

Minutes of the Governing Body Meeting – 26 June, 2025

Present: David Holohan (Chairperson), David Smith (President), Ruth Barry, Bernadette Costello, Dr Eimear Cotter, Anne Ferris, Lavender Jane Gartlan, Owen Laverty, Prof Paul Moore, Eva Perez

Apologies: Turlough Conway, Dr Cormac Deane, Simone James, Dr Gráinne Kirwan, Siobhan Lynch, Diana Moldovean, Brian Mulligan, Peter O’Brien, Colm O’Callaghan,

**Absent without
Apology:**

In Attendance: Dr Andrew Power (Items 3.2, 3.3 and Item 4), Sinead Keane, Danny O’Sullivan (Item 3.3), Elizabeth Stunell

This meeting took place via the MS Teams Platform – IADT Governing Body Group. Attendance for the meeting was monitored throughout the meeting by the Interim Secretary to the Governing Body, and the Recording Secretary to the Governing Body. The meeting commenced at 10.30 am, and concluded at 10.50 am.

1. Adoption of Agenda

The Agenda was adopted as circulated.

Proposed: Chairperson

Seconded: A. Ferris

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of conflicts of interest were reported regarding items for discussion on the agenda for this meeting.

3. Governing Body Resolutions

3.1 Owing to the temporary absence of Interim Secretary, Mr. Michael Farrell, the Governing Body approves Dr Andrew Power to the position of Acting Interim Secretary until 31 August 2025, at which stage Mr. Farrell will resume duties as the approved Interim Secretary (15/2025)

The Chairperson noted that Interim Secretary Michael Farrell is currently on leave and will not be available to attend Governing Body meetings for the remainder of the summer. It was therefore proposed to appoint an Acting Interim Secretary – Dr Andrew Power – to the role for the period 26th June 2025 to 31st August 2025, following which Michael Farrell will resume the role of Interim Secretary.

Resolution 15/2025 was adopted by the Governing Body.

Proposed: A. Ferris

Seconded: R. Barry

Dr Andrew Power – Acting Interim Secretary – joined the meeting and was welcomed by the Chairperson.

3.2 The Governing Body approves IADT Programmes and Budgets Submission 2025 (16/2025)

It was noted that *IADT's Programmes and Budgets Submission* to the HEA was considered and approved by the Audit and Risk Committee of Governing Body in March of this year. The Programmes and Budgets proposed a budget overspend of €397K which would arise in the absence of any additional funding allocation to meet the implementation of the National Wage Agreement for staff. *IADT's Programmes and Budgets* for 2025 was recommended to the Governing Body for approval by the Audit and Risk Committee, and it was noted that there have been no updates to the submission since its approval by the Audit and Risk Committee at its meeting of 31st March.

Resolution 16/2025 was adopted by the Governing Body.

Proposed: Chairperson
Seconded: B. Costello

3.3 The Governing Body approves the updated IADT Annual Report and Financial Statements for year ended 31 August 2024, including the Letter of Representation to the Office of the Comptroller & Auditor General (C&AG).(17/2025)

Danny O'Sullivan – Financial Accountant – was in attendance for this item. The Chairperson welcomed Danny O'Sullivan to the meeting. It was noted that IADT's Financial Statements, which include the Institute's' Annual Report and Statement of Internal Controls, were considered and approved by the Audit and Risk Committee of Governing Body at its meeting of 26th June 2026. A briefing on the Audit Process and all items of note was provided by the Financial Accountant. It was also confirmed that IADT has received permission from the C&AG to present the Financial Statements to the Year Ended 31st August 2024 to the Governing Body for formal approval. It was also confirmed that IADT will receive a 'clean' Audit for the Financial Statements to the Year Ended 31st August 2024. The Governing Body approved IADT's Financial Statements to the Year Ended 31st August 2024, including the Annual Report and Statement of Internal Controls, and authorised the Financial Statements and the Letter of Representation to be signed by the Chairperson and the President on behalf of the Governing Body.

Resolution 17/2025 was adopted by the Governing Body.

Proposed: Chairperson
Seconded: A. Ferris

4. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Implications

No Equality, Diversity and Inclusion implications were identified for this meeting.

The Chairperson thanked members of the Governing Body for their attendance at the meeting, and wished all well for the summer break.

Signed: _____
David Holohan

Date: _____