UKSC Board

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 30 June 2026

Venue: Meeting Room 5, UKSC

Attendees: Iain Lanaghan – Non-Executive Director (Chair)
Julie Nerney – Non-Executive Director
Jane Furniss – Non-Executive Director
Vicky Fox – Chief Executive Officer
Sam Clark – Director of Corporate Services
Paul Strang – Finance Director
Celia Cave – Registrar
Board Secretary – Neil Johnstone

Apologies: None

Agenda Item 1: Welcome and Apologies

1. The Chair welcomed Board members to the meeting.

Agenda Item 2: Declaration of Interests

2. The Chair disclosed a new appointment as a Non-Executive Director and Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee at the Rail Safety and Standards Board (RSSB), and their resignation as a Director of the North Sea Transition Authority (NSTA) on 30 April 2026.

3. The Board agreed that there was no conflict of interest regarding this appointment.

Agenda Item 3: Minutes of the Last Meeting

4. The Board agreed the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 16 March 2026.

Agenda Item 4: Operational Overview and Performance

5. The Board considered the Operational Overview and Performance of the Court noting the key achievements during March, April and May. The conclusion of the 2023–26 Business Plan and the start of the new three-year Business Plan, including its vision, priorities and values were also discussed.

6. The independent selection commission for the new President of the Court had submitted its report to the Lord Chancellor, who was undertaking the statutory consultation. Although several stages remained, the outcome was expected in early autumn. The new President could then be sworn in during January.

7. The Board discussed the successful sitting of the Court in Glasgow and the associated engagement activities. It noted management's plans to build on this success and the lessons learned. The Board also noted that the case management portal had made the Court sitting outside of London easier for the team.

8. The Board considered the new way Performance was being reported to the Court's boards and welcomed its stronger focus on strategic outcomes. Further work would be undertaken to ensure that targets were set at an appropriate level at the start of each reporting year.

9. The Board discussed fee income.

10. The Board reviewed the Risk Register.

Agenda Item 5: AI – Update

11. The Board received an overview of work to implement AI across the Court. An AI Board, accountable to the Chief Executive Officer had been established, chaired by the Director of Corporate Services and including a Non-Executive Director. Work was progressing at pace, with an immediate focus on putting appropriate guardrails in place to support the initial internal use of an AI tool by staff and Justices during the summer vacation. The implementation would

be evaluated in October to determine whether further support, guidance or governance was required.

12. The Board was reassured that effective guardrails, training and guidance were being prioritised. It noted the timetable for the go/no-go decision.

Agenda Item 6: Governance Items – Committee Update

13. The Chair provided an overview of the extraordinary ARAC meeting held on 29 June 2026. Members were informed that NAO had presented its Audit Completion Report, which identified no errors. ARAC recommended that the Accounting Officer approve the accounts, allowing the Annual Report and Accounts to be laid before Parliament ahead of the summer recess.

14. The Board also received an update from the Committee Chair on the Remuneration Committee meeting held on 30 June, at which the 2026/27 staff pay award was discussed.

Agenda Item 7: Action Log

15. There were no actions to review.

Agenda Item 8: Any Other Business

16. There were no items raised.

Agenda Item 9: Board Effectiveness Review

17. Board members reflected on the effectiveness of the meeting.

Date of the next UKSC Board meeting: Tuesday 29 September 2026 at 14:00