



Meeting of the BBC Editorial Guidelines and Standards Committee

MINUTES

12 May 2025

Boardroom 3028, Broadcasting House, London

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Minutes of the 6 March Meeting and Matters Arising
2. Update on the Report into *Gaza: Surviving a War Zone*
3. Thematic Review: Coverage of the Middle East Conflict
4. Coverage of the US Election: News Response
5. Committee Report for the Annual Report
6. AOB

ATTENDANCE

Members:

- Samir Shah Chair
- Tim Davie Director-General
- Robbie Gibb Non-executive director
- Deborah Turness CEO, BBC News and Current Affairs

With

Rhodri Talfan Davies	Director, Nations
Jonathan Munro	Global Director and Deputy CEO News and Current Affairs
Caroline Daniel	Editorial Advisor
Michael Prescott	Editorial Advisor
David Jordan	Director, Editorial Standards and Policy
Peter Johnston	Director, Complaints and Editorial Reviews
Paul Oldfield	Chief of Staff to the Director-General
Jo Clarke	Secretary to the Committee
Rizwana Rahmani	Executive Lead, Editorial Policy and Standards
David Grossman	Senior Editorial Policy Advisor
Simon Coates	Senior Advisor, Thematic Reviews (item 3)

APOLOGIES

None

EDITORIAL GUIDELINES AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE MINUTES

1. Minutes from the 6 March Meeting and Matters Arising

1.1 The minutes of the meeting on the 6 March were approved.

Matters Arising

1.2 The Matters Arising paper was noted.

1.3 Committee members noted that the planned launch date for the revised Editorial Guidelines was the 23 June 2025.

2. Update on the Report into Gaza: *Surviving a War Zone*

2.1 Committee members noted an interim update on progress with the report into issues with the film *Gaza: Surviving a War Zone*.

2.2 The Committee discussed the update, confirming the scope, process and timeline. On completion, the report would be shared with the full Board in the first instance.

3 Thematic Review: Coverage of the Middle East Conflict

3.1 The Committee considered a paper setting out further details on the proposed review of content on the conflict in the Middle East.

3.2 The Committee approved the structure and methodology of the review.

4. US Election: News Response

4.1 The Committee discussed the response from the Director, Global News to the Senior Editorial Adviser's report on coverage of the US Election.

5. Committee Report for the Annual Report

5.1 The Committee considered the report on the work of the Editorial Guidelines and Standards Committee for inclusion in the 2024-25 Annual Report and Accounts.

5.2 The Committee approved the report, subject to draft amendments.

6. AOB

6.1 There was no other business.