

Standing Orders Committee Final Report

1. Membership

The Standing Orders Committee (SOC) is responsible for the smooth running of conference. The Black Members' SOC has 14 members, 12 elected by regions and two from the national delegate conference SOC. Members of the SOC are not delegates to the conference.

The members of the SOC this year are:

East Midlands	Nasima Sarang
Northern	Bright Mawoko
South West	Sharon Foster (Chair)
West Midlands	Paulette Whyte (Vice Chair)

Officers:

Andrew Woodman	SOC secretary
Hassan Govia	SOC administrator

2. Order of business

FRIDAY 27 MAY 2022

First Conference Session: **9.45am – 12.30pm**
(15 minute break at 11.00am)

- Opening remarks
- 10:00-10:15 Guest speaker – Christina McAnea, General Secretary
- Test motion
- 11:15-11:35 Guest speaker – Kudsia Batool, TUC Head of Equalities and Strategy

Motions for Debate:

Motion numbers:

Negotiating

1-4

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1.1
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2.1
2.2
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4.1

Organising and Recruiting

5-8

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Emergency Motions

EM1-EM5

EM1
EM2
EM3
EM4
EM5

If the mover of a motion or amendment is not present when their item of business is called, that motion or amendment falls.

Final Agenda

Motions and amendments to be debated at the conference are included in Section 3 of this guide.

Emergency motions

The following emergency motions have been admitted onto the agenda:

Motion no.	Title	Submitting bodies
EM1	It's not banter – it's racist abuse	National Black Members' Committee
EM2	Black Members say 'not in our name'	National Black Members' Committee
EM3	Child Q	National Black Members' Committee
EM4	Rampant racism faced by black nursing staff while working during Covid	East Midlands Region
EM5	Support campaigns against the changes in the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill 2021	East Midlands Region

Appeals

For this Virtual National Black Members' Conference, the decision of the Standing Orders Committee was final on any appeal received. No further appeals are possible, including appeals to emergency motions.

Procedures

The Special National Black Members' Conference has been called under Rule D 3.1.4 by the National Executive Council. To facilitate the Conference as a virtual event, the National Executive Council requested that some of the usual procedures for Conference were altered using Rule P 1.2.

The Standing Orders Committee report explains how the Conference will be conducted and the Chair will advise how to use the Virtual Conference system throughout the event.

Procedural motion – Question be put

Delegates wishing to move that the 'question be put' are advised to use the '**Question be put**' function in the chat function on their screens.

Voting

Voting will be conducted via a virtual show of hands which will be definitive. In the event of a tie, card votes will be available to break the tie.

Independent lay member scrutineers

The voting system at this Special National Black Members' Conference is automatic and transparent. However, two UNISON lay members will act as scrutineers to observe the running of the conference and ensure it is conducted fairly and transparently.