City of Dublin ETB Board Meeting 21st May 2026

Minutes of the meeting of the City of Dublin Education and Training Board held on Thursday 21st May 2026 at 5.00 p.m. in City of Dublin ETB, Head Office, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4 and via Zoom.

Present:

Cllr. Keith Connolly (Chairperson)
Ms. Bernadette Bourke (online)
Ms. Audrey Cepeda (online)
Cllr. Donna Cooney (online)
Ms. Sinead Doherty (online)
Mr. Malachy Farrell
Cllr. Declan Flanagan (online)
Cllr. Rory Hogan
Cllr. Vincent Jackson (online)
Cllr. Dermot Lacey
Ms. Denise McMorrow
Cllr. Cat O'Driscoll
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) (online)
Mr. Damien Costello (Governance Officer)
**Organisation Support & Development*

Apologies:

Mr. Adrian Cummins
Cllr. Hazel de Nortuin
Mr. Niall Donald
Cllr. Jesslyn Henry
Cllr. Michael MacDonncha
Cllr. Colm O'Rourke
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 26th of March were approved.

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

It was confirmed to the board following a query that the stakeholders meeting for Rathmines College is scheduled for June.

3. Reserved Functions

3.1 Chairperson's Comprehensive Report (Appendix 3A) was approved.

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

3.2 Proposal for the approval of 1) the revised EFT facility with Bank of Ireland and 2) the updated BOI Business card account credit limits as per Appendix 3B.
The Board approved in principle the proposed total EFT Facility decrease subject to ministerial sanction.
Proposed by: Cllr. Dermot Lacey ***Seconded by: Ms. Denise McMorrow***

The Board approved the updated BOI Business card account credit limits.
Proposed by: Cllr. Cat O'Driscoll ***Seconded by: Cllr. Rory Hogan***

In a letter dated 21st May 2026, the Minister for Education and Youth sanctioned the requested City of Dublin ETB EFT facility decrease with effect from the 1st of July 2026 to the 30th of June 2027.
The Board accepted the EFT decrease proposal.
Proposed by: Cllr. Dermot Lacey ***Seconded by: Cllr. Cat O'Driscoll***

3.3 City of Dublin ETB Nominee Vacancies on Committees and Boards of Management (Appendix 3C) was noted.
Cllr. Danny Byrne was approved as City of Dublin ETB nominee on the Board of Management of Ringsend College.
Proposed by: Cllr. Dermot Lacey ***Seconded by: Cllr. Keith Connolly***

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

3.5 Report – Audit and Risk Committee Meeting March 2026 (Appendix 3E) was noted.

4. Chief Executive's Report

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4.1 Directors of FET Report (Appendix 4A) was noted.
The Board were advised of the successful showcase event hosted by City of Dublin ETB 'Transforming Lives and Communities' held in Croke Park on the 26h of March. The FET stands at the showcase event were split into faculties which assisted the learner's in finding their right area of interest.

A discussion took place on Tuiscint, the board were informed that the award is comparable to the Gaisce award but for adult learners. The Board were advised that Tuiscint is a pilot project as part of the prison education programmes.

The Board were informed that the Minister of State at the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science Marian Harkin had visited City of Dublin ETB Head Office this week for a very positive meeting regarding Further Education and Training in City of Dublin ETB.

4.2 Director of Schools Report (Appendix 4B) was noted.
The Board were updated on the new Deis Plus scheme, which represent welcome additional funding across Deis schools. The schools awarded will receive additional supports for students in caring for their mental health and wellbeing, a full time home school liaison officer and mental health wellbeing officer.

A discussion took place on City of Dublin Youth Services. The board were advised that significant supports have been put in place for youth projects. There is positive engagement with CDYS and the Department of Education and Youth and that the department have visited a number of youth projects.

4.3 **Director of OSD Finance Report** (Appendix 4C) was noted.

4.4 **Director of OSD Report** (Appendix 4D) was noted.
A query was raised on the new legislation, the capital works management framework. A discussion took place on technical guidance documents.
A query was raised on the library in Marino college, currently rented by Dublin City Council, the board were advised that once the new library is built in Fairview park, the library in the college will be available for college use.

4.5 **Director of Services SUSI Report** (Appendix 4E) was noted.

4.6 **City of Dublin ETB Health and Safety Statement** (Appendix 4F) was noted.

4.7 **City of Dublin ETB AI Policy** (Appendix 4G) was noted.

5. Risk

6. Boards of Management and Committees Minutes for Noting

A discussion took place on child safeguarding procedures in Board of Management meetings held online. The board were advised that the Governance Officer will circulate the child safeguarding and training procedures, circulars and guidance materials to all boards of management.

The following Board of Management and Committee minutes were confirmed.

- Cabra CC held on 2nd February 2026 (**Appendix 6A**)
- Coolock CC held on 27th January 2026 (**Appendix 6B**)
- Kylemore College held on 21st January 2026 (**Appendix 6C**)
- FET College Plunket held on 5th February 2026 (**Appendix 6D**)
- FET College Whitehall, Mobhi rd held on 11th February 2026 (**Appendix 6E**)
- FET College Cathal Brugha held on 17th December 2025 (**Appendix 6F**)
- FET College Rathmines held on 4th December 2025 (**Appendix 6G**)
- FET College Ballyfermot, Ballyfermot rd held on 1st December 2025 **(Appendix 6H)**
- FET College Ballyfermot, Ballyfermot rd held on 19th January 2026 **(Appendix 6I)**
- FET College Crumlin held on 17th December 2025 **(Appendix 6J)**
- Clonturk CC held on 11th February 2026 **(Appendix 6K)**
- FET College Ballyfermot, Ballyfermot rd held on 20th October 2025 **(Appendix 6L)**
- FET College Liberties held on 1st December 2025 **(Appendix 6M)**
- An Cosán CSS held on 28th January 2026 **(Appendix 6N)**
- South City CNS held on 11th February 2026 **(Appendix 6O)**
- South City CNS held on 19th March 2026 **(Appendix 6P)**
- Clogher Road CC held on 11th December 2025 **(Appendix 6Q)**
- Ellenfield CC held on 15th January 2026 **(Appendix 6R)**
- Presentation CC held on 8th December 2025 **(Appendix 6S)**
- Presentation CC held on 14th January 2026 **(Appendix 6T)**
- Presentation CC held on 12th February 2026 **(Appendix 6U)**
- Clogher Road CC held on 10th February 2026 **(Appendix 6V)**
- SOLAS Hospital School held on 24th November 2025 **(Appendix 6W)**
- Beaumont Hospital School held on 9th December 2025 **(Appendix 6X)**
- FET College Crumlin held on 11th February 2026 **(Appendix 6Y)**
- Marino College held on 17th June 2025 **(Appendix 6Z)**

- Marino College held on 4th September 2025 **(Appendix 6Z(1))**
- Marino College held on 17th November 2025 **(Appendix 6Z(2))**
- Marino College held on 27th January 2026 **(Appendix 6Z(3))**

7. Circular Letters, Inspection Reports and Correspondence

7.1 Subject Inspection Report Science and Biology Report – Larkin Community College (**Appendix 7A**) was noted.

A discussion took place on the findings from the inspection reports and how they are used by the schools and Department of Education and Youth.

A discussion took place on the need for Irish language schools in the Ballyfermot area, a development of a mini Gaeltacht in the area was mentioned.

8. Members' Business

9. Chairperson's Business

10. Next Meetings:

- Thursday 18th June 2026 at 5p.m.
- Music Generation who are hosting a European Conference on music education this week will have a presentation for the board at the June Board meeting.