

Two reappointments and four extensions to the Board of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew

Sarah Flannigan and Jantiene T. Klein Roseboom van der Veer have been reappointed as board members for second terms of three years. Sarah's second term will run from 1 September 2020 until 31 August 2023. Jantiene's second term will run from 1 November 2020 until 31 October 2023.

Ian Karet, Michael Lear and Derek Myers terms have been extended for six months from 1 September 2020 until 28 February 2021. The Queen's Trustee, Val Gooding's term has been extended for six months from 1 October 2020 until 31 March 2021.

RBG Kew became an Executive Non-Departmental Public Body under the National Heritage Act 1983 and is sponsored by Defra. The Board of Trustees comprises a Chairman and 11 other members.

The appointments have been made in accordance with the Governance Code on Public Appointments published by the Cabinet Office. All appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process.

Trustees do not receive any direct remuneration for their services, although reasonable travel and subsistence expenses can be reimbursed.

There is a requirement for appointees' political activity (if significant) to be declared. The appointees have not declared any significant political activity in the past five years.

Biographical details

Sarah Flannigan

Sarah Flannigan is Chair of Riverford Organic and of travel company Sawday's. She is a Non-Executive Director at Inspired Energy plc and at the Institute of Physics Publishing, and is a Trustee at the National Lottery Heritage Fund and at the Holburne Museum. As a Trustee of Kew, she sits on the Visitor and Commercial Advisory Committee and the board of RBG Kew Enterprises Limited. Alongside her non-executive roles Sarah is a consultant Board advisor on strategy, leadership and technology. She was previously CIO at National Trust and EDF Energy and was named European CIO of the Year for delivery of a major digital transformation programme. She lives in Somerset with her two sons.

Jantiene T. Klein Roseboom

Jantiene T. Klein Roseboom has a portfolio career consisting of executive and non-executive directorships in the private, public and third sector. She has degrees in business administration and landscape architecture and is an

alumnus of Harvard Business School and London Business School. She has held senior executive positions with global responsibilities for marketing, corporate strategy, M&A, finance and capital markets in major companies, and was a partner of a leading capital markets advisory firm. She has served on the boards of a number of professional associations. She is MD of a landscape architectural practice which has a strong focus on the interdisciplinary fields of heritage, conservation and habitat restoration.

In addition to Kew, her current non-executive appointments include Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Henri Moerel Foundation, member of the Board of Trustees of the Yehudi Menuhin Competition Trust and Trustee of Bury Court Opera, reflecting her interests in safeguarding nature and humanity's future through science-driven global action, the arts and music, education, and empowering a younger generation. Jantiene is the first ever international Trustee of Kew and sits on the Corporate Strategy Sub-Committee, Science Advisory Committee, and Audit and Risk Committee.