

Road Safety Authority

Board Meeting Minutes & Action Tracker

Thursday 15 December 2022

Present	In Attendance
Ms Liz O'Donnell, Chairperson	Mr Sam Waide, Chief Executive Officer
Ms Sarah Johnson	Mr. Brendan Walsh, Chief Operations Officer, Acting Board Secretary
Ms Ashling Cunningham	Ms Sarah O'Connor, Director of Partnerships & External Affairs
Ms Donna Price	Ms Laura Byrne, Admin Support
Mr Kevin Goulding	[REDACTED]
Mr Derek Cawley	Apologies
Ms Gillian Treacy	Mr John Cronin
	Mr Dimitris Karagiorgis

Board Minutes

1	<p>Apologies and Introductions</p> <p>The members were welcomed to the meeting and the apologies were noted.</p>
2	<p>Meeting in the Absence of the Executive</p> <p>The members did not have a meeting in the absence of the executive.</p>
3	<p>Conflict of Interest Declaration</p> <p>No conflict-of-interest matter was declared by the members present.</p>
4	<p>Minutes from Board Meeting, Decision Record & Action Tracker of 27th October 2022</p> <p>eScooter legislation taking time to be signed into law. Once signed technical regulations will need EU approval which can take up to 3 months.</p> <p>Speed limit review recommendations due by the end of the year. Once report is finalised and sent to the Minister it will be shared with Board Members.</p> <p>Publication of collision data is on RSA.ie website. Aggregate reports up to 2021 are published and available on the RSA website. It can take 2 to 3 years for investigations to be complete. Board to write to Ivana Bacik confirming that data is available.</p>



	Minutes approved by Board members.
5	Chairperson's Report ██ ██ ████████████████████ Leading Lights event took place on Tuesday which was a great success. Board thanked the team for their work. A relaunch of the Government Road Safety Strategy is needed in 2023 and Sarah O'Connor will provide proposals to Board. 2023 RSA events calendar and EU events to be shared with Board.
6	Chief Executive Officer's Report Road Safety Update The CEO confirmed the number of fatalities is 152 since the report was published. Cork has the highest number of fatalities in 2022. Our December campaign December campaign was held in Cork to reflect this important fact. Workshop will take place early 2023 with stakeholders to outline priority events and target issues. Fatalities to be declassified by end of year but this will not greatly reduce number. Board raised concern with the escalation in number of fatalities and serious injuries amongst vulnerable road users. More visible enforcement on roads and interventions such as increase in penalty points needs to be considered. Executive to explore the feasibility of researching the relationship between mental health and road safety. ██ ██████████ Board agreed messaging should focus on informing all road users to watch out for vulnerable road users and reduce speed. There is progress with improving the driving test wait times with new testers to be available from January 2023. The currently average wait time is 19 weeks. The aim is to have pre pandemic wait time by beginning of Q3 on condition that the requested sanction for additional driver Testers is approved Finance update discussed.



	<p>[Redacted text]</p> <p>Risk Report December 2022 Reviewed and approved by Board.</p>
7	<p>Partnership and External Affairs Approach and Key outcomes for 2023 and eScooter technical regulations – Sarah O'Connor</p> <p>eScooter legislation will not be signed into law until January. RSA has had some indications that recommendations are being considered such as age limited and speed.</p> <p>EU must review the technical regulations once they are drafted, and this process will take 3 months. Campaigns should educate scooter users and buyers as well as guidance for all road users. Local authorities will be the buyers of scooter, and RSA should work with them on procurement criteria.</p> <p>Board have asked RSA to reconsider the budget for the 80k speed and remove campaign for disqualified drivers, if necessary, as this is an AGS area.</p> <p>RSA to consider engagement with [Redacted] on educational research projects.</p>



Board would like to discuss awareness in place for pedestrians to be visible on roads during dark evenings.

Guest speaker from [REDACTED] to present in 2023.

Negative media stories to be sent to board members as they occur as well as quarterly media update.



Signed:

Chairperson
23/02/2023

Date:

