

AONTAS NATIONAL ADULT LEARNING ORGANISATION COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE
(the "Company")

Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting held at The Aishling Hotel, Parkgate Street, Dublin 8, on the 28th day of November 2018 at 10:00 am

PRESENT: Members of AONTAS (as per attached)

IN ATTENDANCE: Catherine Falvey (Crowe)
Albert Farrell (Adjudicator)
Niamh O'Reilly (CEO, AONTAS)

1. QUORUM

Liz Waters took the Chair and declared that a quorum was present, that the Meeting was properly convened to transact business and due notice thereof had been given in accordance with the Company's Constitution.

2. NOTICE

The Notice convening the Meeting was taken as read.

3. STANDING ORDERS

The Standing Orders, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, were taken as read. On the proposal of Colm Kilgallon seconded by John D'Arcy, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the standing orders were adopted for the meeting.

4. ADOPTION OF UPDATED CONSTITUTION AND CHANGE OF COMPANY NAME

Niamh O'Reilly updated the meeting in relation to the process involved in developing the new Constitution. She presented an overview of the steps taken and a summary of the recommendations arising out of the governance review undertaken by Better Boards in conjunction with AONTAS.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the updated constitution of the Company be and is hereby adopted.

IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED that the name of the Company be changed from AONTAS National Adult Learning Organisation Company Limited by Guarantee to AONTAS National Adult Learning Organisation.

5. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Liz Waters reminded the meeting that Tara Farrell is the proposed candidate for Chair of AONTAS. Ms. Farrell is the deputy CEO of Longford Women's Link and the Chair of the Roscommon Network.

Before proceeding with the vote for the election of the new Chairperson, Liz Waters acknowledged the support of Jim Byrne who provided adjudicator services to AONTAS over many years who sadly passed away recently.

IT WAS RESOLVED that Tara Farrell be elected as Chairperson of AONTAS.

6. ADULT EDUCATION SURVEY

Helen McGrath from the Central Statistics Office updated the meeting in relation to the findings of the Adult Education Survey that was conducted in 2017 including an overview of the methodology employed in compiling the survey.

A short question and answer session followed.

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7. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Each of the proposed candidates for election to the Board of AONTAS gave a brief summary of their experience to date and their reasons for wanting to join the Board of AONTAS.

The members then voted on the election of each candidate.

Following the vote, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that

- (i) John D'Arcy be and is hereby elected as a director of the Company;
- (ii) Colm Kilgallon be and is hereby re-elected as a director of the Company;
- (iii) Liz O'Sullivan be and is hereby re-elected as a director of the Company;
- (iv) Alice McDonnell be and is hereby elected as a director of the Company;
- (v) Tom O'Brien be and is hereby elected as a director of the Company;
- (vi) Alan Hand be and is hereby elected as a director of the Company;
- (vii) Joy-Tendai Kangere be and is hereby elected as a director of the Company.

8. AONTAS STRATEGIC PLANNING CONSULTATION PROCESS

Deirdre Duffy from Quality Matters updated the members in relation to the strategic planning consultation process. She delivered an overview of the key findings to date and tasked the members with discussing three topics (i) what is their overall view of the strategic priorities, (ii) what are the positive aspects of the strategic priorities and (iii) what are the broad themes that AONTAS should be focusing on in the next strategic plan.

The members provided feedback on the three topics and Deirdre Duffy and her team will collate the outcomes.

9. AONTAS STAR AWARDS

Katie O'Rourke reminded members that the deadline for submitting nominations for the STAR Awards is 7 December next.

10. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS AND CHAIR

IT WAS NOTED that Liz Waters and James Prior had indicated their intention to step down from the Board of AONTAS.

The members showed their appreciation to both Liz Waters and Jim Prior for their service and commitment.

Accordingly, **IT WAS RESOLVED** to accept the resignation of Liz Waters and James Prior as Directors and Liz Waters also stepped down as Chairperson.

11. CLOSE

There being no further business the Meeting then closed.



CHAIRPERSON

13.12.18

DATE

Organisation	First Name	Last Name
A.C.E. Network	Anne	Doré
Adult Continuing Education UCC	Christine	Chasaide
Adult Education Officers' Association	Liz	O'Sullivan
ALBA	Colm	Kilgallon
An Cosán	Melisa	Kearney
An Cosán	Catherine	Breathnach
An Cosán	Liz	Waters
Association of Secondary Teachers in Ireland	Moira	Leydon
CASPr	Mary	Walsh
Dublin Adult Learning Centre	Columba	O'Connor
Dublin City University	Maria	Slowey
Dublin Simon Community	Anna	West
ETBI	Gabriel	Keating
Individual Member	Alan	Hand
Individual Member	Frances	McQuade
Individual Member	Chris	Ó Rálaigh
Individual Member	Jim	Harford
LCEN	Jim	Prior
LCETB	Aobhán	Haverty
Leargas	Denise	Shannon
Longford Women's Link	Pamela	Latimer
Longford Women's Link	Tara	Farrell
Longford Women's Link	Kerrie	Prendergast
Longford Women's Link	Kathleen	Dowd

Marino Institute of Education	Ciaran	O Mathuna
Matt Talbot Community Trust	Elizabeth	Meade
National Traveller MABS	Sian	Crowley
NCCWN/CLWC	Rita	Harte
Process Oriented Psychology Ireland CLG	Mary	O'Neill
S.W.E.E.T.S.	Brendan	McGough
S.W.E.E.T.S.	Martha	McMahon
Soilse	David	O'Brien
South Dublin County Partnership	Tom	O'Brien
The Larkin Centre	Anne	Flannery
The Open University	John	D'Arcy
Tipperary Education and Training Board	Liam	Ahern
Transformative Recovery College	Joseph	Mc Donnell
TUI	Mike	Lyons
Individual Member	Joy	Kangere
Warrenmount CED Centre	Lia	Clarkson
Women's Community Projects	Maureen	Murtagh
NALA	Inez	Bailey