

**BRITISH MUSEUM
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
13 JULY 2005
AT
11.30 AM**

PRESENT IN PERSON

Sir John Boyd (Chairman)
Mr David Lindsell

PRESENT BY TELEPHONE CONFERENCE

Dr Olga Kennard
Mr Philip Lader
Mr Richard Lambert
Mr David Norgrove
Lord Powell

The Director (Neil MacGregor), the Deputy Director Resources (Dawn Austwick), the Deputy Director Collections (Andrew Burnett), the Director of Finance (Christopher Herring) and the Head of Legal Services (Tony Doubleday) were also present.

1. Given the events in central London on 7 July 2005 the Chairman had cancelled the meeting of the Board of Trustees arranged to take place at 3.00 pm that day.
2. To the intent that the Annual Report and Accounts might nevertheless be laid before Parliament before the Summer recess, the Chairman had obtained by email the consent of Trustees to the holding of an extraordinary meeting of the Board of Trustees at 11.30 am specifically to approve the Annual Report and Accounts on the basis that the meeting would proceed only if at least six Trustees were able to attend in person or by telephone.
3. The Chairman thanked Trustees for making themselves available at such short notice and declared the meeting quorate.
4. The Trustees agreed that the Chairman of the Audit Committee in liaison with the Chairman of the Board be delegated the authority of the Board of Trustees to approve any minor changes to the notes to the accounts that may be required by the National Audit Office and to approve the final draft of the Annual Report and Accounts for the year 2004/2005 on the Board's behalf; that the Director, the Chairman of the Audit Committee, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees and Mr David Lindsell be authorised to sign the Annual Report and Accounts as a true and fair view of the Museum's financial activities during the year 2004/2005; and that the signed Report and Accounts be laid before both Houses of Parliament pursuant to section 7 British Museum Act 1963.