

THE CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Under the power given in the Charities Act 1993

Orders that from today, the

10 August 2011

this

SCHEME

will govern the charity

formerly known as

REGENT'S PARK BAPTIST COLLEGE (309710)

and now to be known as

REGENT'S PARK COLLEGE (309710)

at

Oxford

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Authorised Officer

1. Definitions

In this Scheme:

“the charity” means the charity identified at the beginning of this Scheme.

“the Commission” means the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

“the trustees” means the trustees of the charity and “trustee” means one of the trustees.

“the former trusts” includes the indentures of lease and release dated 22 and 23 February 1810 and 29 and 30 March 1811 and a Scheme of the Board of Education of 29 April 1927.

“the University” means the University of Oxford.

“the University’s Statutes” means the Statutes of the University in force from time to time and reference to Statute V is to the Statute numbered V approved with effect from 1 October 2002.

“the Governing Body” means the trustees of the charity.

ADMINISTRATION

2. Administration

The charity is to be administered in accordance with this Scheme. This Scheme replaces the former trusts of the charity.

3. Name of the charity

The name of the charity is Regent’s Park College or such other name as the trustees may determine from time to time with the prior agreement of the Commission.

OBJECTS

4. Objects of the charity

The objects of the charity are:

- (1) To advance education for the public benefit through the provision maintenance and support of a Permanent Private Hall licensed by the University of Oxford or a College or Society within the University of Oxford or elsewhere, in which men and women may:
 - (a) engage in study (including for degrees, diplomas and certificates of the University);

- (b) study theology and prepare for the ordained Christian Ministry, in particular amongst Baptist Churches; and
- (c) engage in research.

The College, Permanent Private Hall or Society shall provide all its students with higher education in the context of a community which offers opportunities to grow in Christian Faith and Service, and to develop Christian thinking about academic subjects and vocations in society.

- (2) To advance Christian Faith and education anywhere in the world by encouraging and supporting life-long Christian learning amongst members of Christian churches and in particular among members of Baptist churches.

THE COUNCIL

5. Council

The Council of the Charity shall be comprised as follows:

- (1) The Principal and all Fellows of the College, ex-officio;
- (2) The Chairman and Treasurer of the Governing Body, ex-officio;
- (3) Such representatives of the Baptist Union of Great Britain or of bodies associated or connected with that Union (whether ministers or lay persons) as shall be specified by Statute from time to time;
- (4) Such other persons as shall be specified by Statute from time to time.

6. Powers of the Council

- (1) The Council shall have the power to approve or reject statutes (and any amendments thereto) consistent with this Scheme for the constitution, powers, duties and functions of the Council, the Governing Body and the general administration of the charity.
- (2) The Council shall appoint the Governing Body.

POWERS OF THE TRUSTEES

7. Powers of the trustees

In addition to any other powers which they have, the trustees may exercise the following powers in furtherance of the objects of the charity:

- (1) Power to sell, lease or otherwise dispose of all or any part of the charity's property. (The trustees must comply with the restrictions on disposal imposed

by section 36 of the Charities Act 1993, unless the sale, lease or disposal is excepted from these restrictions by section 36(9)(b) or (c) or section 36(10) of that Act.)

- (2) Power to delegate the performance of any act, including the exercise of any power or discretion, to a committee. (The trustees must exercise reasonable supervision over the committee and the committee must promptly report their acts and proceedings to the trustees.) The terms of any delegation must be recorded in writing by the trustees and is revocable at any time. The committee must not incur expenditure on behalf of the charity except in accordance with a budget previously agreed by the trustees.
- (3) Power to allow investments to be held in the name of a corporate body as the trustees' nominee and to pay reasonable remuneration for the service provided. (The corporate body must be incorporated in, or have established a branch or place of business in, England or Wales.)
- (4) Power to co-operate with other charities, voluntary bodies and statutory authorities. The trustees may exchange information and advice with them.
- (5) Power to make donations to charities whose objects are similar to those of the charity.
- (6) Power to accept a licence as a Permanent Private Hall under Statute V of the University's Statutes.

GOVERNING BODY

8. The Governing Body

- (1) The members of the Governing Body are the trustees of the charity.
- (2) Members of the Governing Body as at the date of this Scheme shall continue in office until their current term of appointment ceases.
- (3) The Governing Body shall make statutes (which must be approved by the Council), rules and regulations consistent with this Scheme for the composition, powers, duties and functions of the Council and the Governing Body (including method of appointment and removal, eligibility, calling of meetings, quorum, and other administrative provisions) and the general administration of the charity.
- (4) The trustees must give to each new trustee, on their first appointment:
 - (a) a copy of this Scheme and any amendments made to it;
 - (b) a copy of the charity's latest report and statement of accounts.
- (5) The trustees must keep a register of the name and address of every trustee and the dates on which their terms of office begin and end. Every trustee must sign the register before acting as a trustee, whether on their first appointment or on any later re-appointment.

