

# Road Safety Authority

## Board Meeting Minutes & Action Tracker

### Thursday 27 October 2022

Present	In Attendance
Ms Liz O'Donnell, Chairperson	Mr Sam Waide, Chief Executive Officer
Ms Sarah Johnson	Ms Denise Barry, Director of Strategy, Performance and Transformation
Ms Ashling Cunningham	Ms Alison Coleman, Director of People, Development and Culture
Ms Donna Price	Ms Sinead Hanley, Finance Manager
Ms Gillian Treacy	Ms Laura Byrne, Admin Support
Mr John Cronin	<b>Apologies</b>
Mr Derek Cawley	Mr Dimitris Karagiorgis
	Mr Kevin Goulding

## Board Minutes

1	<p><b>Apologies and Introductions</b></p> <p>The members were welcomed to the meeting and the apologies were noted.</p>
2	<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>
3	<p><b>Conflict of Interest Declaration</b></p> <p>No conflict-of-interest matter was declared by the members present.</p>
4	<p><b>Minutes from Board Meeting, Decision Record &amp; Action Tracker of 29<sup>th</sup> September 2022</b></p> <p>Presentations from the International Conference to be made available to board members.</p> <p>Update on summer campaign with car rental companies and presentation on the campaign to be provided at next meeting which will include social media messaging on rules of the road in Ireland. Will discuss with DAA to have more visible messaging at airports.</p>



	<p>eScooter legislation should be signed into law in November. Presentation at December meeting on the legislation and RSA preparation for awareness campaigns.</p> <p>Bill to be sent to Board Members.</p> <p>Minutes approved by Board members.</p>
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>Chairperson’s Report</b></p> <p>Chairperson gave an overview of the International Conference held on October 26. Minister announced doubling of fines for 16 offences. Minister is opening to increasing penalty points, but this requires legislative changes.</p> <p>RSA should use Love 30 hashtags when possible. If this is introduced an education programme for the public will be necessary. RSA could help facilitate the change to 30km/h at local level. Board members agreed for RSA to be an advocate of Love 30 campaign.</p> <p>There is an ongoing review of speed limits nationally which RSA is apart off and recommendations are due by end of year. Briefing from the group to be provided at the December meeting.</p>
<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>Chief Executive Officer’s Report</b></p> <p><b>Road Safety Update</b></p> <p>The CEO confirmed the number of fatalities is 123 since the report was published. Concern expressed over age category with 45% of drivers 61 or over. Meeting scheduled with Age Friendly Ireland AGS.</p> <p>Board would like to see statistics on drivers over 80 years of age. Presentation to be provided on MBRS medical fitness to drive guidelines.</p> <p>Board would like an update of serious injuries data and whether it is combined AGS and hospital data that is reviewed or only one set of data.</p> <p>Presentation on AGS new drug devices which detect multiple drugs which will be launched at the Christmas campaign to be scheduled for Board.</p> <p>Board Members would like a graph outlining the target to 2030 for fatalities and serious injuries.</p> <p>Executive gave update on NCT concerns, wait times and ongoing recruitment plans.</p> <p>Board expressed concern at the low compliance rate for premises inspections. New enforcement officers have been sanctioned and recruitment will be commenced in 2023.</p>



	<p>Board members queried why no collision data has been published since 2016. Board would like an update on why no data has been published and if the Minister is aware of the restrictions. RSA has written to AGS regarding data sharing and if this is covered under S8 RTA Act.</p> <p>Rural Safety Strategy 2022-2024 to be shared with Board members. AGS to be asked to also present on this.</p> <p>Delay with South African licence exchange with South African authorities. All relevant compliance and road safety standards will be done.</p> <p>Board would like update on Business Continuity Plan and the intention to run exercise in 2022 or 2023 and when this was last run.</p> <p>Road Safety Transformation Programme (RSTP) update to be a standing agenda item at Board meetings.</p> <p><b>Risk Report October 2022</b> Reviewed and approved by Board.</p>
<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>Finance Update – Sinead Hanley</b></p> <p>Bank charges to be reviewed for holding surplus monies. Reserves to be reviewed along with indexation.</p> <p>RSA to write to DOT on the matter and costs.</p> <p>Board welcomed Sinead to the RSA and thanked her for the update</p>
<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>Data Enabler Group Update – Denise Barry</b></p> <p>Board received an update on the Data Enabler Group which is chaired by the RSA and is supporting collaboration between partners on the high number of actions in the Road Safety Strategy which have a data dependency.</p> <p>HIPE medical data update on if this data is being used. RSA to confirm that NOCA is supplying data on serious injuries. RSA to confirm that NOCA is supplying data on serious injuries.</p> <p>There was a discussion around insurance data and access to it post collision. AGS have a project underway to enable online access to insurance data. RSA to obtain an update on the outputs of the insurance working group established by the DoT.</p> <p>Board thanked Denise for her presentation.</p>
<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>Update form People, Development &amp; Culture – Alison Coleman</b></p> <p>Overview of new RSA structure and blended working provided to Board. Recruitment of driver testers is at offer stage.</p>



	<p>Board members would like a phone number on the RSA website as it can be difficult to get in contact with the organisation. Members queried if a chat function is possible.</p> <p>Board thanked Alison for her presentation.</p>
<b>10</b>	<p><b>Items for Further Discussion and Any Other Business</b></p> <p>2023 Board Meeting &amp; Audit and Risk Committee dates agreed by members.</p>
<b>11</b>	<p><b>Date of Next Board Meeting</b></p> <p>The next Board meeting will be on Thursday 15 December 2022</p>

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

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

