

WELO® Governing Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday, 3 June 2026

Time: 13:30–15:15 (UK time)

Location: Virtual

Chair: Juan M. Elizande Sanchez

Secretary-General: Slavas Palkevicius

13:30–13:35 – Welcome and Opening

Presenter: Juan M. Elizande Sanchez, WELO Chair

- Welcome
- Confirmation of quorum
- Approval of agenda

13:35–13:45 – Updates Since the Previous Governing Committee Meeting

Presenter: Slavas Palkevicius, WELO Secretary-General

- Key developments since the last Governing Committee meeting
- Progress on WELO operational structure
- Update on confirmed and ongoing international discussions
- Review of current priorities for the 2026–2027 cycle

13:45–13:55 – WELO® TOEFL® School Onboarding Process

Presenter: Berenice Oliva, WELO Head of Business Development

- Proposed school onboarding structure
- Registration and approval process for participating schools
- Communication flow between WELO, National Representatives, National Committees, and schools
- School responsibilities and participation requirements

13:55–14:10 – Establishment and Development of LearnRight®

Presenter: Bastian Baumann, Director of European Quality Assurance Agency, and Newly appointed Head of LearnRight®

- Introduction of Bastian Baumann as the newly appointed Head of LearnRight®
- Introduction to LearnRight® and its role within the WELO® TOEFL® ecosystem
- Establishment of LearnRight® as a quality assurance and academic integrity structure
- Relationship between LearnRight®, WELO® TOEFL®, and participating schools

14:10–14:20 – WELO[®] Teaching and Coordination Centre (WELO[®] TCC)

Presenter: Cristina Majocchi, Newly Appointed Head of Teaching and Coordination Centre

- Introduction to the WELO[®] Teaching and Coordination Centre
- Role and responsibilities of WELO[®] TCC within the WELO[®] structure
- Coordination between WELO[®] HQ, National Representatives, National Committees, and schools
- Presentation of WELO[®] Mini Stays structure
- Presentation of WELO[®] Teaching Centres structure
- Implementation priorities and next steps

14:20–14:30 – WELO[®] Asia Office in Chengdu, China

Presenters: Simen Fan, Head of WELO China National Committee

- Update on the establishment of the WELO Asia Office in Chengdu, China
- Strategic purpose and regional coordination role
- Proposed responsibilities and relationship with WELO HQ
- Role of the WELO China National Committee in supporting regional development
- Opportunities for school networks, partnerships, and regional expansion

14:30–14:40 – Higher Education Partnerships for WELO Finals Winners

Presenter: Christopher Retallack, SUL Founder and WELO Advisor for Relationships with Higher Education Institutions

- Introduction to the higher education partnership strategy
- Engaging high-ranking universities in the WELO ecosystem
- Potential recognition pathways for WELO Finals winners
- Opportunities for university partnerships, visibility, and student progression

14:40–14:50 – WELO Open Tournament – Summer 2027

Presenter: Slavas Palkevicius, WELO Secretary-General

- Presentation of the proposed WELO Open Tournament at Royal Hospital School
- Open tournament structure for schools
- Positioning of WELO Open alongside national qualification routes
- Participation model and eligibility for schools
- Discussion on Wild Cards for entry to the WELO Finals through WELO Open

14:50–15:00 – Open Q&A, Decisions and Closing

- Questions from Governing Committee members
- Review of key discussion points
- Confirmation of decisions, if required
- Assignment of action points
- Confirmation of next meeting date