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Waterford and Wexford
Education and Training Board

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MINUTES

of Meeting held after Post-Election Meeting, 03 September, 2024 (2).

*Held at The Brandon House Hotel, New Ross, Co. Wexford Y34 KR62.
Tuesday, 03 September 2024 at 4.45p.m.*

Waterford and Wexford Education and Training Board (WWETB)

Minutes of meeting held after Post-Election Meeting, 03 September 2024 at 4.30p.m.

Board Members in attendance: *Cllr. Lola O'Sullivan, Chairperson (temporary) presided, Cllr. Aidan Browne, Cllr. Jim Codd, Cllr. Mary Farrell, Cllr. Blaise Hannigan, Mr. Garrett Hickey, Cllr. Paddy Kavanagh, Cllr. Darragh McDonald, Cllr. Donnchadh Mulcahy, Cllr. Bridín Murphy, Cllr. John O'Leary, Cllr. John Pratt, Cllr. Michael Sheehan.*

Also in attendance: *Dr. Karina Daly, Chief Executive (CE), Ms. Eimear Ryan, Director of Schools, Mr. Fintan O'Reilly, Corporate Services Manager, Mr. Michael O'Brien, Innovation and Development Manager, Ms. Lindsay Malone, Director of Further Education and Training, Mr. Michael T. O'Brien, Director of OSD, Mr. Alan Quirke, Director of OSD, Ms. Geraldine O'Gorman, Governance and Compliance Section.*

030924/2.01 The Chief Executive (CE) presided and invited nominations for the election of Temporary Chairperson for the meeting.

030924/2.02 ELECTION OF TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON

The board adopted the proposal that Cllr. Lola O'Sullivan would assume the role of Temporary Chairperson for the meeting as elected at the preceding post-election meeting. The Chairperson (temporary) took the chair and the meeting proceeded.

030924/2.03 CONDOLENCES

The Chairperson (temporary) notified the meeting of a number of bereavements and the Board extended sympathy to the following:

Mr. Dennis Murphy (Youthreach Wexford) on the death of his father Mr. James (Hook) Murphy;

Mr. Damian Quigley (VTOS Wexford) on the death of his wife Ms. Avril Quigley;

Ms. Fran Kennedy on the death of her Uncle Mr. Matt Boggan;

Ms. Sinead Breen Denton on the death of her mother Ms. Carmel Breen;

Ms. Brenda Mullins (Youthreach, Butlersland) on the sudden death of her sister Ms. Ann Mullins

Mr. David Connolly (Instructor, Waterford Training Centre) on the death of his partner's mother Ms. Ellen (Nelly) Dunphy;

Mr. John O'Leary (Senior Training Advisor, Services to Business, Wexford Training Centre) on the death of his mother-in-law Ms. Katie Doyle;

Ms. Mary Whitty (HR Dept.) on the death of her father Mr. Mike Whitty;

Ms. Eleanor Uí Chatháin (Deputy Principal, St. Declan's Community College) on the death of her father Mr. Patrick (Pat) O'Connor;

Ms. Gillian FitzMaurice O'Brien (teaching staff, Selskar College) on the death of her father Mr. Luke FitzMaurice;

Mr. Fintan Doyle (teaching staff, Bunclody Community College) on the death of his father;

Ms. Yvonne Butler (Teaching Staff, WCFE) on the death of her father Mr. George Butler;

Ms. Tracey Edwards (Acting Principal, Ramsgrange CS) on the death of her father Mr. James (Jimmy) Edwards;

The family of Mr. John Duggan, a former Principal of New Ross Vocational College (now Kennedy College);

Ms. Darina Gleeson (Music Generation Wexford, Administrator) on the death of her father;

The family of Mr. Maurice O'Connor, a former science teacher in Kennedy College;

Ms. Laura Cullen (Language and Literacy Adult Educator) on the death of her mother Ms. Clare Cullen who died suddenly;

Ms. Anne Martina Kehoe (Youthreach Wexford) on the death of her brother, Mr. Patrick Kehoe;

Mr. Paul O'Brien (Youthtrain Manager) on the death of his father;

Mr. Gavin Redmond (Wexford College of Further Education and Training) on the death of his Grandmother;

Dr. Barney O'Reilly former CEO of Co Kerry VEC.

