

Minutes of the Special Board meeting of the Health Research Board held on Friday, 26 October 2023 on Zoom

Present: Prof B Hannigan (Chairperson)
Dr S Barry
Dr L Bishop
Dr T Cunningham
Prof S Donnelly
Prof T Fahey
Dr J Ling
Dr T McWade
Prof C Normand
Dr C Saidlear

In attendance: Dr M O'Driscoll, Chief Executive Officer
Ms C Cronin, Board Secretary and Head of Governance
Mr Adam Finlay, McCann Fitzgerald

1. Chairperson of the Board of the HRB

Reference was made to the retirement of Prof Bernie Hannigan, Current Board Chairperson, on 4 November 2023, the inevitable delay resulting from the recruitment and selection process, and the provisions of the HRB's Statutory Instrument.

It was agreed that, prior to her retirement from the Board, Prof Hannigan would complete the task of preparing for next meeting of the Board scheduled for Thursday 9th November 2023.

It was agreed that, in accordance with the HRB's Statutory Instrument, at the commencement of the next Board meeting the Chairperson for that meeting would be selected from the members of the Board present. Based on legal advice it was agreed that, at the commencement of the next and subsequent meetings until such time as the Minister appoints a Chairperson, the Board will take also take a decision on assigning the Chairperson's roles and responsibilities as set out in section 4.2 of the HRB's Governance Handbook.