

Aide-Memoire: Cabinet Business Committee Talking Points – institute of technology and polytechnic council appointments

To:	Hon Chris Hipkins, Minister of Education
From:	Mike Blanchard, Deputy Chief Executive Operations, Tertiary Education Commission
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Purpose

1. To provide talking points for the Cabinet Business Committee on 24 April 2018 in relation to appointments to the governing councils of tertiary education institutions (TEIs).
2. We recommend that you release this aide-memoire but only after the appointment process has been completed and a press release announcing the appointments has been issued.

Talking Points

3. As Minister of Education, I make four appointments to each council of an institute of technology or polytechnic (ITP) and appoint the Chair and Deputy Chair from the eight members of the full council.

I intend to make 19 appointments to nine ITP councils

4. Of the 19 appointments, seven are new council members, 11 of the 19 appointees are women, and eight are leadership positions.
5. In view of the ITP Roadmap 2020 Project, and the potential for significant structural change in the ITP sector in the near future, I have reappointed existing council members where practicable. I have also made the appointments for relatively short terms, mostly for two years, but in two cases only one year each.
6. New appointees to ITP council membership are Wendie Harvey (EIT), Jennifer Moxon (Open Polytechnic), Annette Main (UCOL), Daniel Fleming (WITT), Tracy Johnston (NMIT), and Bill Moran (Otago Polytechnic).

In making these appointments, I am fulfilling my statutory responsibilities as Minister

7. I confirm that as the responsible Minister for these appointments, I have taken into account the relevant sections of the Education Act 1989. In particular, I have considered the need for council membership to reflect the ethnic and socio-economic profile of the community the institution serves and the gender balance of the population; the requirement for Māori membership; and the knowledge, skills and experience members require to fulfil their individual duties and the functions and responsibilities of the council.

8. I am confident that the governance skills and experience of these council members will make an important contribution to the council's discussion and decision-making, and to the leadership of their institutions.

Eastern Institute of Technology (EIT)

9. I intend to appoint Geraldine TRAVERS, who is a Ministerial appointee of EIT's council, as EIT's Chair to the end of her term as a council member, from 1 June 2018 to 30 April 2019, the end of her term as member. As Chair, Geraldine succeeds David Pearson who has served on the council since 2003.
10. I also intend to reappoint Ross McKELVIE and Jacoby POULAIN as members, and make the new appointment of Wendie HARVEY as a member. These appointments are each for a two-year term from 1 May 2018.
11. **Geraldine TRAVERS MNZM JP** is a Hastings District Councillor. She received her MNZM in 2015 for services to education and was Principal of Hastings Girls' High School from 1998 to 2017. She has been Chair of the Education Link Group for Hastings' Sister City, Guilin *in China and has forged new ties in the form of student and teacher exchanges.*
12. **Ross McKELVIE** is a Napier businessman who has had numerous interests in the tourism industry and currently holds the Youth and Vocational office in the Napier Rotary Club. He was a member of the New Zealand Tourism Advisory Group and a member of the Napier Tourism Forum. Ross chairs Eastern Institute of Technology's Audit, Finance and Risk Committee.
13. **Jacoby POULAIN** is a third term Councillor for the Hastings District Council and a second term elected Board Member of the Hawkes Bay District Health Board. She has represented the East Coast on the Māori committee of Local Government New Zealand and has served in a governance capacity for numerous community organisations. Jacoby holds a LLB from Otago University
14. **Wendie HARVEY** has over 25 years' experience as a lawyer, executive manager and business consultant. Her governance experience includes Hawkes Bay Airport, Port of Napier, Centralines Limited, QRS (Quality Road Services (Wairoa) Ltd) and ETCO (Electrical Training Company Ltd). Wendie also serves as a Commissioner on the New Zealand Gambling Commission.

