
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE SIXTY NINTH MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE NORTH WEST REGIONAL COLLEGE HELD IN THE BOARDROOM, NORTHLAND BUILDING, STRAND ROAD CAMPUS ON FRIDAY, 25 JANUARY 2019, COMMENCING 1500

PRESENT:

Mr G Finnegan, Governing Body Chair
Mr P Canavan
Mrs R Dougherty
Dr N Hand
Mr G Killeen
Mr P Laughlin
Mr L Murphy, Principal & Chief Executive
Mr S McGregor
Dr M O'Neill
Mrs L Taggart

IN ATTENDANCE;

Mrs E Doherty, Governance Secretary

The Governing Body Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

69.1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr M O'Kane, Mrs L McGonigle, Mrs C McFarland, Mr B Quinn, Mr S Gillespie and Mr A Magee.

69.2 CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS/DECLARATIONS OF ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were no conflicts of interest declared or no declarations of any other business.

69.3 DRAFT MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING BODY MEETING HELD ON 14 NOVEMBER 2018**➤ PREVIOUSLY ISSUED TO ALL MEMBERS**

Draft Minutes of the Governing Body Meeting held on 14 November 2018

The Draft Minutes were taken as read and agreed were an accurate record of the meeting.

PROPOSED; Dr M O'Neill

SECONDED; Mr P Canavan

69.3.1 Matters Arising – 14 November 2018 meeting**67.11 Any Other Business: Ongoing Dispute –**

Governing Body Chair to keep the Staff Governors updated on these matters.

Action: This communication is ongoing with Staff Governors.

Communication to follow to all staff on these matters at an appropriate time.

Action: The Governing Body Chair stated communication will be sent to all staff when the dispute has been resolved.

**69.3.2 DRAFT MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING BODY MEETING HELD ON
9 JANUARY 2019****➤ PREVIOUSLY ISSUED TO ALL MEMBERS**

Draft Minutes of the Governing Body Meeting held on 9 January 2019.

The Draft Minutes were taken as read and agreed were an accurate record of the meeting.

PROPOSED; Dr N Hand

SECONDED; Mr G Killeen

Matters Arising - 9 January 2019 meeting**68.3 Governance Documents**

The Governing Body Secretary to seek out the Sector position on this item.

Action: It was agreed to approach the Department to seek a Sector change to the document. Correspondence sent to the Department on 24 January 2019.

Strategy Day – Dr M O'Neill to provide a copy of the research paper, 'What Works'.
Update; paper received.

69.4 GOVERNING BODY SELF –ASSESSMENT SUMMARY REPORT 2017/18**➤ PREVIOUSLY ISSUED TO ALL MEMBERS**

Governing Body Self-Assessment Summary Report 2017/18

The Governing Body Chair referred to the Governing Body Self-Assessment 2017-18. He drew members' attention to the attendance figures for Governing Body meetings for 2017/18 which was 74.2%, a decrease on 2016/17 (78.8%). There was also a reduction in attendance at Committee meetings for 2017/18 to 73.9%, 2016/17 (75.4%). For both Governing Body meetings and Committee meetings attendance is the lowest across the Sector. The Governing Body Chair reminded Governors that the target set for attendance was 80% and requested that Governors who had not achieved this target to endeavour to improve their attendance to at least 80% for both Committee and Governing Body meetings.

A positive outcome from the Self-Assessment Report was that for all five questionnaire topics the perception of NWRC respondents increased compared to 2016/17. The views were more positive than those from across the Sector for all five of the topics.

Discussion followed on the challenges facing the Board with the recent reduction of two members following the changes in the removal of the Education Authority's nomination rights, this together with the ongoing issue with no public appointments being made may impact on the Board effectively managing its business.

AGREED ACTION: The Governing Body Secretary to undertake a piece of work on this matter.

69.5 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to note on the main business of the meeting.

69.6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no any other business to discuss.

The Governing Body Chair then requested that members not required for the remaining items to leave the room at this juncture.

Members: Mrs L Taggart and Mr S McGregor left the room at this juncture.

69.7 RESERVED BUSINESS

The meeting ended at 1520 and went into private session.

Date of next meeting: 12 March 2019

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