare	
Apologies	
Jane Furniss	
Simon Wessely	

1. Apologies and matters arising

- 1.1 The minutes of the 9 February 2023 meeting were agreed.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from Jane Furniss and Simon Wessely.

2. Chief Executive's Report and Management Information Pack

- 2.1 The Chief Executive:

- provided an update on Commissioner recruitment
- provided an update on the 2023-24 recruitment programme;
- provided a legally privileged update on ongoing litigation; and
- provided an update on the JAC's financial position and allocation for 2022-23.

3. Report back from Committees and Working Groups

- 3.1 The Chair asked Commissioners to report back on recent meetings of committees and working groups.

Advisory Group

3.2 Sue Hoyle reported back from the Advisory Group (AG) which was held on 7 March.

3.3 The AG reviewed:

- the qualifying test for Fee-paid First-tier Tribunal and Employment Tribunal;
- the qualifying test for Deputy District Judge (Magistrates Court);
- the strategic leadership question for Senior Circuit Judge, Resident Judge (Southwark);
- the situational questions for Salaried Regional Employment Judge of the Employment Tribunals;
- the situational questions for Fee Paid Economist Member of the Upper Tribunals (Tax and Chancery); and
- the role play for Deputy District Judge

4. Chairman's Report

4.1 The Chair reported back on her meetings with

- The Senior President of Tribunals on 22 February;
- The Lord Chancellor on 23 February;
- The Senior Presiding Judge on 23 February; and
- The President of CILEX on 27 February

4.2 The Chair advised the Board that she had recently sat on the Chair of the Law Commission selection panel.

4.3 Greg Sinfield reported back on a recent in person seminar at the Royal Courts of Justice.

4.4 Brie Stevens-Hoare reported back on a recent outreach event on Judicial Pathways for the Employed Bar.

5. Evaluation of the situational video assessment used in the Road User Charging Adjudicator exercise

- 5.1 The Head of Selection Policy presented a paper on the evaluation and recommendations of the situational video assessment used in the Road User Charging Adjudicator exercise.
- 5.2 Following discussion, the Board agreed for the use of situational video assessment as a potential tool in exercises. The use of the situational video assessment will be considered by the Board in the relevant selection exercise process paper.

6. Review of Statutory Consultation – review of exercises launching in Quarter 1 2023/24 of the Forward Programme

- 6.1 The Senior Policy Advisor presented a paper with recommendations for the exercises launching in Q1 which require a decision around whether to retain or dispense with Statutory Consultation.
- 6.2 Following discussion, the Board agreed to the recommendations set out in line with published policy.

7 Forward Look and AOB

- 7.1 The Board noted the 2023 Forward Look and that the next Board meeting would be held on 13 April 2023.