City of Dublin ETB Board Meeting 18th June 2026

Minutes of the meeting of the City of Dublin Education and Training Board held on Thursday 18th June 2026 at 5.00 p.m. in City of Dublin ETB, Head Office, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4 and via Zoom.

Present:

Cllr. Keith Connolly (Chairperson)
Cllr. Donna Cooney (online)
Mr. Adrian Cummins (online)
Ms. Sinead Doherty (online)
Mr. Niall Donald (online)
Mr. Malachy Farrell (online)
Cllr. Declan Flanagan (online)
Cllr. Jesslyn Henry (online)
Cllr. Vincent Jackson (online)
Cllr. Dermot Lacey
Cllr. Michael MacDonncha (online)
Ms. Denise McMorrow (online)
Cllr. Cat O'Driscoll
Cllr. Colm O'Rourke (online)
Cllr. Gayle Ralph (online)
Mr. Michael Smyth
Mr. Aidan Sweeney

In attendance:

Dr. Christy Duffy (Chief Executive)
Ms. Kay Cullinan (Director of OSD*)
Ms. Aideen O'Riordan (Director of OSD* - Finance)
Mr. John Moriarty (Director of FET)
Ms. Wesleigh O'Hagan (Director of Schools)
Mr. Kieran McGuinness (Music Generation Development Officer)
Mr. Damien Costello (Governance Officer)
**Organisation Support & Development*

Apologies:

Ms. Bernadette Bourke
Ms. Audrey Cepeda
Cllr. Hazel de Nortuin
Cllr. Rory Hogan
Mr. Blake Hodkinson (Director of FET)
Mr. Philip Connolly (Director of Services SUSI)

1. Signing of Attendance Record/Conflicts of Interest/Disclosure of Interests

In accordance with the provisions of CL 0083/2024 Code of Practice for the Governance of Education and Training Boards, members were requested to declare to the Chairperson of City of Dublin ETB or Chief Executive any conflict of interest in respect of any of the matters listed for consideration suitable in advance of meetings of City of Dublin Education and Training Board.

2. Minutes and Matters Arising

The minutes of the City of Dublin ETB meetings held on the 21st of May were approved.

Proposed by: Cllr. Dermot Lacey ***Seconded by: Cllr. Cat O'Driscoll***

3. Reserved Functions

3.1 City of Dublin ETB Nominee Vacancies on Committees and Boards of Management (Appendix 3A) was noted.

The Chair highlighted the vacancy for a City of Dublin ETB board member on the board of management of City of Dublin ETB FET College Cathal Brugha. Cllr. Cat O'Driscoll expressed an interest in the vacancy, the Governance Officer is to contact the principal on behalf of the board regarding the position.

3.2 Approval of City of Dublin ETB Nominee, Parent/Student, Teacher, BoM Nominees to Boards of Management and Committees (Appendix 3B) was approved as per Appendix 3B.
Proposed by: Cllr. Cat O'Driscoll ***Seconded by: Cllr. Keith Connolly***

4. Chief Executive's Report

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4.1 In person presentation Music Generation Dublin City (Appendix 4A)
Mr. Kieran McGuinness, Music Generation Development Officer was introduced to the Board.

From the presentation the following arose:

- The Board were informed that Music Generation is a locally managed national programme funded by City of Dublin ETB in partnership with Dublin City Council and local music education providers, City of Dublin ETB is the lead partner.
- The Board were advised that whatever funding is raised locally is then matched by the Department of Education and Youth.
- The Board were advised that the most important purpose of Music Generation is to try and make a difference to people's lives through our music.
- The Board were given an overview of the Music Generation Programme Structure, a continuous progression module, detailing early years and primary age up to secondary age and beyond.
- The Board were advised of the work Music Generation are involved in with DEIS schools and the positive impact of the programme on these schools.
- The Board were informed of the Music Generation Strategic Plan 2026 – 2030 and the strategic priorities.
- The Board were advised that in the space of five years Music Generation had built a city wide programme.

