



## **KWETB Board Meeting**

### **Minutes of the Board of KWETB held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2022 at 10.30a.m. Online Meeting through MS Teams.**

- Present:** Cllr. Daragh Fitzpatrick in the Chair, Cllr. Tom Fortune Vice Chairperson, Cllr. Peter Hamilton, Mr. Stephen Horan, Mr. Noel Merrick, Ms. Deirdre O'Donovan, Mr. David O'Gorman, Cllr. Anne Ferris, Ms. Siobhain Grogan, Cllr. Evie Sammon, Cllr. Patsy Glennon, Cllr. Bernard Caldwell, Cllr. Paul O'Brien, Cllr. Kevin Duffy, Cllr. Nuala Killeen.
- In attendance:** Dr. Deirdre Keyes CE, Mr. Joe Kelly Director of OSD, Mr. Ken Scully Director of Schools, Mr. Ken Seery Director of FET, Dr. Áine Murphy KWETB, Ms. Orla Kealy KWETB, Ms Catherine Doran KWETB
- Apologies:** Cllr. Lourda Scott, Cllr. Íde Cussen
- Absent:** Ms. Aoife Ní Chéileachair, Ms. Caoimhe Molloy, Ms. Alice O'Donnell

## **Introduction**

Once the required quorum was confirmed, the Chair welcomed all members.



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No. 1 Conflicts of Interest/Disclosure of Interests

Board members declared no conflicts of interest.

Minute ETB 02-02-2022

No. 2 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Lourda Scott and Cllr Íde Cussen.

Minute ETB 03-02-2022

No. 3 Adopting the Minutes of previous meetings

3.1 Minutes of Board meeting 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Proposed: Cllr Bernard Caldwell

Seconded: Cllr Peter Hamilton

Minute ETB 04-02-2022

No. 4 Matters Arising from the Minutes

No matters were arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

At this point Cllr Fortune reminded the Board of the meeting set for the Board effectiveness to engage with the external facilitator. The importance of full attendance for this meeting was stressed to the Board.

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No. 5 Matters for approval, noting or adoption

6.1. Adoption

5.1.a. Service Plan 2022

Finance Committee Report

Prior to introducing the Service Plan, the CE noted to the Board that Naas Community College was handed over on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February and the school shall soon be moving into the premises.

The Chairperson of the Finance Committee, member Noel Merrick was invited to speak to the committee's report on the Service Plan. He noted a number of items from the report including the review process of the committee, the need for increased funding for FET premises, the demand on schools for places leading to further funds required for additional accommodations, the underfunding CNS education receives, and noting Outdoor education now receives funding from SOLAS and self-financing activities. Mr Merrick concluded the Finance Committee recommends the adoption of the proposed Service Plan by the Board.



As per the Standing Orders of the Board it was proposed to go in-camera to discuss the Service Plan 2022 as the Service plan contains figures of a draft nature and matters that are subject of a deliberative process of the Board and the Department of Education (DoE). The Service Plan 2022 will be published in full once accepted by the DoE.

To note that for full transparency, the figures are in line with the Letter of Determination outlining KWETB's financial allocation for 2022.

A vote was taken to go in-camera to discuss the Service Plan with a result of 11 For and 3 against.

The following note of the in-camera meeting was agreed to reflect discussions;

Clarification on various aspects of the Service Plan 2022 was provided.

Members noted in particular that capital funding for accommodation in the area is of concern, given the increase in population and demand for enrolment envisaged in the coming years. Increased capital funding is essential in order to provide appropriate and necessary accommodation and mitigate against what is currently a significant risk for the organisation.

Furthermore, the ring-fenced and underfunding of CNS is a particular challenge in the operational running of CNS.

The Service Plan 2022 was adopted by the Board, proposed by Mr David O'Gorman seconded by Cllr Peter Hamilton and agreed, with the provision that concerns regarding capital funding and CNS funding are recorded.

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No. 6 Date of next meeting

6) Date of next meeting  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022

Signed: 

Date: 13/06/2022

Cllr. Daragh Fitzpatrick

Chairperson of Kildare and Wicklow ETB