

AITSL Board Meeting Report

12 March 2024

The meeting was attended by Board Directors:

- Dr Michele Bruniges (Chair)
- Mr Chris Wardlaw (Deputy Chair)
- Mr Andy Mison
- Ms Beth Blackwood
- Professor Donna Pendergast
- Dr Jennifer Buckingham
- Professor Lee Anne Perry
- Ms Renez Lammon

Summary

Strategic Matters

CEO Report

The Board receives a report from the AITSL Chief Executive Officer (CEO) at each meeting with key updates on the delivery of AITSL's continuing work program, including corporate matters, people and culture matters, policy and program highlights, fee-for-service and international projects, and stakeholder engagement activities.

The Board had a robust discussion about standards and early childhood teachers and there was broad agreement that a short-term solution to provide guidance to early childhood teachers paired with a complete review on the broader issues is the most desirable outcome, noting that any review of the *Australian Professional Standards for Teachers* (Teacher Standards) represents a reputational risk to AITSL.

AITSL Impact Measurement Strategy

Every 6 months, the Board receives an update on the Impact Measurement Strategy containing monitoring and evaluation information for each of AITSL's programs (streams of work). The Report is not published externally but provides a mechanism for communicating impact to the Board. It includes the status of monitoring and evaluation of AITSL programs, updates on the AITSL Stakeholder Survey, and AITSL's Strategic Plan short-term success metrics.

The Board **noted** the AITSL Impact Measurement Strategy 6-Monthly Report and the update on the data provided.

Shortened Initial Teacher Education Programs

The Board considered a proposed policy position regarding faster and more innovative initial teacher education (ITE) pathways for consideration by the Education Minister Meeting (EMM).

The Board had a robust discussion on the issue and agreed that AITSL should have a clear, evidence-based position regarding shortened ITE programs that reaffirms the importance of the national standards.

Extensive feedback was provided by the Board to be incorporated into the policy paper and resubmitted for approval.

Optimal Deployment of Teaching Assistants | NTWAP Action 21

The Board considered draft of the guidelines to support the optimal deployment of teaching assistants (TAs), developed in response to Action 21 of the National Teacher Workforce Action Plan (NTWAP) for approval to share with Schools Policy Group (SPG) and other key stakeholders for feedback.

The Board provided expertise and guidance on the role and responsibilities of TAs and intervention modelling.

The Board **approved** the draft guidelines, subject to the Board's feedback being addressed, to be shared with SPG and other key stakeholders, noting some feedback could be considered following SPG.

Professional Standards for Middle Leaders

The Board **noted** an update on the Professional Standards for Middle Leaders (Middle Leader Standards) project commissioned by the Queensland Department of Education (the Queensland Department) and proposed next steps.

Expert Committee Review Strategy

The Board considered the proposed options for the process to review the expert standing committees and discussed membership, engagement, and the committees' operational context.

The Board **agreed** to a review of the Terms of Reference and membership of both committees.

Standing Reports

Risk, Audit and Finance Committee

Under Rule 18.4 of the AITSL Constitution, the Board must establish and maintain an audit committee in accordance with the PGPA Act 2009.

As outlined in the Committee Charter, the Chair shall report to the Board after each meeting.

The Board received the report from the Committee meeting held 20 February 2024 and:

- **noted** the report on the outcomes of the meeting
 - **approved** AITSL's financial performance review as of 31 January 2024
 - **approved** the 2024 Strategic Risk Register and treatment plans
 - **approved** the Fixed Asset Policy
 - **noted** the Minutes from Meeting 5, held 14 November 2023.
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Communications

At each meeting, the Board receives a report with key insights from AITSL communications activities. The report includes an overview of current campaigns and promotions, digital marketing activities, website analytics, and key media mentions.

The Board **noted** the report.

Board Governance

The Board **noted** the updated AITSL Business Continuity Plan and the approved option for AITSL's next business continuity testing scenario.

The AITSL Board next meets on 8 May 2024.