Ms. Jenny Roche Teacher St. Paul's Community college on the death of her mother

030924/2.04 CONGRATULATIONS

The board extended their congratulations to the following::

- * *Apprentice* Tom Breen (Phase 2 Carpentry) placed 12th in the World Longboard Surf Championships in April and recently secured a bronze medal at the World Surf Lifesaving Championships in Australia.
- * *Wexford College of Further Education and Training* - Dean Kehoe on the birth of his Son;
- * *Youthreach, Enniscorthy* - runner up in the 'Frame of Mind, Walk in your Shoes', St Patrick Mental Health Competition;
- * *Youthreach, Enniscorthy* - young person awarded a Garda Youth Community Award and Enniscorthy Youthreach were one of four award winners who will go through to the National Garda Awards adjudication later this year;
- * *St. Declan's Community College* - Rebecca Walsh who came third in the discus at the SIAB Schools T&F International 2024 in Wales;
- * *Enniscorthy Community College* - Fiona Kehoe, teacher - 1500M W40 World Masters Champion.

030924/2.05 DECLARATION OF INTEREST – CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Conflict of Interest Declaration Forms were distributed to the Board for completion and return *{in order to fulfil requirements as set out in CL0002/2019 Code of Practice for the Governance of Education and Training Boards}* and members were reminded to sign form. No conflicts of interest were declared.

30924/2.06 APPOINTMENT OF FIVE MEMBERS (NOMINATING BODIES)

Appointment of five members to Waterford and Wexford Education and Training Board (WWETB) from among the persons nominated from nominating bodies as specified by the Minister for Education *{in accordance with Section 31(7)(a)(i) of the Education and Training Boards Act 2013}*. An information sheet, list of specified bodies, summary of nominations received and profiles of nominees listed were circulated to members in advance of the meeting. The board were advised that the members elected appoint five members to WWETB.

The Chairperson (temporary), having reviewed the documentation, identifying the nominees who had served previously on WWETB plus new nominees and the credentials of each candidate and category, put forward the following for the board's consideration and made reference to continuity.

1: *Bodies representative of learners* (category 2) suggested **Mr. Pat Rath** (previously served on WWETB).

2: *Bodies representative of business, industry and employers* (category 1) suggested **Margaret Darrer** (previously served on WWETB).

3: *Bodies representative of persons engaged in the management of, or leadership in recognised schools* (category 3) suggested **Ms. Mary Meade**.

4: *Bodies which are not in the three designated categories* (category 4) suggested **Ms. Kate Miskella** (previously served on WWETB.)

5: *Bodies representative of Learners* (category 2) suggested **Mr. Richard Hayes** (South East Technological University (SETU)).

Cllr. Michael Sheehan asked how membership was decided traditionally and/or selected.

The CE gave a brief overview whereby one nominee is selected (proposed and seconded) for each of the three categories (3) and the remaining two selected from any of the four categories. Members may select further nominees and proceed to a vote if they so wished. The Chairperson (temporary) invited the board's input for nominations, recommending consideration be given for continuity.

Mr. Michael T. O'Brien, Director of OSD acknowledged that selection is a matter for the board but as an alternative, suggested a private ballot where all the candidates and the candidate with the majority of votes would be appointed, then proceed to phase two – consisting of a ballot for the selection of the fourth and fifth candidates for appointment.

It was agreed that for each of the first three categories that all nominees that received a proposer and seconder in their category would be put forward for election, and the nominee receiving the most votes by way of a show of hands, in that category, would be deemed elected.

Bodies representative of business, industry and employers (category 1)

<i>Nominee</i>	<i>Proposed</i>	<i>Seconded</i>	<i>Show of hands</i>
Mr. Gerard Reynolds	Cllr. Aidan Browne	Cllr Paddy Kavanagh	3
Ms. Margaret Darrer	Cllr. Lola O'Sullivan	Cllr. Mary Farrell	10

Ms. Margaret Darrer was deemed elected in category one

Bodies Representative of Learners (2)

<i>Nominee</i>	<i>Proposed</i>	<i>Seconded</i>	<i>Show of hands</i>
Kieran Donohoe	Cllr. Michael Sheehan	Cllr. Bridín Murphy	4
Pat Rath	Cllr. Jim Codd	Cllr. Mary Farrell	4
Richard Hayes	Cllr. Lola O'Sullivan	Cllr. Blaise Hannigan	5

Mr Richard Hayes was deemed elected in category two

Bodies representative of persons engaged in the management of, or leadership in schools (3)

Cllr. Lola O Sullivan proposed **Dr. Mary Meade**; Seconded by Cllr. John Pratt.

