



The second post-election meeting of Laois and Offaly Education and Training Board was held on 20 August 2024 at 4:15pm at the LOETB Administrative Offices, Mountrath road, Portlaoise R32 XWY1.

Present

Cllr. Neil Feighery
Cllr. Eddie Fitzpatrick
Cllr. Vivienne Phelan
Cllr. Catherine Fitzgerald
Cllr. Caroline Dwane Stanley
Cllr. Claire Murray
Cllr. Claire Murray Smale
Cllr. Hugh Egan
Ms. Myra Kennedy
Mr. William Flanagan
Cllr. Tommy Mulligan
Cllr. John King
Cllr. Aoife Masterson
Ms. Serena Fitzgerald
Mr. Gareth Stanley

In Attendance

Mr. Joe Cunningham, Chief Executive
Ms. Pam Nolan, Director of OSD
Mr. Frank Walsh, Head of Corporate Services
Ms. Nicole Doyle, Corporate Services

1. Preliminary

Welcome

The Chief Executive welcomed all present to the second post-election Board meeting.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr. Ollie Clooney.

Declaration of Interest

As per Schedule 3, Paragraph 10, Section 3 of the (ETB) Act 2013 and the Agenda Notice, no conflicts of interest were declared at the meeting.

2. Election of Chairperson for the purpose of the meeting

The members agreed that the Chief Executive should chair the meeting as the Chairperson will not be formally elected until the third meeting of the Board on 24 September.

3. Appointment of 5 nominees by bodies specified by the Minister in accordance with Section 30 (11)(a) of the Education and Training Boards Act, 2013.

The Chairperson informed members that the Education and Training Boards Act, 2013 Section 30 (11)(a) sets out how the remaining 5 members should be selected insofar as it states that the 'core board' (16 members – 12 Local Authority representatives, 2 Staff representatives and 2 Parent representatives) are required to select at least one nominee from the following bodies specified by the Minister:

1. Bodies representative of Business, Industry, and Employers;
2. Bodies representatives of Learners;
3. Bodies representatives of persons engaged in the management of, or leadership in, recognised schools

The final two nominees can be selected from any of the bodies on the list of nominees provided to members. There must be a gender balance which should comprise of at least three male/two female or two male/three female.

The Chairperson referred to list of nominations received by LOETB and circulated to members and asked for nominations from the three specified categories.

1. Bodies representative of business, industry, and employers

Nominee: Jim Cashen

Proposed by: Neil Feighery

Seconded by: Eddie Fitzpatrick

2. Bodies representative of learners

Nominee: Clive Davis

Proposed by: Caroline Dwane Stanley

Seconded by: John King

3. Bodies representative of persons engaged in the management of, or leadership in, recognised schools

Nominee: Seamus Bennett

Proposed by: Eddie Fitzpatrick

Seconded by: Neil Feighery

The Chairperson informed members that the final two nominees may come from any of the categories on the list.

Nominee: Valerie O Connell

Proposed by: Catherine Fitzgerald

Seconded by: Vivienne Phelan

Nominee: Tara Carty

Proposed by: John King

Seconded by: Vivienne Phelan

4. Date and Venue of next meeting

The next meeting of the Board will take place on 24 September 2024 at 4:30pm at the LOETB Midland Skills Centre, Axis Business Park, Tullamore, Offaly. R35 TF80 (subject to confirmation).

Signed: Neil Longenecker

Date: 24/9/24

Chairperson