

## Road Safety Authority

### Board Meeting Minutes & Action Tracker

Thursday 29 September 2022

Present	In Attendance
Ms Liz O'Donnell, Chairperson	Mr Sam Waide, Chief Executive Officer
Ms Sarah Johnson	Mr Brendan Walsh, Chief Operating Officer
Mr Dimitris Karagiorgis	Ms Laura Byrne, Admin Support
Mr Kevin Goulding	Guest Speaker – Professor Barry Watson
Mr Derek Cawley	<b>Apologies</b>
Mr John Cronin	Ms Ashling Cunningham
	Ms Donna Price
	Ms Gillian Treacy

### Board Minutes

<b>1</b>	<p><b>Apologies and Introductions</b></p> <p>The members were welcomed to the meeting and the apologies were noted.</p>
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Meeting in the Absence of the Executive</b></p> <p>The members did not have a meeting in the absence of the executive.</p>
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Conflict of Interest Declaration</b></p> <p>No conflict-of-interest matter was declared by the members present.</p>
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Chairperson's Report</b></p> <p>Update on scooter legislation, education plans and development of technical guidelines to be provide to the Board. RSA needs to be ready once the legislation is approved.</p> <p>Executive agreed to write to the CCMA to discuss what councils are doing regarding scooters and if they have been approached by manufacturers to set up rental schemes. Education, enforcement and consistency in approach across regions are key to safe use of scooters.</p> <p>Board would like to have a presentation on scooters from an expert in Holland.</p>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Chairperson's Report</b></p>



	<p>Recording monthly radio ads outlining previous months fatalities to increase public awareness.</p>
<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>Chief Executive Officer’s Report</b></p> <p>The CEO brought the members through the following in his report:</p> <p><b>Road Safety Update</b> The CEO confirmed the number of fatalities is 114 as of 29 Sept 2022. The month is not as high of previous months, and it was reported the joint awareness campaigns with AGS were having a positive impact on road user behaviour.</p> <p>The Board discussed contributory factors leading to deaths and injuries on the roads. The Board were informed that Denise Barry would attend the next Board meeting to provide an update on the work of the Data Enabler Group.</p> <p>The CEO stated that the Minister has increased fines for drivers who fail to stop for a traffic warden at schools.</p> <p>The Board were updated on NCT concerns and next steps with the contractor. Weekly meetings are being held with Dept of Transport &amp; Minister Naughton.</p> <p>An update was provided on indexation within RSA contracts.</p> <p>MBRS and AGS are going live with new drug testing devices, and they will highlight this as part of the media campaign for Christmas and New Year Road Safety Appeal.</p> <p>The Irish Language Bill will have a budget impact on media campaigns for 2023, with early estimates of circa 20% on-cost.</p> <p><b>Risk Report September 2022</b> CORP.1 – waiting confirmation of funding CORP.5 – need to ensure robust market sounding practices CORP.6 – Sustainability is a key element of the business plan with operational improvements being reviewed and improved. Reviewed and approved by Board.</p>
<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>Road Safety Update – Presentation by Professor Barry Watson</b></p> <p>Professor Barry Watson joined the meeting and provided a Road Safety Briefing to the Board, which was followed by a Q&amp;A session.</p> <p>Professor Barry Watson gave a presentation on the Safe Systems Approach.</p> <p>Board agreed that the public need to be made aware and educated on the Safe Systems approach as well as Vision Zero.</p>



	<p>Professor Watson outlined innovative enforcement measures in Australia with camera technologies being used to detect mobile phone use and non-wearing of seatbelts. This approach was accompanied by public awareness campaigns prior to roll out. He also outlined the use of average speed camera technology as an effective way to reduce speed with immediate road safety benefits. The aim of this enforcement is to change behaviour. He informed Board members that enforcement revenue is invested back into road safety.</p> <p>The Board discussed the UN’s proposal to extend the maximum speed for passenger vehicles using automated driving systems to 130 km/h on motorways. The Board were concerned of the potential impact this could have on road safety and discussed the required investment in infrastructure to protect road users.</p> <p>A brief discussion on scooters in Australia was held.</p> <p>The Chairperson thanked Professor Watson for his input and he left the meeting.</p>
<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>Introduction to Brendan Walsh – Chief Operations Officer</b></p> <p>The Board welcomed Brendan Walsh to the RSA</p>
<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>Audit and Risk Committee – Independent Member</b></p> <p>The Board approved the recommendation of [REDACTED] as an independent member of the Audit &amp; Risk Committee.</p>
<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>Road Safety Transformation Programme Board Meeting Update</b></p> <p>Board discussed need for all stakeholders to promote the Safe Systems approach and Vision Zero in all their communications.</p> <p>The Board suggested a joint summer campaign with car rental companies targeting tourists.</p>
<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>Items for Further Discussion and Any Other Business</b></p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>Board effectiveness review process agreed by the Board.</p>
<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>Date of Next Board Meeting</b></p> <p>The next Board meeting will be on Thursday 27 October 2022 in Ballina with dinner on October 26 in Mount Falcon at 7pm.</p>



Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