A discussion took place following the presentation:

- The board were advised of the funding structure of Music Generation.
- The board were informed of how instruments are provided to the students and that there are discussions with Dublin City Council around Music Instrument libraries.
- The board were advised of the breakdown of numbers regarding primary school age and post primary school age students engaged with Music Generation.
- The board were advised that applications to Music Generation are open to all schools.
- The board were informed that the quality of delivery of the programmes is one of the most important priorities in Music Generation. The feedback survey completed by schools shows 100% of schools want to keep engaging with the programme.
- Sustainable growth for Music Generation was emphasised as being of key importance to the board.

The Board thanked the Music Generation Development Officer for the presentation and excellent work undertaken by Music Generation.

Music Generation Dublin City Strategic Plan 2026 – 2030 (Appendix 4B) was noted.

4.2 **Director of Schools Report** (Appendix 4C) was noted.
The Board were advised of the positive ongoing developments with the National Children's Hospital Ireland – Hospital School. The Board were advised again that the four hospital schools currently under City of Dublin ETB Patronage, Beaumont Hospital School, Solas Hospital School, Tallaght Hospital School and Temple Street Hospital School will amalgamate to form the new National Children's Hospital Ireland – Hospital School.

4.3 **Directors of FET Report** (Appendix 4D) was noted.
The Board were updated on the progress with the Employer Engagement Unit. This included a showcase event where City of Dublin ETB partnered with Dublin Chamber.

The Board were advised that City of Dublin ETB have been selected to participate in the SOLAS Enterprise Connect pilot, Grant Thornton are involved in the programme.

4.4 **Director of OSD Finance Report** (Appendix 4E) was noted.
The Board were advised that the mid-year return for SOLAS was submitted last week.

4.5 **Director of OSD Report** (Appendix 4F) was noted.

4.6 **Director of Services SUSI Report** (Appendix 4G) was noted.

4.7 **City of Dublin ETB CCTV Policy** (Appendix 4H) was noted.

5. Risk

6. Boards of Management and Committees Minutes for Noting

The following Board of Management and Committee minutes were confirmed.

- FET College Whitehall, Mobhi Rd held on 15th April 2026 (**Appendix 6A**)
- FET College Íde, Finglas held on 30th September 2025 (**Appendix 6B**)
- FET College Íde, Finglas held on 13th December 2025 (**Appendix 6C**)
- FET College Íde, Finglas held on 4th March 2026 (**Appendix 6D**)
- FET College Plunket held on 20th April 2026 (**Appendix 6E**)
- FET College Ballyfermot, Ballyfermot Rd held on 9th March 2026 (**Appendix 6F**)
- FET College Ballsbridge held on 21st January 2026 (**Appendix 6G**)
- Kylemore College held on 25th March 2026 **(Appendix 6H)**
- Clogher Road CC held on 23rd April 2026 **(Appendix 6I)**
  Correspondence to Clogher Road CC BOM **(Appendix 6I (i))**
- Beaumont Hospital School held on 8th May 2026 **(Appendix 6J)**
- An Cosán CSS held on 25th March 2026 **(Appendix 6K)**
- An Cosán CSS held on 16th April 2026 **(Appendix 6L)**
- FET College Pearse held on 11th February 2026 **(Appendix 6M)**
- FET College Pearse held on 16th April 2026 **(Appendix 6N)**
- FET College Inchicore held on 27th February 2026 **(Appendix 6O)**
- Marino College held on 21st October 2025 **(Appendix 6P)**
- Marino College held on 9th December 2025 **(Appendix 6Q)**
- Marino College held on 15th December 2025 **(Appendix 6R)**

- Marino College held on 13th April 2026 **(Appendix 6S)**
- Marino College held on 19th May 2026 **(Appendix 6T)**

7. Circular Letters, Inspection Reports and Correspondence

7.1 Evaluation of learning and planning for improvement – DEIS Report – Ringsend College (**Appendix 7A**) was noted.

The Board were advised that the learnings taken from the reports are circulated among the school leaders and can assist in future inspections.

8. Members' Business

9. Chairperson's Business

9.1 Board Self-Assessment Evaluation Questionnaire

The Board were advised that the Governance Officer will send the questionnaire to board members next week. The Board were reminded the Self-Assessment Questionnaire is one of the key governance documents that go to board members for completion and is always requested by auditors during audits.

10. Next Meetings:

- Thursday 17th September 2026 at 5p.m.