

The Federation of Westminster Special Schools

Governing Board Membership as at 23rd January 2026

Name	Governor Type	Term From	Term To	Roles	Attendance Sept 24 – July 25
Jackie Barry	Co-opted	27 March 2025	26 th March 2029		FGB 4 out of 4
David Dyer	Co-opted governor	23 Feb 2022	23 Feb 2026	Policies	FGB 2 out of 7
Andrew Garwood-Watkins	Co-opted governor	04 Dec 2023	3 Dec 2027	Chair of Governors Safeguarding GDPR/Cyber Security Pay Panel	FGB 7 out of 7 Pay 2 out of 2
Cigdem Kasman	Co-opted governor	01 Jul 2024	30 Jun 2028	Pay Panel	FGB 7 out of 7 Pay 1 out of 2
Arun Krishnan	Co-opted governor	01 Jul 2025	30 June 2029		FGB 1 out of 1
Fiona McCarthy	Parent governor	04 Aug 2024	3 Aug 2028		FGB 5 out of 7
Aslam Merchant	Local Authority Governor	01 July 2025	30 June 2029	Health & Safety Governor Pay Panel	FGB 6 out of 7 Pay 2 out of 2
Pamela Murphy	Headteacher ex officio	25 Oct 2024			FGB 6 out of 6
Mike Owen	Staff	01 Sep 2022	31 Aug 2026		FGB 6 out of 7
Louise Ritchie	Co-opted	01 July 2025	30 June 2029		N/A
Richard Samuel	Parent governor	01 Jan 2022	31 Dec 2026	Health & Safety Governor	FGB 5 out of 7
Claire Shepherd	Headteacher ex officio	25 Oct 2024			FGB 6 out of 6
Gemma White	Co-opted	22 May 2025	21 May 2029	Vice Chair of Governors	FGB 1 out of 2
Leavers					
Pam Jones	Interim Exec Headteacher (no longer a governor)				FGB 1 out of 1 Pay 1 out of 1
Ayelet Persey	Co-opted governor	27 Mar 2023	26 Mar 2027	Resigned 13 2 25	1 out of 3

FGB = Full Governing Board meetings Pay = Pay Panel meetings