

## Minutes of LWETB Board Meeting

<b>Date</b>	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> January, 2022
<b>Time</b>	5.30 p.m.
<b>Venue</b>	Teleconferencing due to COVID19

### Attendance

(Present: P, Apologies: AP, Absent: AB)

Board Member		Board Member	
Mr. Luke Casserly	<b>P</b>	Cllr. Frankie Keena	<b>P</b>
Mr. Donie Cassidy	<b>P</b>	Cllr. Denis Leonard	<b>P</b>
Cllr. Aoife Davitt	<b>P</b>	Ms. Kathleen McGahern	<b>P</b>
Cllr. John Dolan	<b>P</b>	Mr. Mark Murphy	<b>P</b>
Cllr. Michael Dollard	<b>AP</b>	Cllr. Garry Murtagh	<b>P</b>
Ms. Josephine Donohue	<b>P</b>	Cllr. Peggy Nolan	<b>P</b>
Ms. Niamh Ginnell	<b>P</b>	Ms. Mary O'Brien	<b>P</b>
Cllr. Ken Glynn	<b>P</b>	Cllr. Pat O'Toole	<b>P</b>
Cllr. Gerry Hagan	<b>P</b>	Ms. Emily Wallace	<b>P</b>
Mr. Colm Harte	<b>P</b>	Mr. Colin Whyte	<b>P</b>
Cllr. Louise Heavin	<b>P</b>		

Also Present:

Ms. Liz Lavery, Chief Executive (Acting)	<b>P</b>	Ms. Antonine Healy, Director of FET	<b>P</b>
Mr. Brian Higgins, Director of SYM (Acting)	<b>P</b>	Ms. Elaine McEvoy, Senior Staff Officer	<b>P</b>
Mr. Charlie Mitchell, Director of OSD	<b>P</b>		

### 1. Preliminary

Chairperson, Cllr Frankie Keena, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone present.

#### 1.2 Apologies

Cllr. Michael Dollard

#### Condolences

Limerick Clare ETB on the death of their colleague, Ms. Mary Troy.

#### 1.3 Adoption of Minutes of 09<sup>th</sup> November, 2021

**Proposed:** Cllr. John Dolan **Seconded:** Cllr. Aoife Davitt

#### 1.4 Matters arising from Minutes

None

## 2. Information and Communication

### 2.1 Summary of Correspondence

Following discussion it was agreed by all present that a letter would issue to the outgoing chairperson of Ardscoil Phádraig Board of Management, Ms. Maura Kilbride Harkin, thanking her for her dedication to the school and her role as Chairperson.

## 3. Committee Reports

### 3.1 Audit and Risk Committee

None for this meeting.

### 3.2 Finance Committee

The report in respect of meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2021 was noted by the Board. Mr. Charlie Mitchell, Director of Organisation Support and Development, sought permission from the Board to open up an account with the NTMA to reduce negative interest.

**Proposed:** Cllr. Pat O’Toole **Seconded:** Cllr. Aoife Davitt

### 3.3 Youth Work Committee

None for this meeting.

### 3.4 Boards of Management

Athlone Community College

Community Representative - Mr. Fiachra McLoughlin

**Proposed:** Cllr. John Dolan **Seconded:** Cllr. Gerry Hagan

Staff Representative - Ms. Sharon Kelly

**Proposed:** Cllr. Denis Leonard **Seconded:** Cllr. Gerry Hagan

Columba College, Killucan

Parent Representative - Annette Treacy

**Proposed:** Cllr. Denis Leonard **Seconded:** Cllr. Emily Wallace

Mullingar Community College

Staff Representative - Ms. Emma Farrell

**Proposed:** Cllr. Aoife Davitt **Seconded:** Cllr. Pat O’Toole

## 4. Policies & Procedures

### 4.1 LWETB Procurement Policy

Noted

## 5. Governance & Publications

### 5.1 LWETB Corporate Procurement Plan

**Proposed:** Cllr. Gerry Hagan **Seconded:** Mr. Colm Harte

### 5.2 LWETB Strategy Statement 2022 - 2026

Mr. Brian Higgins, Director of Schools, gave members a comprehensive overview of the draft LWETB Strategy Statement 2022 – 2026.

## 6. Chief Executives Report

### Finance Report

The Finance Report was noted by the Board.

### Buildings Report

The Buildings Report was noted by the Board.

### HR Report

The HR Report was noted by the Board.

### Community National Schools Presentation

Mr. Seamus Conboy, ETBI Director of Schools, attended the LWETB Meeting and gave members an update on Community National Schools. Following an extensive discussion it was agreed that members would engage with Chief Executive, Ms. Liz Lavery, and Director of Schools, Mr. Brian Higgin, in relation to any schools in the Longford and Westmeath area that expressed an interest in the CNS model.

## 7. Motions

### 7.1 Motions

None

## 8. Any Other Business

Cllr. Frankie Keena, and Cllr. Pat O'Toole announced the ending of their roles as Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson, respectively, of LWETB Board. Ms. Liz Lavery, Chief Executive invited members to put forward nominations for the roles and confirmed that this will be an Agenda item for the February meeting. Members extended their thanks and gratitude to Cllr. Keena and Cllr. O'Toole for their dedication to LWETB and their passion for education.

Following discussion it was agreed that LWETB would engage with the new president of the Technological University, with a view to exploring the creation of outreach programmes across Longford and Westmeath.

**Proposed:** Cllr. Peggy Nolan **Seconded:** Cllr. Frankie Keena

It was also agreed that LWETB would propose that a future board meeting would take place in Midlands University, when COVID-19 restrictions allow and at a time suitable to the Midlands University.

**Proposed:** Cllr. Denis Leonard **Seconded:** Cllr. Frankie Keena

### 8.1 Date and location of next meeting

The next meeting of LWETB will take place on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2022 at 5:30 p.m., location to be confirmed, depending on COVID-19 guidelines.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 7.15p.m.

Signature of Presiding Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_