

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF THE
HEALTH INFORMATION AND QUALITY AUTHORITY**

19 April 2022, 4 pm – 5 pm (zoom)

Present:

Name	Details	Initials
Pat O'Mahony	Chairperson	POM
Paula Kilbane	Board Member	PK
Jim Kiely	Board Member	JK
Bernadette Costello	Board Member	BC
Caroline Spillane	Board Member	CS
Lynsey Perdisatt	Board Member	LP
Michael Rigby	Board Member	MJR
Tony McNamara	Board Member	TMcN
Marion Meany	Board Member	MM
Martin O'Halloran	Board Member	MOH
Martin Higgins	Board Member	MH
Danny McConnell	Board Member	DMcC

In Attendance:

Angela Fitzgerald	CEO	AF
Kathleen Lombard	Board Secretary	KL
Marty Whelan	Head of Communications	MW

1. Quorum

It was noted that a quorum was present and the Board meeting was duly convened. The Chairperson, on behalf of the Board welcomed AF, CEO to her first official meeting of the Board.

2. Conflict of Interest

No conflicts were declared.

3. Draft Annual Financial Statements 2021

BC, Chair of the ARGC advised that following Board approval of the 2021 draft financial statements in February 2022, the statements were submitted to the Comptroller and Auditor General (C&AG) for audit.

BC confirmed that the Committee had reviewed the financial statements and the changes resulting from the C&AG audit at their meeting on 12 April. These changes are set out in the cover paper circulated to the Board. It was noted that a minor amendment will be made to the cover paper.

BC also confirmed that the ARGC meets with a member of the C&AG annually where any relevant issues can be raised.

On behalf of the ARGC, BC recommended the Board's approval of the 2021 financial statements.

The Board expressed appreciation for the efficient production and processing of the end of year financial statements and the positive outcome from the C&AG's audit.

MH proposed approval of the draft financial statements for 2021 and PK seconded the proposal; **accordingly, it was resolved that the 2021 financial statements are approved by the Board.**

4. Annual Report 2021

Marty Whelan (MW) presented on the draft annual report for 2021 advised that the report is prepared and will be submitted to the Minister for Health in accordance with section 37 of the Health Act, as amended.

The Board reviewed the annual report and it was agreed that it was an excellent report which demonstrated a busy year with significant output from HIQA.

The Board made a number of suggested changes including that:

- a statement from the CEO be included in the report
- the previous CEO's leadership during 2021 be reflected
- greater clarity is provided in respect of establishing a new Directorate of Healthcare and around the transition from the previous Chief Inspector to CG and
- More detail on key communications such as Freedom of Information requests.

The Board complimented the Executive on the production of a good report and the work documented within it. It was agreed that the Board's feedback will be reflected and the final report will be circulated to the Board.

PK proposed approval of the 2021 annual report and TMcN seconded the proposal; **accordingly, it was resolved that the 2021 annual report be approved by the Board.**

5. Any other Business

There was a short discussion on establishing regular meetings between the new CEO AF and the Chairperson, and senior officials in the Department of Health (DoH) and Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DoCEDIY).

Congratulations were extended to CS, on her new appointment as CEO of the Institute of Directors. There being no further business, the meeting was closed.

Signed:



Pat O'Mahony
Chairperson



Kathleen Lombard
Board Secretary

