

Waterford and Wexford Education and Training Board

# MINUTES WWETB Post-Election Meeting (2) held 27th August 2019

Held at the Waterford Training Centre Waterford Ind. Park, Cork Road, Waterford X91 PX02

## Waterford and Wexford Education and Training Board Minutes of Meeting (2) held Tuesday 27th August 2019 at 4.45p.m.

Board Members in attendance: Clir. Barbara-Anne Murphy Chairperson presiding, Clir. Breda Brennan, Clir. Aidan Browne, Mr. David Doyle, Clir. Mary Farrell, Ms. Sandra Fogarty, Clir. Joe Kelly, Clir. Leonard Kelly, Clir. Garry Laffan, Clir. Eddie Mulligan, Clir. Pat Nugent, Clir. Fionntán Ó'Súilleabháin, Clir. Lola O'Sullivan, Ms. Finola Walsh.

**Also in attendance:** Mr. Kevin Lewis, Chief Executive, Dr. Karina Daly, Director of OSD, Mr. Michael O'Brien, Innovation and Development Manager, Mr. Fintan O'Reilly, Corporate Services Manager, Ms. Eimear Ryan, Director of Schools, Mr. Ken Whyte, Director of Further Education and Training.

Apologies: Cllr. Kathleen Codd-Nolan.

**270819.01 (B)** The Chief Executive congratulated Mr. David Doyle and Ms. Finola Walsh and members were invited to give brief introductions. The Board were requested to sign and return the circulated Conflict of Interest Forms (in order to fulfil requirements as set out in CL0002/2019 Code of Practice for the Governance of ETBs).

#### 270819.02(B) ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON FOR MEETING

The CE invited proposals for the election of Chairperson for the meeting. Cllr. Lola O'Sullivan proposed Cllr. Barbara-Anne Murphy; Seconded Cllr. Aidan Browne. The Chairperson Cllr. Barbara-Anne Murphy took the chair.

#### 270819.03(B) APPOINTMENT OF FIVE MEMBERS

The Chairperson advised that the members elected appoint five members to Waterford and Wexford ETB (in accordance with Section 31(7)(a)(i) of the Education and Training Boards Act 2013). The CE explained process referring to the Information Sheet as circulated whereby the members already elected shall appoint the remaining five Members from the nominations received from the Specified Bodies approved by the Minister for Education and Skills, it was noted that some organisations did not submit nominations.

A suggested method for the selection of five members was detailed on the Information Sheet including the requirement for gender balance. The Board considered the suggested procedure and the CE responded to queries and clarified where required with reference to the ETB Act 2013. Cllr. Joe Kelly proposed an alternative method that the category (iv) should be treated similarly to categories (i-iii) and that one member should be initially elected from each of categories (i-iv) and that all members not elected from their categories would go forward for election as the fifth member.

In response to query from Cllr. Mary Farrell as to whether the procedure in question has been used by every ETB the CE advised that a number of ETBs have used this method and a number are using different methods. Cllr. Mary Farrell proposed adopting the suggested procedure as set out on the Information Sheet.

The Chairperson clarified both proposals and called for a show of hands.

Motion 1. Cllr Joe Kelly: proposed that each of the four categories are duly recognised and the last position may be filled from any of the categories; Seconded Cllr. Eddie Mulligan.

*Motion 2. Cllr. Mary Farrell:* proposed that the suggested procedure as set out is utilised; Seconded Cllr. Pat Nugent.

A vote was called and following a show of hands the Chairperson declared Motion 1 carried with 8 Members in favour and 5 Members opposed.

The Ballot Papers were distributed and the voting took place by secret ballot. Cllr. Eddie Mulligan and Cllr. Mary Farrell were appointed Tellers; Proposed Cllr. Joe Kelly, Seconded Cllr. Leonard Kelly.

The Board Members cast their votes, votes were counted and the Chairperson announced results:

Mr. Larry O'Brien:

representing Bodies representative of business, industry and employers.

Mr. Pat Rath:

representing Bodies representative of learners.

Ms. Mary Ryan:

representing Bodies representative of persons engaged in the management of, or

leadership in, recognised schools.

Mr. Senan Lillis:

representing Bodies which are not in the three designated categories.

LIST 1 Karl Fitzpatrick Kathryn Kiely Des Moloney Larry O'Brien Padraig Dolan Mary Burke Tom Murphy 'Spoiled'	VOTES 1 2 4 1 1 2 1
LIST 2 Pat Rath Karen Hennessy Kieran Donohoe Críostóir Ó Faoláin	9 2 2 1
<u>LIST 3</u> Mary Ryan Fergus Dunne	14 0
<u>LIST 4</u> Senan Lillis Kate Miskella Úna de Paor	7 5 2

The Board were advised that in order to achieve gender balance the last person appointed should be female and a reserve panel is required - votes to be cast for remaining nominees with the highest placed female securing the final fifth appointment.

The Ballot Papers were distributed, the voting took place by secret ballot and appointed tellers Cllr. Eddie Mulligan and Cllr. Mary Farrell counted votes. The Chairperson announced result:

LIST 5	<u>VOTES</u>
Kate Miskella	7
Paula Rochford	2
Kieran Donohoe	1
Margaret Darrer	1
Bernie Ní Bhriain	1
Sue Phelan	1
Críostóir Ó Faolain	1

The Board appointed Mr. Larry O'Brien, Mr. Pat Rath, Ms. Mary Ryan, Mr. Senan Lillis and Ms. Kate Miskella; Proposed Cllr. Joe Kelly; Seconded Cllr. Leonard Kelly. The appointments are subject to finalisation following signature of relevant Declaration.

### 270819.04(B) DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Date for the next meeting of Waterford and Wexford ETB (In accordance with Section 31(7)(a)(ii) of the Education and Training Boards Act 2013). The Board agreed date for the next meeting: Tuesday, 10th September 2019 at 4.30p.m.

#### 270819.05(B) AOB

- (a) Cllr. Eddie Mulligan requested that information on each Board Member is circulated to the Board a photograph and short biography was suggested if Board Members wished.
- (b) A date for the meeting following the September meeting of WWETB was suggested as Tuesday 12th November in the Waterford Training Centre. Cllr. Lola O'Sullivan requested taking a Poll on the times of WWETB meetings. A Schedule of meeting dates and times to be proposed at the next meeting.

Signed

Date:

Documents circulated:

Agenda

Conflict of Interest Forms Information Sheet

List of Nominees from Bodies Specified

Ballot Papers Election Procedure