

Edited minutes of the meeting of the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (NMBI) on Thursday, 14 December 2023 starting at 14.00hrs in the Royal Marine Hotel.

Members present

Dr Louise Kavanagh McBride – President of NMBI
Mr Richard Bruton
Mr Thomas Glynn
Mr Mark Johnston
Ms Muireann Ní Shúilleabháin
Ms Louise Collins
Ms Mittu Alungal
Mr Joseph Shalbin
Mr John Horan
Ms Mary Leahy
Dr Conan McKenna

In attendance

Ms Sheila McClelland, CEO
Ms Kathyann Barrett, Head of Operations
Ms Carolyn Donohoe, Director of Education, Policy and Standards
Dr Ray Healy, Director of Registration
Ms Orla Crowe, Director of Fitness to Practise
Dr Karn Cliffe, Midwife Project Lead
Ms Lisa Manselli, Programme and Strategy Manager
Ms Orla Coady, Governance and Secretariat Manager

Item 1 – Apologies and Conflicts of Interest

- 1.1 Apologies were received from Dr Don Faller, Ms Niamh Murphy, Ms Kate O’Halloran, Dr Lydia Buckley, Ms Anne Marie Duffy, Mr Ray Dolan, Prof Gautam Gulati, Dr Margaret Murphy, Ms Mary Rose Loughnane and Ms Marian Vaughan.
- 1.2 The President reminded Board members of the provisions of the conflict of interest policy. The President then asked Board members to review the agenda to identify any conflicts of interest. No interests were identified.

Item 2 – Statement of Strategy 2023-2025



Members of the senior management team presented updates on how NMBI was performing in the context of the strategic objectives set out in the Statement of Strategy. The following areas were covered:

- Operations
- Education
- Midwifery
- Registration
- Fitness to Practise

These presentations were followed by a question and answer session with the Board.

Item 3 – Finance

3.1 Budget and Business Plan 2024

The Board considered the budget and business plan for 2024 which had been previously circulated to members.

The Board noted that these had been considered by the Business, Strategy and Finance Committee at its meeting on 13 November 2023. The budget and business had also been circulated to the Board at its meeting on 22 November 2023.

Decision The Board accepted the recommendation of the Business, Strategy and Finance Committee and approved the budget and business plan for 2024.

The business plan and budget would next be submitted to the Minister for Health pursuant to section 20(1)(b) and section 20(6) of the Nurses and Midwives Act 2011, as amended. Once the business plan had been laid before the Houses of the Oireachtas, the business plan would be shared with NMBI colleagues and published on NMBI's website.

3.2 Financial Statements 2022

The Board considered the financial statements for 2022 which had previously been circulated to members and which included the following:

1. General information about Board members' appointments and terms of office.
2. Governance statement and Board members' report.
3. Statement on internal control.
4. Financial statements.



Draft financial statements for 2022 had been approved by the Board at its meeting on 21 March 2023 and submitted to the Comptroller and Auditor General for audit.

Decision The Board approved the audited financial statements for 2022. The Board authorised the President and CEO to approve and sign the statements and the letter of representation to the Comptroller and Auditor General in respect of the statements.

NMBI staff left the meeting.

Item 4 – Board End-of-Year Self-Reflection Session

Ms Manselli facilitated a discussion on the outputs from the Board self-evaluation questionnaire and the actions for the year to come, including the implementation of NMBI’s Statement of Strategy for 2023-2025.

Item 5 – Any Other Business

There being no further matters for consideration, the meeting ended at 17.45hrs.

Signed: _____

Dr Louise Kavanagh McBride
President

Date: _____