- (6) The trustees must promptly report any vacancy in the office of trustee to the body entitled to appoint the trustee.

9. Payments to charity trustees

- (1) A trustee may receive from the charity reasonable expenses properly incurred, or to be incurred, by him or her when acting on behalf of the charity.
- (2) An employee may be appointed as a trustee of the charity.
- (3) A trustee may be employed by the charity (but not for acting as a trustee) but only strictly in accordance with the provisions in sub-clause (5) of this clause.
- (4) No trustee may:
 - (a) buy or receive goods or services from the charity on terms preferential to those applicable to other members of the public; or
 - (b) receive any payment or other financial benefit from the charity; or
 - (c) acquire or hold any interest in property of the charity (except in order to hold it as a trustee of the charity);unless the payment or transaction is:
 - (d) permitted in accordance with, and subject to the conditions in, section 73A or 73F of the Charities Act 1993 (services including goods supplied in connection with the service provided by a charity trustee to a charity; trustee indemnity insurance); or
 - (e) permitted in accordance with, and subject to the conditions in, sub-clause 5 of this clause; or
 - (f) previously and expressly authorised in writing by the Commission.
- (5) A trustee (including a company of which a trustee is a director or employee “the company”) may receive payment or other financial benefit for goods supplied to the charity, provided that:
 - (a) the sums paid to the trustee (or the company) do not exceed an amount that is reasonable in all the circumstances; and
 - (b) the trustee is absent from the part of any meeting at which there is discussion of the proposal to enter into a contract or arrangement with him or her or the company with regard to the supply of goods to the charity; and
 - (c) the other trustees are satisfied that it is in the interests of the charity to contract with that trustee or that company, rather than with someone who is not a trustee (in reaching that decision, the trustees must balance the advantages and disadvantages of contracting with a trustee); and

- (d) the decision is reached in accordance with any relevant statute made under clause 6(1) of this Scheme; and
 - (e) the reason for their decision is recorded by the trustees; and
 - (f) the number of members of the Governing Body in receipt of any payments authorised by this clause 9 is a minority of the members then in office.
- (6) In this clause:
- (a) “charity” includes any company in which the charity:
 - holds more than 50% of the voting rights attached to the shares; or
 - controls more than 50% of the voting rights attached to the shares; or
 - has the right to appoint one or more directors to the Board of the company;
 - (b) “trustee” includes any child, parent, grandchild, grandparent, brother, sister, spouse or civil partner of the trustee or any person living with the trustee as his or her partner.

10. Recording of meetings

The trustees must keep a proper record of their meetings.

11. Trustees to act jointly

The trustees must exercise their powers jointly, at properly convened meetings.

CUSTODIAN TRUSTEE

12. Custodian trustee

The London Baptist Property Board Limited (registered company number 88218) will continue to be the custodian trustee of the charity.

13. Property

The title to the land described in part 1 of the schedule to this Scheme continues to be held by the custodian trustee in trust for the charity.

CHARITY PROPERTY

14. Use of income and capital

- (1) The trustees must first apply:
 - (a) the charity's income; and
 - (b) if the trustees think fit, expendable endowment; and
 - (c) when the expenditure can properly be charged to it, its permanent endowment

in meeting the proper costs of administering the charity and of managing its assets (including the repair and insurance of its buildings).
- (2) After payment of these costs, the trustees must apply the remaining income in furthering the objects of the charity.
- (3) The trustees may also apply for the objects of the charity:
 - (a) expendable endowment; and
 - (b) permanent endowment, but only:
 - (i) where it is permitted in accordance with, and subject to the conditions in, section 75, section 75A or section 75B of the Charities Act 1993 (power of unincorporated charities to spend capital); or
 - (ii) on such terms, including for the replacement of the amount spent, as the Commission may approve in advance.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

15. Questions relating to the Scheme

The Commission may decide any question put to it concerning:

- (1) the interpretation of this Scheme; or
- (2) the propriety or validity of anything done or intended to be done under it.

SCHEDULE

PART 1

The land and buildings known as Regent's Park College, Pusey Street, Oxford described in the following conveyances:

1. Land and buildings then known as 53, 54, and 55 St Giles' Street, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 Drewitt's Yard with other land, all in Oxford, the whole described in a conveyance and assignment dated 18 February 1927 between John Theodore Dodd (1) and Herbert Marnham, Cecil Bradley Rooke and Henry Hewett Collier (2).
2. Land and buildings then known as 1, 2, 3, 3a and 4 Pusey Street and 56 St Giles' Street, all in Oxford, described in a conveyance dated 6 June 1931 between The President and Scholars of Saint John Baptist College, Oxford (1) and The London Baptist Property Board Limited (2).
3. Land and buildings previously known as 2 Pusey Lane, Oxford, registered at HM Land Registry under title number ON6244.

Note: the property numbered 1 above was vested in The London Baptist Property Board Limited by a Scheme of the Board of Education dated 29 April 1927.