There being no other nominee **Dr. Mary Meade** was deemed elected in category three.

It was clarified that the '*Bodies which are not in the three designated categories (4)*' forms part of the overall specified bodies and so all nominees are eligible to be included for consideration, i.e. category 4 nominations are not required to be considered as a separate category but rather as part of the overall listing of nominees (i.e. category 1, 2, 3 and 4) eligible for selection. The board discussed the process plus various requirements and balances to be weighed up such as geographical representation, gender and youthwork. It was agreed that nominees that received a proposer and seconder would be put forward for election. There would be two rounds of votes with the candidate receiving the most votes, by way of a show of hands, in round one being deemed elected. Another round of votes would be held with the remaining candidates. The candidate that received the most votes in this round, by way of a show of hands, would be deemed elected.

The Chairperson (temporary) Cllr Lola O Sullivan invited further nominations.

ROUND 1 NOMINEES:

<i>Nominee</i>	<i>Proposed</i>	<i>Seconded</i>	<i>Show of hands</i>
Kate Miskella	Cllr. Jim Codd	Cllr. John Pratt	7
Pat Rath	Cllr. Mary Farrell	Cllr. Darragh McDonald	3
Kieran Donohoe	Cllr. Michael Sheehan	Cllr. Bridín Murphy	2
Gerard Reynolds	Cllr. Aidan Browne	Cllr. Paddy Kavanagh	1

Ms Kate Miskella was deemed elected.

ROUND 2 NOMINEES:

<i>Nominee</i>	<i>Proposed</i>	<i>Seconded</i>	<i>Show of hands</i>
Pat Rath	Cllr. Mary Farrell	Cllr. Darragh McDonald	5
Kieran Donohoe	Cllr. Michael Sheehan	Cllr. Bridín Murphy	5
Gerard Reynolds	Cllr. Aidan Browne	Cllr. Paddy Kavanagh	1

Following the round of voting it was agreed that as there was a tie that the nominee with the lowest number of votes would be eliminated and another round of votes would be held for the two nominees tied on five votes each.

ROUND 3 NOMINEES:

<i>Nominee</i>	<i>Proposed</i>	<i>Seconded</i>	<i>Show of hands</i>
Pat Rath	Cllr. Mary Farrell	Cllr. Darragh McDonald	8
Kieran Donohoe	Cllr. Michael Sheehan	Cllr. Bridín Murphy	5

Mr Pat Rath was deemed elected.

The following were appointed by the board members to Waterford and Wexford Education and Training Board: **Dr. Mary Meade, Ms. Margaret Darrer, Dr. Richard Hayes, Ms. Kate Miskella, Mr. Pat Rath** (subject to completion of relevant Declaration).

030924/2.07 EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARDS IRELAND (ETBI)

Notification of ETBI Annual Conference 2024 at the Clayton Whites, Wexford, 25 and 26 September 2024 for information. The theme of this year's Conference is: '*Hear My Voice: the Learner in Education and Citizenship*'. The CE informed the board that an invitation will be issued and to inform Margaret Kelly (or admin support?) if they wished to attend.

030924/2.08 CONFIDENTIALITY

The CE stressed to the board members the importance of confidentiality around board matters and especially regarding nominations until all the candidates have been informed.

The Chairperson (temporary) thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting closed.

030924/2.09 DATE OF NEXT MEETING{In accordance with Section 31(7)(a)(ii) of the Education and Training Boards Act 2013}

It was agreed that the next meeting of WWETB would take place on the **1st of October at 4.30p.m. in the Brandon House Hotel, New Ross, Co. Wexford.** The Chairperson (temporary) outlined the rationale for the meeting venue and time.

Signed: Lola O'Sullivan

Date: 25/11/24

Documents circulated:

Agenda: Post-Election Meeting (1)+ Meeting after (2)
Conflict of Interest Declaration Forms
Information - procedures re both meetings
List of Specified Bodies (specified by the Dept. of Ed.)
Summary of Nominations received
Profiles for Nominees listed