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The Royal College of Music's Royal Charter and Statutes were extensively revised by the College in 2009. They have been further revised in 2018. Her Majesty The Queen allowed the amendments at a meeting of the Privy Council held at Windsor Castle on 24 April 2018.



**ELIZABETH THE SECOND** by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Our other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith:

**TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING!**

**WHEREAS** Her Majesty the Queen Victoria did on the 23rd May 1883 grant a Charter (hereinafter referred to as "the Original Charter") constituting and founding a body corporate by the name of "The Royal College of Music" (hereinafter referred to as "the College") having perpetual succession and a common seal, with power to sue and be sued in the said name:

**AND WHEREAS** the College has by an humble Petition represented unto Us that it would conduce to the better management and direction of the College

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8. Council members shall hold office for the following periods:
  - (a) the President and the Director of the College and the Deputy Director of the College and the President of the Students' Union shall be members of the Council for so long as such persons remain respectively the President and the Director of the College and the Deputy Director of the College and the President of the Students' Union;
  - (b) the terms of office of other members of the Council shall be set out in the Statutes.
9. Meetings of the Council shall be quorate if the number of members present at such meetings is at least a third of the total number of members of whom a majority shall be independent members.

## THE OFFICERS OF THE COLLEGE

10. The officers of the College shall include but not be limited to:
  - (a) the President, who may be the Sovereign for the time being or any such person as shall for the time being be appointed by the Sovereign;
  - (b) the Chairman, who shall, if present, chair meetings of the Council or general meetings of the College and shall be appointed by the Council, after the consent of the President has been obtained, either:
    - (i) from among the Council's independent members; or
    - (ii) from among people who are eligible to be an independent member of the Council.
  - (c) the Deputy Chairman, who shall be appointed by the Council from among the Council's independent members who shall be appointed by the Council;
  - (d) the Vice-Chairman

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## ACADEMIC FREEDOM

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# ROYAL COLLEGE OF MUSIC STATUTES

## MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

1. Independent members shall be appointed for a term of five years and shall be eligible for reappointment by the Council. An independent member retiring after two consecutive terms shall not be eligible for reappointment unless there are, in the view of the Chairman, special circumstances justifying recommendation for his re-appointment.
2. Independent members shall be deemed to have offered their resignation if they shall have been absent from three consecutive Council meetings and the Council shall then exercise its discretion as to whether to accept such resignation.
3. Independent Members shall be persons who are neither students nor members of staff of the College and who shall be nominated by an appointment committee, established by the Council for this purpose and comprising a majority of independent members of the Council. Independent Members shall be appointed by the Council, after the consent of the President has been obtained.
4. The Chairman shall be nominated by an appointment committee, established by the Council for this purpose and comprising a majority of independent members of the Council. The Chairman shall be appointed by the Council, after the consent of the President has been obtained.
5. The elected members shall be appointed for a term of three years following an election conducted by secret ballot under the supervision of the Clerk to the Council in accordance with such regulations as may from time to time be laid down by the Council. Elected members shall be capable of re-election for a second term but their appointment shall not exceed six consecutive years.
6. In the event that the employment by the College of an elected member terminates during his term of office as an elected member, his appointment shall cease automatically and a new representative shall be elected.
7. Any member of the Council may resign at any time by notifying the Chairman in writing.
8. If at any time the Council is satisfied that any member of the Council (other than the Director) is unfit or unable to discharge the functions of a member the Council may by notice in writing to this member, remove the member from office and the office shall then be vacant.





26. Any minute made of proceedings at a meeting of the Council or of a committee of the Council shall be sufficient evidence of such proceedings in all legal proceedings without further proof, and, until the contrary is proved, every meeting of the Council or of any committee of the Council where minutes have been made of the proceedings shall be deemed to have been duly convened and held, and all members thereof to have been duly qualified.
27. The Council shall cause minutes of all proceedings at meetings of the College, and of the Council, and of committees of the Council to be kept in minute books maintained by the Clerk to the Council.
28. Copies of minutes of meetings of the Council, or at the discretion of the Clerk to the Council, excerpts thereof, shall be made available on request to staff and students.

## GENERAL MEETINGS OF THE COLLEGE

29. All general meetings other than Annual General Meetings shall be called Extraordinary General Meetings.
30. A general meeting may be called at any time by the President or the Chairman of the Council or at the request in writing of any five independent members of the Council.








## FINANCIAL MATTERS

55. The Council shall keep true records of the College's income and expenditure. Annual estimates





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