

**Minutes of the Board of Governors Meeting of Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

- Present:** J. Woodworth [Chair]
- Also:** D. Conroy, T. Doyle, L. Hennessy, D. McDonagh, D. Kelleher, H. McCormack, S. Quinn.
- In Attendance:** K. Kelleher [Secretary]
- Apologies:** M. Carey, J. Carty, T. Corcoran, T. Fahy, A. Lenny, O. Gilhooly-Miles, D. Tiernan.

**1. Motion of Condolence**

The Chair and Director paid tribute to John Murray, recently deceased, for his contribution to the Finance committee and the Governing Body. He had a big personality with immense joie de vivre and his short illness was a shock to all.

**2. Conflicts of Interest**

No conflicts of interest declared.

**3. Minutes of the Governing Body Meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

The meeting approved the minutes.

**4. Matters Arising/Outstanding Actions**

Under 4c it was noted that the emergency funding situation has been resolved and the bank loan and remaining grant funds released to RIAM. The Chair acknowledged the effort by all those engaged in resolving the matter.

**5. Director's Report**

**5a. RIAM 175 Strategy Presentation 2023**

The Director outlined objectives, progress to date and projects to do under the four strategic goals of RIAM 175:

- Invest in Access and Inclusion for a modern RIAM
- Embed reflective practice in RIAM's six learner groups
- Leverage the benefits of the new Campus
- Design a new organisational model

**6. RIAM Climate Action Report**

Prepared by David Quinlan, Estate & Facilities Manager, the Director presented the RIAM Climate Action plan under the headings of:

Introduction and progress to date; Leadership and Governance for climate action; Engaging our people; Achieving the carbon emissions reduction targets (51% reduction by 2030); Achieving our energy efficiency target (50% by 2030); Energy and environmental management systems; Greening our procurement; Baselining and reducing resource use and Improving our buildings.

Proposed by D. McDonagh and Seconded by H. McCormack, the Governors approved the RIAM Climate Action Plan.

**7. RIAM Diversity, Equality, Accessibility and Inclusion (DEAI)**

No matters tabled.

**8. Member Nomination – Luke Ó Cuinneagáin**

The Director proposed the nomination and gave a brief biography of Luke Ó Cuinneagáin. H. McCormack seconded and the meeting approved the nomination.

**9. Finance Committee Report**

The meeting reviewed the latest funding status and projected final build costs for the re-development project. Further claims for inflation and delays will be subject to negotiation and the committee considered various possible scenarios.

The meeting noted the Management Accounts to March, showing operating results on target, and computerisation activity since the last meeting.

The Chair advised that she would become an ex officio member of the Finance Committee.

**10. Final Annual Report and Financial Statements for Year-ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022**

Proposed by L. Hennessy and seconded by S. Quinn, the Governing approved the signing of the audited Annual Report and Financial Statements for 2022.

**11. Audit & Risk Committee**

No approved minutes to report.

**12. Governance Committee**

- a. The meeting noted the minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023.
- b. The Secretary gave a verbal summary of the meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> May where two policies were considered and recommended for approval namely: Protected Disclosures (Whistleblowing) policy and Student Refunds policy.

Proposed by J. Woodworth and seconded by T. Doyle, the Governing Body approved the two policies.

**13. Board of Studies**

No approved minutes to report.

**14. Pension Trustee Matters**

No approved minutes to report.

**15. ICT Steering Committee meeting**

The Governors noted the minutes of the meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

**16. AOB**

The Governing body passed a resolution updating the authorised bank signatories under a Company Supplemental Mandate.

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