

THE STATES OF DELIBERATION
of the
ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

25th September, 2025

Proposition No. P.2025/110

Committee for Education, Sport & Culture

The Education (Governance Boards) Ordinance, 2025

AMENDMENT

Proposed by: Deputy L de Sausmarez

Seconded by: Deputy T Bury

To insert immediately after “of the States” the following:

“subject to the following amendment:

“To delete Clause 4(7) and replace with the following Clause:

“4 (7) The Director of Education (or a person nominated by the Director of Education for this purpose) may attend one meeting of each governance board each academic year, or more frequently only at the –

(a) invitation of that governance board, or

(b) the direction of the Committee, where the Committee has reasonable grounds to believe that there has been a material failure in governance, safeguarding, financial management, or compliance with applicable law or policy, and has recorded such grounds in writing.”.””.

Rule 4(1) Information

- a. The proposition contributes to the States' objectives and plans consistent with the Education Strategy, in particular: aspiring for excellence; using public resources responsibly, efficiently and effectively; working in partnership to support our learners, staff and the community; and using partnerships to improve education.
- b. In preparing the proposition, consultation has been undertaken with the Committee *for* Education, Sport & Culture.
- c. The proposition has been submitted to His Majesty's Procureur for advice on any legal or constitutional implications.
- d. There are no financial implications.
- e. Drafting advice has been sought from the States' Greffier.

Explanatory note

The effect of this amendment would be to limit the attendance of the Director of Education at Governance Board meetings to once per academic year for each Board, but would allow any Governance Board to invite the Director of Education to attend any of their meetings, should they so wish.

The amendment also allows for the attendance of the Director of Education, at the direction of the Committee, should there be written cause for concern in relation to the Governance Board's operation and compliance.

The purpose of the amendment is to ensure the continued direction towards independence and autonomy for the Governance Boards.