

Governing Body – Register of Interests and Attendance (2026–2027)

About Our Governing Body

The Governing Body of West Sussex Alternative Provision College consists of 6 members and operates through a structured committee system.

Core functions include:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos, and strategic direction
- Holding the Headteacher to account for educational performance
- Overseeing effective use of financial resources

Governing Body Membership (2026–2027)

Name	Appointed by	Category	Term of Office	Committees	Declaration of Interests	Attendance
Miss Vanessa Brown	Local Authority	Clerk	08/06/2026 – 08/06/2029	FGB	Employee of WSAPC	2
Mr Bob Smytherman	Appointed by GB/board	Chair	26 Sept 2022 – 25 Sept 2030	FGB, L&S, Resources	Multiple roles declared	5
Mr Christopher Smethurst	Appointed by GB/board	Headteacher	4 Sept 2024 – 3 Sept 2028	FGB, L&S, Resources	None	1
Mr Doug Thomas	Ex-officio by virtue of office as headteacher/principal	Executive Headteacher	21 May 2014 -20 May 2026	FGB, L&S, Resources, Chalkhill	None	5
Mrs Danielle Smith	Elected by school staff		13/03/2025 - 12/03/2029	FGB	None	5
Mrs Gina Webb	Nominated by LA and appointed by GB	Vice Chair	31 Oct 2020 - 30 Oct 2028	FGB, L&S, Resources	None	5
Mrs Suzanne Pike	Appointed by GB/board	Governor	4 Sept 2024 – 3 Sept 2028	FGB, L&S, Resources	None	4
Mrs Julie Crickmore	Elected by school staff		13/03/2025 – 12/03/2029	FGB	None	5

Associate Members (2026–2027)

Name	Appointing Body	Category	Term of Office	Committee Responsibilities	Register of Interests	Attendance
Mrs Sam Channon	Appointed by GB/board	Chief Operations Officer, Lead for Medical and CAT team / Associate Member	25 Sept 2025 – 24 Sept 2029	FGB, Learning & Standards, Resources, Chalkhill	Employee of WSAPC	4

Governors Who Have Resigned (Last 12 Months)

Name	Appointing Body	Category	Term of Office	Committee Responsibilities	Register of Interests	Information	Attendance before resigning
Mrs Jemma Lyons	Staff	Head of Curriculum / Associate Member	Resigned 31.05.26		None	Resigned within last 12 months	3

Governors (West Sussex Alternative Provision College)

Name	Position	Appointed	Email	Telephone
Associate Member- 4 Years				
Samantha Channon		25/09/2025 - 24/09/2029	schannon@wsapc.co.uk	01444 232771
Associate Member- 4 Years				
Jemma Lyons		17/04/2024 - 16/04/2028	jlyons@wsapc.co.uk	01444232771
Clerk				
Vanessa Brown	Clerk	11/05/2026	VaBrown@wsapc.co.uk	01444232771
LA				
Bob Smytherman	Chair	26/09/2022 - 25/09/2026	bsmytherman1@wsapc.co.uk	01444 232771
LA				
Gina Webb	Vice Chair	31/10/2020 - 30/10/2028	gwebb@wsapc.co.uk	01444 232771
Co-opted				
Suzanne Pike		04/09/2024 - 03/09/2028	spike@wsapc.co.uk	01444232771
Co-opted				
Christopher Smethurst		04/09/2024 - 03/09/2028	csmethurst@wsapc.co.uk	01444232771
Headteacher				
Doug Thomas	Headteacher	21/05/2014 - 20/05/2064	dthomas@wsapc.co.uk	01444 232771
Staff				
Julie Crickmore		13/03/2025 - 12/03/2029	jcrickmore@wsapc.co.uk	01444232771
Staff				
Danielle Smith		13/03/2025 - 12/03/2029	dsmith@wsapc.co.uk	01903 895465

Positions

Headteacher	Doug Thomas
Chair	Bob Smytherman
Vice Chair	Gina Webb
Clerk	Vanessa Brown

Categories

Category	Number	Current	Vac's
Associate Member- 4 Years	2	2	0
Clerk	1	1	0
LA	2	2	0
Co-opted	9	2	7
Headteacher	1	1	0
Parent	2	0	2
Staff	3	2	1