NorthTec

15. I intend to reappoint Jane HINDLE as Deputy Chair of the Northtec council for a term from 1 May 2018 to 28 February 2022, to align with her term as a council-appointed member. I also intend to appoint Murray BAIN as a member for two years from 1 May 2018. Murray is Chair of the Open Polytechnic New Zealand, making a cross-council appointment.
16. **Jane HINDLE** was appointed as a member by the NorthTec council in 2013. She has been involved in the data and telecommunications industry for 23 years, working in the UK, Europe and New Zealand. She has served on the Board of Enterprise Northland and is Executive Trustee of the R. Tucker Thompson Sail Training Trust. She is co-Chair for the Te Au Mārie 1769 Sestercentennial Trust and is a member of the National Coordinating Committee of Tuia – First Encounters 250.
17. **Murray BAIN** is Principal of Bain & Associates and an experienced director, corporate and government organisational leader. During his career across the public and private sector he has been a senior banker, senior financial executive, and chief executive in government agencies. He also has wide board experience across a range of private, not-for-profit and government organisations.

Open Polytechnic

18. I intend to reappoint Vaughan RENNER as a member and as Deputy Chair; and make the new appointment of Jennifer MOXON as a member. These appointments are both for two years from 1 May 2018.
19. **Vaughan RENNER** has been the Open Polytechnic's Deputy Chair since 2014 and is also Deputy Chair of the WelTec Whitireia combined council. Vaughan has an MBA and science and engineering qualifications. He is self-employed and has strong commercial, strategic planning and IT skills. Vaughan has a background in governance that includes Westlake Governance Limited and is a member of the Institute of Directors.
20. **Jennifer MOXON** has worked in senior executive and business leadership roles for the past 15 years in the technology and innovation industry, working with clients and start-up companies across Australia and New Zealand. Jennifer has held a number of CEO roles. This has provided Jennifer with the skills and capability to lead multicultural teams across a range of client portfolios and a strong understanding of the imperatives in leading successful strategic digital and innovation programs. Jennifer has strong collaboration, strategy, and governance skills.

Universal College of Learning (UCOL)

21. I intend to appoint Deputy Chair Ben VANDERKOLK as Chair from 1 May 2018 to 30 April 2021, the end of his term as a member. As Chair, Ben succeeds Malcolm Inglis.
22. I intend to reappoint Leanne SOUTHEY as a member for a term of three years and appoint her as Deputy Chair. I also intend to reappoint Pamela JEFFRIES as a member for one year; and make the new appointment of Annette MAIN as a member for a two year term.
23. **Ben VANDERKOLK** has been Crown Solicitor in Palmerston North since 1987 and practises in criminal and private and commercial litigation. Ben has been a member of the Law Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal and of the Faculty of the NZ Law Society Litigation Skills Programme. Ben has served as Chair of the NZ Netherlands Foundation, is Chair of the Te Awahou-Nieuwe Stroom Trust, and has served as Chair of the Manfeild Park Trust. He is a member of the BCC Trust, and is also on the Council of Massey University. Ben has lived in Palmerston North since 1983.
24. **Leanne SOUTHEY** is a director of Southey Sayer Limited, a public accountancy practice based in Masterton. She is a Chartered Accountant, chairs UCOL's Audit and Risk Committee and Deputy Chair of the Wairarapa DHB. Leanne is also Chair of Masterton Trust Lands Trust and a committee member of several Wairarapa organisations.
25. **Pamela JEFFRIES** is a professional director and Fellow of the New Zealand Institute of Chartered Accountants. She has held a number of senior roles, including Chief Commissioner of the New Zealand Human Rights Commission, and Acting Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operations Manager for Specialist Education Services. Pamela's extensive governance experience includes Bank of New Zealand, Wairarapa District Health Board, Metrowater Ltd, and the Legal Services Board.
26. **Annette MAIN ONZM** is a former Whanganui Mayor and is committed to the Whanganui city, region, and to tertiary education and has contributed to the positive relationship between UCOL and the Whanganui community. She was a strong advocate for the MPTT initiative in Whanganui and is a successful entrepreneur and small and medium-sized enterprises (SME) owner with strong connections to business, iwi and the community.

