



5th meeting
COND/24-25

Conduct Committee

Minutes of the meeting on Wednesday 27 November 2024 in room I-15 Millbank House, and via Teams

Present:

Cindy Butts	L. Garnier
Mark Castle (via Teams)	B. Kidron
Andrea Coomber	B. Mallalieu (via Teams)
Vanessa Davies (via Teams)	B. Manningham-Buller (Chair)

With the Clerk Assistant. Apologies were received from Lord Scriven.

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1. Minutes of the meeting on Wednesday 13 November

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

2. Chair's oral update

The Chair provided an oral update.

The Committee was updated on the recruitment of a new Commissioner for Standards, and on progress to recruit two lay Conduct Committee members.

3. The conduct of Baroness Meyer

The Committee discussed the note by the Clerk, Commissioner's report, letter from Baroness Meyer and annexes (COND/24-25/15).

The Committee agreed to uphold the Commissioner's recommended sanction.

4. Changes to the Code of Conduct

Memorandum by the Clerk (COND/24-25/16)

The Committee discussed changes to the Code of Conduct.

5. Social media and freedom of speech

Memorandum by the Clerk (COND/24-25/17)

The Committee deferred consideration to its next meeting.

6. Changes to the Guide to the Code of Conduct

Memorandum by the Registrar of Lords' Interests (COND/24-25/18)

The Committee considered the working draft containing proposed changes to the Guide to the Code of Conduct.

7. Any other business

The Conduct Committee will next meet at 4pm on 4 December 2024.

The Committee adjourned.

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