VODG Annual General Meeting Minutes

Thursday 20 November 2025

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Voluntary Organisations Disability Group held at 15.00 on Thursday 20 November 2025 at the Events @ No. 6, Terrace Room, 6 Alie Street, London, E1 8QT.

Mel Shad, Chair of VODG trustees, welcomed members and stakeholders in attendance.

1. Quorum

The Chair confirmed that a quorum was present. Apologies were noted.

2. Notice of Meeting

It was agreed that the notice convening the meeting be taken as read.

3. Minutes of the AGM held on Thursday 21 November 2024

The minutes were approved by Robert Shanahan, Chief Executive of Aspens; seconded by Stephen Veevers, Chief Executive of Hft.

4. Board's report and accounts and external examiner's report for the year ended March 31 2025

The Chair introduced the report on behalf of the trustees and spoke to the accounts. The Chair confirmed a 6 month reserve policy had been adopted, and the amount of reserves held is £328k.

The external examinaer's report and accounts were received and adopted, proposed by Diane Hesketh, CEO of Natural Breaks; seconded by Anna Lewis, CEO of Centre 404

5. To elect as a trustee: Naomi Dickson, Angela Murphy and Stephen Veevers

The Chair oversaw the election of Naomi Dickson, Angela Murphy and Stephen Veevers who were subsequently elected. Proposed by Helen England, CEO of Brandon Trust; seconded by John Heritage, Chief Executive at David Lewis.

6. Reappointment of MHA as external auditors 2025/26

MHA Macintyre Hudson were reappointed as external examiners for the year ending 31 March 2026. Proposed by Naomi Dixon, Chief Executive at Norwood; seconded by Kari Gerstheimer, Chief Executive at Access Social Care.

The Chair closed the meeting with thanks to the VODG staff and trustee teams, and for members for their support for VODG over the year.