Western Institute of Technology at Taranaki (WITT)

27. I intend to appoint Daniel FLEMING as a member of WITT's council for term of two years from 1 May 2018.
28. **Daniel FLEMING** is General Manager and Co-owner of New Plymouth's leading luxury boutique hotel, King and Queen Hotel Suites and has worked in hotels throughout New Zealand and Australia. Daniel studied at the Pacific International Hotel Management School (PIHMS). He is Deputy Chair of the Taranaki Chamber of Commerce, Deputy Chair of the Business and Retail Association, Chair of the West End Precinct and has been an Advisor to the WITT Council for the last 9 months.

Ara Institute of Canterbury

29. I intend to reappoint Elizabeth HOPKINS as a member of the Ara Institute of Canterbury's council for one year from 1 May 2018.
30. **Elizabeth Hopkins** is a specialist in scientific commercialisation, and pharmaceutical and biotechnology management and has held senior executive positions with several prominent biotechnology companies in New Zealand and overseas. She is a Director of Innate Therapeutics and is a Ministerial appointed member of International Accreditation New Zealand and was, until 2016, Director of Research and Innovation for Lincoln University.

Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology (NMIT)

31. I intend to reappoint Paul STEERE as a member of the NMIT council and appoint him as Deputy Chair. I also intend to appoint Tracy JOHNSTON as a member of the NMIT council. These appointments are each for a two-year term from 1 May 2018.
32. **Paul STEERE** was the founding CEO of New Zealand King Salmon and has been a director since 2009. Paul has a background in manufacturing, and international trade and previously held senior executive positions with a British multinational, before joining the NZ Dairy Board as a General Manager for eight years. Paul is currently Chair of ASX listed Cleanseas Tuna Limited, Chair of Nelson Airport Limited, and a director of other substantial private businesses.
33. **Tracy JOHNSTON** is based in Marlborough and a Consultant with TRC, a leading international tourism, recreation and conservation consulting business. Tracy was the General Manager of Destination Marlborough for eight years until she stepped down in 2017. She is a qualified marketer and experienced business manager with over 20 years' experience working in destination marketing roles both in NZ and offshore. Tracy is part owner of Dayvinleigh Vineyard and is on the Wine Marlborough board.

Otago Polytechnic

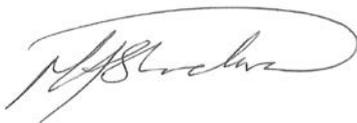
34. I intend to reappoint Kathy GRANT as a member and as Chair of the Otago Polytechnic council; and to make the new appointment of Bill MORAN as a member and as Deputy Chair. These appointments are each for a two-year term from 1 May 2018.
35. **Kathy GRANT** is as a solicitor in the legal practice of Gallaway Cook Allan. She was previously a member of the University of Otago council and Chair of the council of the Dunedin College of Education. Kathy is also a director of Dunedin City Holdings Limited, Deputy Chair of Sport Otago and a board member of the Dunedin Sinfonia. In 2015, the Minister of Health appointed Kathy as Commissioner of Southern District Health Board following the disestablishment of the DHB.

36. **Bill MORAN** is based in Queenstown and was with the New Zealand Treasury from 1985 to 2016. His most recent role as Chief Operating Officer saw him overseeing work on New Zealand's economic strategy and ensuring the Treasury operates effectively. He also spent eight years as principal economic advisor to two Ministers of Finance and a Deputy Minister of Finance. Bill spent eight years on the board of New Zealand Football and was chair of the organising committee for the 2015 FIFA Under-20 Men's World Cup. He also has ties with the creative sector as founder and initial Chair of the Play It Strange Trust.

Southern Institute of Technology (SIT)

37. I intend to reappoint Tim WARD as a member and as Deputy Chair for two years from 1 May 2018.

38. **Tim WARD** contributes a range of business and community experience to the SIT council table. He is Managing Partner of BDO Invercargill and provides advisory services to a wide range of clients. Tim chaired the Spicer & Oppenheim National Partnership prior to the merger to form BDO. He has been a member of BDO's National Management Board and currently chairs the forum of BDO's Managing Partners. Tim is a Fellow of Chartered Accountants Australia & New Zealand.



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