

Road Safety Authority

Board Meeting Minutes & Action Tracker

Thursday 27th January 2022

Present	In Attendance
Ms Liz O'Donnell, Chairperson	Mr Sam Waide, Chief Executive Officer
Mr Dimitris Karagiorgis	Ms Kim Colhoun, Finance Manager, Finance & Commercial Services
Ms Sarah Johnson	Ms Laura Byrne, Admin Support
Mr Derek Cawley	Professor Denis A. Cusack, Director, Medical Bureau of Road Safety
Ms Ashling Cunningham	Helen Kearns, Medical Bureau of Road Safety
Mr John Cronin	Louise Lawlor, Medical Bureau of Road Safety
Ms Donna Price	
Mr Kevin Goulding	Apologies
	Ms Gillian Treacy
	Mr Pearse White, Director of Finance & Commercial Services & Board Secretary

Board Minutes

1	Apologies and Introductions Ms Liz O'Donnell, Chairperson welcomed the members to the meeting and noted the apology.
2	Meeting in the Absence of the Executive The members did not have a meeting in the absence of the executive.
3	Conflict of Interest Declaration No conflict-of-interest matter was declared by the members present.
4	Minutes of RSA Board Meeting, Decision Record and Action Tracker of the 16th December 2021

	<p>The members considered the minutes of the meeting of the 16th December 2021. The Chairperson also walked the members through the minutes, the related action tracker and any matters arising.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>Driver house derogation will cease at the end of January. RSA does not seek derogations and had advised the Minister on the risks of this derogation, but RSA was instructed to proceed. The Board agreed to be stronger in road safety messaging, and the risks involved rather than welcome any derogations going forward.</p> <p>The members agreed that the strategy and methodology regarding the Road Safety Strategy to be brought for the 31 March 2022 meeting. This is still work in progress on how the Strategy will be reported to Board. Summary of progress on the 15 SPI's will provide sight of RSS actions and Corporate Plan program. Road Safety Transformation Programme (RSTP) Board is chaired by DOT with RSA as Deputy.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>Following the review and a status update given in relation to the outstanding actions, the members approved the minutes.</p>
5	<p>Chairperson's Report</p> <p>Ms O'Donnell informed the members of the eScooter article in the Irish Independent which set out the RSA's stance and recommendations. An interview to be scheduled with Ray D'Arcy on this topic.</p> <p>Academic Lecture to be held today. Press release to be issued to Board Members regarding RSA, HSE and Trinity relationship on serious injuries.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>The members noted the Chairperson's Report.</p>

Chief Executive Officer’s Report

Mr Sam Waide, CEO brought the members through the following in his report:

Road Safety Update

Mr Waide brought the members through the latest road safety outcomes in terms of fatality and serious injury statistics and long-term trends as well as the relevant key road safety metrics in driver testing, vehicle roadworthiness, enforcement and education/awareness campaigns.

Fatalities has been recategorized since the board papers were issued with an increase to 136 fatalities for 2021. There has been an increase in serious injuries since 2013 for vulnerable groups and continues to be a challenge going forward. Mr Waide outlined that all fatalities to date in 2022 have been male. Meetings have been held with AGS on this continuing trend, including male drivers.

Driving testing wait times have improved to 10 weeks, which is the DoT service level agreement. Applicants to take an antigen test before sitting the test and confirm with tester. This needs to be clear on letters inviting to test as tests are not being conducted.

The members were also taken through the road safety key campaigns.

Public Affairs & Policy

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Road Safety Transformation Partnership Board will meet quarterly, and items updated at Ministerial meetings.

Driving licence exchange progress with [REDACTED] in progress. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

	<p>Financial outturn for 2021 reserves remains stable and higher than the optimum level of reserves.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>Ms O'Donnell asked in relation to financial position for completing RSS actions. Funding will not be received for 2022 and puts some deliverables for this year at risk. Statement of Resources submitted in July 2021 to Department. The concern has been raised with the Secretary General that this needs to be added to the budget allocation for next year. [REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>Ms Colhoun confirmed a review of the current Credit Facility due to mature in March is to take place in Q1 and may be maintained if required.</p>
10	<p>Presentation by Professor Cusack – Medical Bureau of Road Safety</p> <p>Alcohol interlock programme action 199 in the Road Safety Strategy.</p> <p>This programme will establish a working group to consider and make recommendations for the implementation of an alcohol interlock programme, supported by a drink drive rehabilitation course in Ireland, for high-risk drink drive offenders.</p> <p>After the presentation, Members participated in a Q&A with MBRS. Board Members thanked the MBRS for attending and for their presentation.</p>
11	<p>Items for Further Discussion and Any Other Business</p> <p>No items for further discussion</p>
12	<p>Date of Next Board Meeting</p> <p>The next Board meeting will be on Thursday 31st March 2022</p>

Signed: _____
Chairperson

Date: _____