



A meeting of Laois and Offaly Education and Training Board was held on Tuesday 24 September 2024 at Tullamore College, Riverside, Tullamore.

Present

Cllr Neil Feighery (Chairperson)	Cllr John King
Mr Clive Davis (online)	Cllr Claire Murray
Cllr Catherine Fitzgerald	Cllr Caroline Dwane Stanley
Cllr Vivienne Phelan	Cllr Hugh Egan
Cllr Tommy Mulligan	Cllr Claire Murray Smale
Cllr Eddie Fitzpatrick	Cllr Ollie Clooney
Ms Myra Kennedy	Ms Tara Carty
Mr William Flanagan	Ms Serena Fitzpatrick
Ms Valerie O Connell	Mr Seamus Bennett
Mr Gareth Stanley	Mr Jim Cashen

In Attendance

Joe Cunningham, Chief Executive
Pam Nolan, Director of OSD
Tony Dalton, Director of FET
Linda Tynan, Director of Schools
Frank Walsh, Head of Corporate Services
Nicole Doyle, Corporate Services

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chief Executive, Joe Cunningham thanked the members for their attendance and welcomed the new members Clive Davis, Jim Cashen, Tara Carty, Valerie O Connell and Seamus Bennet to the Board.

No apologies were received for the meeting.

2. Presentation by Senior Management Team

The Senior Management Team comprising Joe Cunningham (Chief Executive), Pam Nolan (Director of Organisation Support and Development), Tony Dalton (Director of Further Education and Training), and Linda Tynan (Director of Schools) gave a presentation to members on LOETB operations and services.

Members acknowledged the ongoing work and achievements of LOETB and thanked the SMT for their presentation.

3. Election of Chairperson

The CE asked members for their nominations for the position of Chairperson to LOETB. The following member was nominated:

Nomination: Neil Feighery

Proposed: Hugh Egan

Seconded: John King

Neil Feighery was appointed as Chairperson of LOETB and took over the chairing of the meeting.

4. Election of Vice Chairperson

The CE asked members for their nominations for the position of Vice Chairperson to LOETB. The following member was nominated:

Nomination: Catherine Fitzgerald

Proposed: Caroline Dwane Stanley

Seconded: Vivienne Phelan

5. Minutes of Board Meetings

The following minutes of previous meetings were circulated to members. Members approved the minutes, and they were signed by the Chairperson.

28 May 2024

Proposed: Caroline Dwane Stanley

Seconded: Eddie Fitzpatrick

20 August 2024 – First Post-Election meeting

Proposed: Vivienne Phelan

Seconded: Claire Murray Smale

20 August 2024 – Second Post-Election meeting

Proposed: Caroline Dwane Stanley

Seconded: John King

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

6. Nomination to the Reserved Forum of ETBI

The CE informed members that ETBI is seeking the nomination of one Board member to serve on the ETBI Reserve Members Forum for a period of either two or three years. The Board previously agreed that this role should be fulfilled by the Chairperson.

Nomination: Neil Feighery
Proposed: Catherine Fitzgerald
Seconded: John King

7. Nomination to IPB insurance

The CE informed members that IPB insurance are seeking the appointment of one Board member to serve as the IPB insurance representative.

Nomination: Eddie Fitzpatrick
Proposed: Neil Feighery
Seconded: Jim Cashen

8. Nomination to Board of Management

The Chairperson asked members for nominations to the Boards of Management of schools. A discussion took place on the importance of attending all Boards of Management meetings and members were advised to only consider membership of a Boards of Management if they can commit to attending all scheduled meetings.

Members were appointed as follows:

School	Nomination	Proposed	Seconded
Ard Scoil Chiaráin Naofa, Clara	Aoife Masterson	Caroline Dwane Stanley	Vivienne Phelan
Banagher College	Jim Cashen	Eddie Fitzpatrick	Catherine Fitzgerald
	Hugh Egan	Neil Feighery	Catherine Fitzgerald
Clonaslee College	Seamus Bennet	Catherine Fitzgerald	Vivienne Phelan
	Vivienne Phelan	Catherine Fitzgerald	Ollie Clooney
Coláiste Naomh Cormac, Kilcormac	Neil Feighery	Eddie Fitzpatrick	Tara Carty
	Hugh Egan	Neil Feighery	Eddie Fitzpatrick
Dunamase College	Catherine Fitzgerald	Ollie Clooney	Eddie Fitzpatrick

	Tommy Mulligan	Ollie Clooney	Eddie Fitzpatrick
	Caroline Dwane Stanley	Ollie Clooney	Eddie Fitzpatrick
Oaklands Community College	Claire Murray Smale	Vivienne Phelan	Eddie Fitzpatrick
	Claire Murray	Eddie Fitzpatrick	Claire Murray Smale
	Eddie Fitzpatrick	Catherine Fitzgerald	Ollie Clooney
Portlaoise College	Clive Davis	John King	Myra Kennedy
	Tommy Mulligan	Catherine Fitzgerald	Caroline Dwane Stanley
	Gareth Stanley	Serena Fitzpatrick	Ollie Clooney
St Fergal's College Rathdowney	Valerie O'Connell	John King	Catherine Fitzgerald
	Ollie Clooney	Vivienne Phelan	John King
	John King	Catherine Fitzgerald	Caroline Dwane Stanley
Tullamore College	Aoife Masterson	Caroline Dwane Stanley	Vivienne Phelan
	Eddie Fitzpatrick	Vivienne Phelan	Hugh Egan
	Neil Feighery	Vivienne Phelan	Hugh Egan

Nomination of Staff representatives to Boards of Management

School	Nomination
Ard Scoil Chiaráin Naofa, Clara	Male: Jason Kiernan Female: Claire Young
Banagher College	Male: Sean Duggan Female: Breed Hassett
Clonaslee College	Male: Sean Cotter Female: Deirdre Ryan
Coláiste Naomh Cormac, Kilcormac	Male: Evil Milne Female: Grainne Meagher
Dunamase College	Male: Tomás O Murchú Female: Vicky Uí Chatháin

Oaklands Community College	Male: Joe Dunne Female: Aine Brennan
Portlaoise College	Male: Paddy Hamm Female: Amanda Cripps
St Fergal's College Rathdowney	Male: Andrew Ryan Female: Stella Fitzgerald
Tullamore College	Male: Richard Dalton Female: Magali Rougerie

Proposed: Caroline Dwane Stanley

Seconded: Hugh Egan

Nomination of Parent representatives to Boards of Management

School	Nomination
Banagher College	Male: Paudie Mulhare Female: Tina Clarke
Clonaslee College	Male: Eddie Carroll Female: Becky Dunne
Coláiste Naomh Cormac, Kilcormac	Male: Thomas Moylan Female: Edel Gill
Dunamase College	Male: Paul Leary Female: Celine Cole
Oaklands Community College	Male: Barry Maher Female: Laura McMahon
Portlaoise College	Male: Owen Reynolds Female: Nadine Byrne
St Fergal's College Rathdowney	Male: Pat Bergin Female: Claire Meade
Tullamore College	Male: Dermot Cuskelly Female: Lisa Gethings

Proposed: Caroline Dwane Stanley

Seconded: John King

9. Nominations of members to the Youth Work Committee

A discussion took place regarding the nominations to the Youth Work Committee. A copy of the Terms of Reference was circulated to members for their information. The following members were nominated:

Nomination: Tommy Mulligan
Proposed: Ollie Clooney
Seconded: Valerie O'Connell

Nomination: Tara Carty
Proposed: Tommy Mulligan
Seconded: Vivienne Phelan

Nomination: Clive Davis
Proposed: John King
Seconded: Eddie Fitzpatrick

Nomination: Caroline Dwane Stanley
Proposed: Catherine Fitzgerald
Seconded: Ollie Clooney

As there were four nominations, the appointment went to a vote count (by ballot) resulting in Clive Davis, Caroline Dwane Stanley, and Tommy Mulligan being appointed to the Youth Work Committee.

10. Nominations to the Finance Committee

A copy of the Terms of Reference and External Nominations was circulated to members for their information. The CE thanked members who had submitted external nominations for consideration by the Board.

Nominees: Martin Byrne, John Carroll, PJ Lawlor, and Oliver McCormack.
Proposed: Eddie Fitzpatrick
Seconded: Catherine Fitzgerald

The Chairperson then sought three nominees from the Board. The nominations were as follows:

Nomination: Valerie O'Connell
Proposed: Catherine Fitzgerald
Seconded: John King

Nomination: Claire Murray
Proposed: Claire Murray Smale

Seconded: Eddie Fitzpatrick

Nomination: Vivienne Phelan

Proposed: Ollie Clooney

Seconded: Claire Murray Smale

The Chairperson then sought a nomination for the Chair of the Committee which must be an external member.

Nomination: Martin Byrne

Proposed: Catherine Fitzgerald

Seconded: Hugh Egan

11. Nominations to the Audit and Risk Committee

A copy of the Terms of Reference and External Nominations was circulated to members for their information. The CE thanked members who had submitted external nominations for consideration by the Board.

Nominees: Áine Mulligan, Brian Phelan, Robert McDermott, Declan Kirrane, and Peter Scully

Proposed: Eddie Fitzpatrick

Seconded: Caroline Dwane Stanley

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Nomination: Caroline Dwane Stanley

Proposed: Catherine Fitzgerald

Seconded: Claire Murray

Nomination: Tara Carty

Proposed: Tommy Mulligan

Seconded: Vivienne Phelan

Nomination: Hugh Egan

Proposed: Neil Feighery

Seconded: Catherine Fitzgerald

The Chairperson then sought a nomination for the Chair of the Committee which must be an external member.

Nomination: Declan Kirrane

Proposed: Eddie Fitzpatrick

Seconded: Hugh Egan

12. AOB

In correspondence, the former Chairperson of the Board, Evelyn Dunne, extended her congratulations and best wishes to the new Board members. The Chairperson extended his thanks to the former Chair and complimented her diligence as both a member and Chairperson during the last term and asked that the Executive thank Ms. Dunne for her contribution to LOETB on behalf of the Board.

13. Date and Venue of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on 22 October at 4:30pm at Portlaoise College, Mountrath Road, Portlaoise.

Signed: Neil Feighery
Neil Feighery (Oct 29, 2024 09:49 GMT)

Date: 29/10/2024

Chairperson