

The Chair  
Cabinet Appointments and Honours Committee

### **Appointments/Reappointments to the Partnership Schools I Kura Hourua Authorisation Board**

#### **Proposal**

1. I propose that the Committee note my intention to make the following appointments to the Partnership Schools I Kura Hourua Authorisation Board (the Board):

<b>Role</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>City/town</b>	<b>Nominating agency</b>	<b>Start date</b>	<b>End date</b>
Board Member	Gillian Heald	Methven	-	From receipt of letter of appointment	01/03/2018
Board Member	Rhys Faleafa	Auckland	-	From receipt of letter of appointment	01/03/2018

2. I propose that the Committee note my intention to make the following reappointments to the Board:

<b>Role</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>City/town</b>	<b>Nominating agency</b>	<b>Start date</b>	<b>End date</b>
Chair of the Board	Catherine Isaac	Wellington	-	From receipt of letter of reappointment	01/03/2018
Board Member	John Taylor	Auckland	-	From receipt of letter of reappointment	01/03/2018
Board Member	Terry Bates	Auckland	-	From receipt of letter of reappointment	01/03/2018
Board Member	Sir Toby Curtis	Rotorua	-	From receipt of letter of reappointment	01/03/2018

#### **Background**

3. The Board is a statutory advisory group established under section 158C of the Education Act 1989. The purpose of the Board is to advise the Minister of Education in relation to the approval of sponsors to operate a Partnership School, and the educational performance of Partnership Schools.
4. The Board comprises the chair, the deputy chair and five members appointed by the Minister of Education. There is one current vacancy as a result of the resignation of Dr Margaret Southwick. The attached Organisation Form lists the current membership of the Board.
5. I intend to add an additional member to the Board for the period until 1 March 2018.

## Comment

6. I intend to appoint Gillian Heald as a member of the Board.
7. Ms Heald's appointment to the Board is supported by her broad experience in the secondary and tertiary education sector, with a leadership and performance focus. Ms Heald currently serves as the Chair of the Olympic Education Commission and is the Advisor to the Chair designate of Regenerate Christchurch (CERA). She has worked as a Guardian of the Secondary Futures Project for the OECD Schooling for Tomorrow Project. She is founding co-director (co-principal) of Unlimited Paenga Tawhiti, which delivers a personalised model of secondary education. She is also a previous principal of Rangī Ruru Girls' School in Christchurch. Ms Heald has ten years' governance experience and is currently a board member of Te Aho o Te Kura Pounamu and NZQA.
8. I intend to appoint Rhys Faleafa as a member of the Board.
9. Rhys Faleafa is currently Director of Faleafa Investments and Consultants Limited. He has strong financial experience through his career as an accountant, consultant, and has held a number of management roles including General Manager of Huffer Direct Limited. He has strong commitment to supporting Pasifika business and community needs, through his work with the New Zealand Tongan Business Council, Tupu Toa Trust and the Pacific Islands Chartered Accountants Network, of which he is the Foundation Chair. His experience as a trustee for the Pacific Business Trust provides him with a strong understanding of Pasifika needs.
10. I intend to reappoint Catherine Isaac as the Chair of the Board.
11. Ms Isaac's reappointment as the Chair of the Board is supported by her experience as a member of the Partnership Schools working group. Ms Isaac has a strong commitment to the success of the Partnership Schools policy and has been the Chair for the last three years. She brings experience from the Government's Welfare Working Group and the boards of the Wellington Community Trust, the ACT Party, the Karori Wildlife Sanctuary and the Royal New Zealand Ballet. Ms Isaac is a highly-respected businesswoman, specialising in communications who has served on the boards of trustees of two schools. Ms Isaac will continue to provide her strong understanding of business and governance to her position.
12. I intend to reappoint John Taylor as a member of the Board.
13. Mr Taylor was a leading figure in secondary education in Auckland, and will continue to bring a strong understanding of the sector to the Board. He has been a member of the Board for two years. His experience includes 24 years as headmaster of King's College, Auckland and Rathkeale College, Wairarapa and 10 years with the University of Auckland as the Director of External Relations and Development. He has served on the boards of the Association of Heads of Independent Schools of New Zealand, and the New Zealand Education and Scholarship Trust.
14. I intend to reappoint Sir Toby Curtis as a member of the Board.
15. Sir Toby Curtis is a highly respected leader in the community and a leading Māori educationalist. He has been a member of the Board for two years. He has been heavily involved in Māori education and was made Knight Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit after 45 years in the education sector from primary school to tertiary level. He has served as Auckland College of Education Primary Teacher Education director, Faculty Dean of the Auckland Institute of Technology and Deputy Vice Chancellor at Auckland University of Technology.

