

Edited minutes of the meeting of the hybrid Board of the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (NMBI) held in the offices of NMBI and by video on Thursday, 15 February 2024 starting at 9.30hrs.

Members present by video

Dr Louise Kavanagh McBride – President of NMBI
Dr Don Faller
Ms Marian Vaughan
Mr Thomas Glynn
Mr Richard Bruton
Ms Anne Marie Duffy
Mr Terry McGonigal
Dr Lydia Buckley
Ms Louise Collins
Ms Niamh Murphy

Members present in person

Ms Muireann Ní Shúilleabháin
Dr Conan McKenna
Ms Mary Leahy

In attendance

Ms Sheila McClelland, Chief Executive (by video)
Ms Orla Crowe, Director of Fitness to Practise
Dr Ray Healy, Director of Registration
Ms Veronica O'Rourke, Senior Staff Officer, Fitness to Practise Department
Ms Mellissa Melvin, Fitness to Practise Department (by video)
Mr John Sadlier, Head of PPC
Ms Orla Coady, Governance and Secretariat Manager
Mr Stephen McLoughlin, Solicitor, Addleshaw Goddard (by video)

Item 1 – Apologies and conflicts of interest

- 1.1 Apologies were received from Ms Áine Lynch, Ms Mittu Alungal, Ms Kate O'Halloran, Dr Margaret Murphy, Mr Ray Dolan, Mr Mark Johnston, Ms Mary Rose Loughnane, Mr John Horan and Mr Joseph Shalbin.



- 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.

The President advised members that matters discussed during this hybrid meeting were to remain confidential to Board members and attendees.

- 1.3 The Board had, in advance of the meeting, elected Dr McKenna to chair the meeting in accordance with paragraph 18(c) of the Schedule of the Nurses and Midwives Act 2011, as amended, when neither the President nor the Vice President were in attendance.

Item 2 – Removal for non-payment of annual retention fee (ARF)

- 2.1 The Board considered a list of registrants who had failed to pay the ARF and a briefing paper which set out the background to the matter. The Board noted that NMBI had fulfilled its legal obligations pursuant to the Nurses and Midwives Act 2011, as amended in relation to this matter.

Decision The Board approved the removal from the Register of Nurses and Midwives of 1874 registrants in accordance with section 77 of the Nurses and Midwives Act 2011, as amended. The registrants, the Minister for Health and any known employers would be informed of the removal from the Register of Nurses and Midwives.

Item 3 – Addition of global statement to overseas aptitude test

- 3.1 The Board considered the briefing document which had previously been circulated to members.

Decision The Board agreed that the global statement, as set out in the briefing paper, should be added to the aptitude test description.

Ms Crowe advised the Board that a detailed presentation in relation to education conditions would be made to the Board at a later date.

Dr Healy left the meeting.

Items 4-11 – Fitness to practise matters

The Board considered the following:

- Four undertakings pursuant to section 65 of the Nurses and Midwives Act 2011, as amended.



- One application pursuant to section 58 of the Nurses and Midwives Act 2011, as amended.
- One application pursuant to section 83(b) of the Nurses and Midwives Act 2011, as amended.
- Three undertakings pursuant to section 57A of the Nurses and Midwives Act 2011, as amended.
- One report of the Fitness to Practise Committee of Inquiry.
- Four *no prima facie* recommendations from the Preliminary Proceedings Committee.
- One application pursuant to section 55(1) of the Nurses and Midwives Act 2011, as amended.
- One item pursuant to section 80(1) of the Nurses and Midwives Act 2011, as amended.

There being no further matters to consider, the meeting ended at 16.12hrs.

Signed: _____

Louise Kavanagh McBride
President of NMBI

Date: _____