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1. Purpose

To provide for the appointment of persons to the Taumata-a-Iwi pursuant to section 16 of the Auckland War Memorial Museum Act 1996 [“The Act”].

To continue to foster a beneficial relationship as envisaged by the Auckland War Memorial Museum Act 1996.

2. Definitions

Nil

3. Policy

Appointment of Taumata-a-Iwi

- 3.1 The Board notes that the Act provides no guidance relating to the appointment of persons to the Taumata-a-Iwi.
- 3.2 The Board recognises the principle of mana whenua (customary authority of and over ancestral land).
- 3.3 The Board agrees that representation on the Taumata-a-Iwi should be based on the principle of mana whenua.
- 3.4 The Board recognises that Ngati Whatua o Orakei holds mana whenua status as it relates to the physical site and location of the Museum, Te Papa Whakahiku.
The Board also recognises Ngati Whatua’s tikanga obligations with regard to:
 - a) The Museum, Te Papa Whakahiku, as a wahi tapu;
 - b) The responsibility owed to the taonga of nga iwi o te motu;
 - c) The responsibility owed Museum staff [nga tangata kainga] and visitors [nga tangata manuhiri].
- 3.5 The Board shall appoint Ngati Whatua o Orakei’s representatives to a majority on the Taumata-a-Iwi in recognition of Ngati Whatua's mana whenua status.
- 3.6 The present composition of the Taumata-a-Iwi, established following consultation with Ngati Whatua o Orakei Trust Board in 1996, accepted by Ngati Paoa and Tainui and confirmed through the consultative process of subsequent Annual Plans, is as follows:
 - a) Ngati Whatua 3 members
 - b) Ngati Paoa 1 member

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c) Tainui 1 member

- 3.7 In line with the terms of appointment for Board members, every two years the Board shall invite recommendations for appointment or reappointment from Ngati Whatua o Orakei Maori Trust Board, Ngati Paoa Trust Board and Te Kingitanga o Tainui of their respective representatives to the Taumata-a-Iwi.

Guiding Principles for the Trust Board's Relationship with the Taumata-a-Iwi

The Trust Board and the Taumata-a-Iwi acknowledge the following:

1. The Trust Board acts in the interest of the Museum at all times.
2. The Trust Board exercises trusteeship over the Museum / Te Papa Whakahiku, and all treasures and trusts within its care.
3. The Trust Board recognises the spirit of partnership and goodwill envisaged by the Treaty of Waitangi.
4. The Trust Board recognises the principle of mana whenua with regard to Te Papa Whakahiku and its taonga.
5. The Trust Board recognises the principle of mana whenua in making appointments to the Taumata-a-Iwi.
6. The Trust Board and Taumata-a-Iwi have trusteeship obligations toward nga iwi o te motu.
7. The Trust Board will seek advice from the Taumata-a-Iwi on ways of ensuring that the Board's policies relating to:
 - a) Custodial policies and guardianship of all Maori taonga of whatever kind and tribal source;
 - b) Staffing policies, including taking affirmative action in recruitment and training programmes, which will lead Maori people into professional careers in New Zealand's bicultural museums;
 - c) Display policies, including presentation of Maori taonga to the public in a culturally appropriate and informative manner; and
 - d) Development policies, including protection of both the substance and status of Maori taonga in any Museum plan;
give proper regard to Maori values, and those matters provided for in the Treaty of Waitangi.
8. The Trust Board recognises the right of the Taumata-a-Iwi to give advice on all matters of Maori protocol.

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9. The Trust Board recognises the value of a direct relationship with the Taumata-a-Iwi, and will encourage hui where that is identified as being appropriate.
10. In giving effect to its special relationship with the Taumata-a-Iwi, the Trust Board recognises the following principles:
 - a) The right of the Taumata-a-Iwi to advise the Trust Board;
 - b) The principle of partnership;
 - c) The principle of Trusteeship;
 - d) Active protection to ensure physical and cultural safety;
 - e) Resolution of past misunderstandings.
11. Where the Trust Board requests or the Taumata-a-Iwi provides formal advice to the Trust Board, that request or advice shall be in writing and shall clearly state:
 - a) the grounds for that advice;
 - b) any alternative means or options required or available;
 - c) whether, and on what basis, recommendations are to be made; and
 - d) the implications of not accepting the advice.
12. The Trust Board recognises that the Tumuaki Maori Director has a dual role with respect to the Trust Board and the Taumata-a-Iwi:
 - a) as a member of executive management reporting through the Director to the Trust Board;
 - b) as a provider of services and advice to the Taumata-a-Iwi, and consulting with it on such other matters as are delegated to the Tumuaki Maori from time to time by the Director.

The Board notes that alternate appointees or deputies are not provided for in the Act.

In recognition of the need of the Taumata-a-Iwi for mandated agreement on issues, and the problem of ensuring appropriate iwi representation at all Hui-a-Marama, the following policy shall apply:

- a) At the same time that the Board invites recommendations for appointment or reappointment to the Taumata-a-Iwi, it shall invite nominations from Ngati Paoa Trust Board and Te Kingitanga o Tainui for alternates for the purpose of representation at Hui-a-Marama.
- b) Such alternates shall be appointed for the same two year term as the appointee.

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- c) As the remuneration paid to Taumata-a-Iwi representatives does not represent a meeting fee but, rather, a general service allowance, where an alternate attends any Hui-a-Marama on the appointees behalf, the remuneration shall continue to be paid to the appointee, and the appointee is solely responsible for all and any financial or other arrangements with the alternate;
- d) An appointee shall not substitute an alternate for more than two consecutive Hui-a-Marama in any one calendar year.