

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT A MEETING OF THE
CORK EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARD
CORK TRAINING CENTRE, ROSSA AVENUE
16TH JULY 2015

ATTENDANCE

<i>Cllr. Des O'Grady</i>	<i>Cllr. Mary Shields</i>
<i>Cllr. Mary Hegarty</i>	<i>Cllr. Laura McGonigle</i>
<i>Cllr. Patrick Gerard Murphy</i>	<i>Ms. Una O'Donnell</i>
<i>Cllr. Claire Cullinane</i>	<i>Ms. Gillian Keating</i>
<i>Cllr. Pdraig O'Sullivan</i>	<i>Mr. Declan O'Leary</i>
<i>Cllr. Tim Brosnan</i>	

EXECUTIVE & ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

<i>Mr. Ted Owens, CE</i>	<i>Ms. Louise O'Sullivan (Minute Taker)</i>
<i>Mr. Martin Hallahan, PO</i>	<i>Mr. Niall Kennefick APO</i>

WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were received from Board Members, Mr. Paudie Palmer, Cllr. Michael Hegarty, Cllr. Chris O'Leary, Ms. Bidy McDonagh, Ms. Mary O'Grady, Rev. Dr. Tom Deenihan, Cllr. Margaret Murphy O'Mahony, Ms. Maura Fitzgibbon.

CONDOLENCES

- † To Máire Lee, staff in College of Commerce, and family, on the death of her mother.
- † To Helen Madden, staff CETB Head Office, and family, on the death of her mother-in-law.
- † To Helen Madden, staff CETB Head Office, and family, on the death of her mother.
- † To Helen Ryan, Principal College of Commerce, and family, on the death of her father.

MINUTES

The Board, on the proposition of Ms. Una O'Donnell, seconded by Cllr. Tim Brosnan adopted the minutes of the June ETB meetings (**copies herewith**).

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board, on the proposition of Cllr. Mary Hegarty, seconded by Cllr. Laura McGonigle adopted the DES, ETBI and General Correspondence as presented (**copies herewith**).

The Board, on the proposition of Cllr. Mary Shields, seconded by Cllr. Laura McGonigle, approved the payment of € 5,000 to the Briery Gap for the All Ireland Transition Year Drama Festival 2015.

CE'S REPORT

The Board, on the proposition of Mr. Declan O'Leary, seconded by Cllr. Des O'Grady, approved the adoption of the CE's report (**copy herewith**).

- **Item 1 – Public Account Committee** - Cllr. Brosnan expressed concerns at the inference of the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee that little had changed from the time of the former County Cork VEC to the present day. A number of other members agreed with this sentiment. The CE responded by stating that he was anxious to draw a line under the affair and that he wished to move on and to ensure that Cork ETB was an efficient, compliant organisation. Cllr. Brosnan stated he would be writing to the Chairman of the PAC. The CE concluded this portion of the meeting by confirming that he would have a copy of the full transcript made available to the members, should they require it. The members declined this as it is available electronically.
- **Item 2 – Appointments** - The CE advised that over 2,000 applications had been received this year and he thanked the members for servicing the interview boards.
- **Item 3 - Organisational Structure** - The CE informed the meeting that he had met with Stella Griffin of IMPACT on this issue. He, like other ETB's is disappointed at the apparent lack of progress.
- **Item 4 - South West Action Plan** - The CE informed the meeting that Cork ETB was engaging with the other stakeholders to ensure the establishment of the Skills Forum. This is seen as being central to an efficient roll out of the plan.

APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL MEMBERS TO THE AUDIT & FINANCE COMMITTEES

The Board, on the proposition of Cllr. Laura McGonigle, seconded by Cllr. Mary Hegarty approved the appointments as presented in the report (**copy herewith**).

AOB

The CE thanked all members who assisted on interview boards over the early part of the summer. He particularly thanked Ms. Una O'Donnell, for whom this was her last meeting

and wished her well. The issue of a quorum was also raised and it was agreed that members should be contacted 2 days before the meetings to ensure a quorum. On the issue of continued absence of members from consecutive meetings, the following extract (Section 36 (4)) from the Act was read:

“Where an Education & Training Board accepts, by resolution passed before the end of the relevant period, that the absence of the member was due to illness or in good faith for another reason, the relevant period shall stand extended to 12 months from the relevant date”.

The Board agreed to extend this to Ms. Bidy McDonagh, on the grounds of personal reasons.

DATE & VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was provisionally fixed for 17th September. Following a discussion, the CE agreed to come back to the members regarding same.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

SIGNED: _____
Chairman

DATE: _____