

MAYO, SLIGO AND LEITRIM EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARD
MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING
HELD ONLINE VIA M.S. TEAMS ON TUESDAY 23rd March, 2021 AT 4.00 p.m.

Mmes D. Sheridan, M.C.C.
S. Finan
J. Van Aswegen
P. N. Thaidhg
R. O'Grady, S.C.C
M. Bohan, L.C.C
N. McGowan

Messrs J. Caulfield, M.C.C
T. Connolly, M.C.C
C. Hyland, M.C.C
R. Finn, M.C.C
P. O. Rourke, L.C.C
E. Stenson, L.C.C
A. Gibbons S.C.C
P. Coffey
G. Murphy
P. Forde
M. Molloy
S. Kilgannon

The following were also in attendance:

Mr. T. Grady, Chief Executive, Ms. Mary Madden, Director of Schools, Mr. Peter Egan, Director of Further Education and Training, Mr. Pat Howley, Director of Organisation Support and Development and Ms. C. Leonard, Corporate Services.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr. S. Carey and Cllr. M. Casserly who was unable to attend the meeting.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interests declared.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of:

- MSLETB’s Board Meeting, held on 16th February 2021, were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. M. Bohan and seconded by Cllr. R. O’Grady.

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

APPROVAL OF 2020 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS INCLUDING STATEMENT ON INTERNAL CONTROLS

Mr. J. McGoey, A.P.O Finance briefed the board on MSLETB’s 2020 financial statements which includes a statement on internal controls. The Statement on Internal Controls was reviewed and discussed in detail by the Audit and Risk Committee at their meeting on 12th March 2021 and was recommended for approval by the Board. The 2020 MSLETB Draft Financial Statements were reviewed and discussed by the Finance Committee at their meeting on 22nd March 2021 and was recommended for approval by the Board.

The board approved the 2020 Financial Statements on the proposal of Mr. S. Kilgannon and seconded by Cllr. D. Sheridan./

Mr. S. Kilgannon, Cllr. D. Sheridan, Chairperson, Cllr. J. Caulfield and the CE all complimented Mr. J. McGoey and his team for the huge amount of work that went into getting the financial statements finalised.

Mr. P. Howley, Directors OSD, thanked Mr. J. McGoey, the Finance team and members of Corporate Services for completing this statutory requirement on time.

ELECTION OF LCDC NOMINEE TO SIT ON THE GOVERNING BODY OF SLIGO IT

As agreed by the board at the previous meeting, Chairperson, Cllr. J. Caulfield acted as returning officer and Mr. K. Joyce, A.P.O. Human Resources was nominated by the CE to act as an independent observer. Chairperson, Cllr. J. Caulfield advised the board that the count was conducted prior to the meeting, 20 votes were cast, with each nominee receiving 10 votes each.

After some discussion, the board agreed on the proposal of Cllr. M. Bohan and seconded by Mr. T. Connolly that this item would be deferred until the next board meeting pending advice on how best to proceed.

PRESENTATION FROM MR. S.CONBOY, ETBI, ON COMMUNITY NATIONAL SCHOOLS

Mr. S. Conboy, Director of Schools, ETBI gave a presentation on Community National Schools (CNS). The presentation included a brief on the CNS model, ETB's role in CNS's and future plans for CNS's under the Programme for Government.

The presentation was very well received with positive feedback and comments received from a number of Board members. The CE thanked Mr. S. Conboy for his input and further commented on MSLETB's interest in the CNS model.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

Welcome

The CE welcomed everyone for logging in online.

Votes of Sympathy



Youth & Arts Committee

The CE advised the Board that the inaugural meeting of the Youth & Arts committee was held on Monday 15th March, 2020. The meeting was very positive and informative; the CE congratulated Cllr. Enda Stenson on his appointment as Chairperson of this committee. The CE expressed his satisfaction that the Youth & Arts committee is up and running and looks forward to the positive contribution it will make to the Youth & Arts functions in MSLETB.

Announcement re Mayo College of Further Education

The CE advised the Board that Mayo, Sligo and Leitrim Education and Training Board has today announced the founding of a new Further Education and Training college: Mayo College of Further Education and Training. Building upon the productive and mutually cooperative working relationship of Castlebar College of Further Education (CCFE) and Westport College of Further Education (Westport CFE), this new college will bring together both entities in a major evolution of further education and training for the region.

The CE advised that the new College will be a vibrant, diverse and inclusive college hosting a wide range of Further Education and Training opportunities at Level 5 and Level 6 on the National Framework of Qualifications. The fusion of Castlebar CFE and Westport CFE is a significant milestone in the development of Further Education within Mayo Sligo and Leitrim ETB. Mayo College of Further Education and Training will be the new home to 450 fulltime and 500 part-time students across the two campuses in Castlebar and Westport”.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT cont.

COVID 19 Update

The CE provided a brief update on Covid 19 guidelines and the status in relation to MSLETB's Schools, FET and OSD.

This concluded the CE's report.

FURTHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING REPORT

Mr. Peter Egan, Director of FET, presented the Further Education and Training Report for Mayo, Sligo and Leitrim Education and Training Board. Updates included a brief of MSLETB's Inaugural Review Quality Assurance publications.

ORGANISATIONAL SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Mr. P. Howley, Director of OSD (DOSD) presented the Organisation Support and Development Report which also incorporated the Finance Report, Building Report and ICT Report for Mayo, Sligo and Leitrim Education and Training Board.

Mr. S. Kilgannon thanked the DOSD for keeping himself and Cllr. O'Grady up to date with regard to Grange P.P.S.

Cllr. P. O'Rourke thanked MSLETB for all their work in relation to Carrigallen Vocational School and hopes the school gets the result they require.

SCHOOLS REPORT

Ms. M. Madden, Director of Schools presented the Schools Report for Mayo, Sligo and Leitrim Education and Training Board.

The following documents were included in the Board Onenote for Noting:

MSLETB	MSLETB Interview Guidelines
MSLETB	Revised Garda Vetting Policies – as National Vetting Bureau no longer accept PPS Card
MSLETB	List of Correspondence
MSLETB	List of Circulars

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was decided to defer item 5 on the agenda until the next meeting on 20th April.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:


Chairperson

Date:

20/04/21