16. He has a strong commitment to the achievement of Māori students in education. He has served on a number of boards and advisory groups, including chairing the Iwi Education Authority for Ngā Kura ā Iwi o Aotearoa, representing Māori immersion schools. Sir Toby Curtis will bring a wealth of knowledge regarding Māori education and wider community needs to the Board.

17. I intend to reappoint Terry Bates as a member of the Board.

18. Mr Bates has a sound understanding of the statutory frameworks that regulate New Zealand education, public expenditure and public service decision-making and accountability. He has been a member of the Board for three years. His former role as the Chief Executive at Cognition Education provided him with insight into commercial oversight, business growth, change management and internal quality assurance. Mr Bates also has educational experience with the Ministry of Education, the Education Review Office, the Post Primary Teachers' Association and as a school principal and teacher.

### **Representativeness of appointments**

19. I am satisfied that the appointment of Gillian Heald and Rhys Faleafa, and the reappointment of Catherine Isaac, John Taylor, Terry Bates and Sir Toby Curtis, will provide for a well-balanced group in terms of gender, age, ethnicity and geographic representation, and an appropriate mix of skills and experience.

### **Remuneration**

20. The Board is classified as a Group 4, Level 2 under the Cabinet-approved fees framework. Fees for the candidates (gross daily rate, excluding GST) will continue to be:

- Catherine Isaac - \$818.00
- Terry Bates - \$505.60
- Sir Toby Curtis - \$505.60
- John Taylor - \$505.60
- Gillian Heald – \$505.60
- Rhys Faleafa- \$505.60

### **Appointment process and consultation**

21. I confirm that an appropriate process has been followed in terms of the State Service Commission's board appointment guidelines.

22. Probity checks are in progress. Each of the appointments will be contingent upon the successful outcome of these checks.

### **Conflicts of interest**

23. I confirm that appropriate enquiries concerning conflicts of interest have been carried out. No significant possible conflicts of interest have been identified.

24. The Board's terms of reference require members to declare any conflicts of interest that arise as their work progresses.

### **Timing and publicity**

25. The Under-Secretary plans to publicly announce the new appointments and reappointments. This Cabinet paper and the associated advice will be proactively released at the appropriate time.

### **Recommendation**

26. It is my recommendation that the committee **note** my intention to appoint:

- a) Gillian Heald as a member of the Partnership Schools I Kura Hourua Authorisation Board (the Board) with a term of office from the date of appointment to 1 March 2018
- b) Rhys Faleafa as a member of the Board with a term of office from the date of appointment to 1 March 2018

27. It is my recommendation that the committee **note** my intention to reappoint:

- c) Catherine Isaac as Chair of the Board with a term of office from the date of appointment to 1 March 2018
- d) John Taylor as a member of the Board with a term of office from the date of appointment to 1 March 2018
- e) Terry Bates as a member of the Board with a term of office from the date of appointment to 1 March 2018
- f) Sir Toby Curtis as a member of the Board with a term of office from the date of appointment to 1 March 2018.

Authorised for lodgement

Hon Hekia Parata  
**Minister of Education**

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