Road Safety Authority

Board Meeting Minutes & Action Tracker Thursday 23 June 2022

Present	In Attendance	
Ms Liz O'Donnell, Chairperson	Mr Sam Waide, Chief Executive Officer	
Mr Dimitris Karagiorgis	Ms Kim Colhoun, Director of Finance & Commercial	
	Services & Board Secretary	
Ms Sarah Johnson	Ms Laura Byrne, Admin Support	
Ms Donna Price	Guest Speaker – Michael Rowland, Director of Road	
	Safety Research and Driver Education	
Mr John Cronin	in Guest Speaker – Enda Hession, Emergency Medicine	
	Trainee, St Vincent's University Hospital	
Ms Ashling Cunningham	Apologies	
Mr Kevin Goulding	Mr Derek Cawley	
	Ms Gillian Treacy	

Board Minutes

Apologies and Introductions		
The members were welcomed to the meeting and the apologies were noted.		
Meeting in the Absence of the Executive		
The members did not have a meeting in the absence of the executive.		
Conflict of Interest Declaration		
No conflict-of-interest matter was declared by the members present.		
Minutes of RSA Board Meeting, Decision Record and Action Tracker of the 2 April 2022		
The Board suggested the minutes be updated to highlight that they are disappointed with increase in fatalities figures and their concern with the current trend.		
The minutes were approved subject to these amendments.		
Chairperson's Report		



The Chairperson noted her concerns with the rise in fatalities and advised that she had met with Policing Authority and AGS to discuss.

September or October Board meeting to be held in Ballina.

6 Chief Executive Officer's Report

CEO brought the members through the following in his report:

Road Safety Update

The Board have noticed the change in behaviour on roads, speeding and breaking lights. It was asked if cameras can be added to lights to send penalty points to those breaking the law similarly to Australia.

Lack of enforcement on roads noticed by the Board. AGS confirmed enforcement has increased at the Ministerial meeting on June 20.

The Board highlighted the social media campaigns and their improvements in messaging around victim blaming and highlight all aspects of road users.

Joint Oireachtas have asked Minister Ryan to address queries within the Road Traffic Bill with his officials and to revisit age limit for eScooters. Committee Chair noted public discontent regarding eScooters.

The Board queried if mandatory testing for drugs are included in the Bill, Executive are to confirm. The Board would like to view a list of what is included in the Bill.

The Board looked for an update regarding licence exchange with other countries, which the Executive provided.

Meeting with Minister Naughton and McEntee held on June 20, 2022, discussed what can be done regarding fatalities around enforcement and campaigns.

Recruitment of driver testers discussed with the Board and process for next steps with Department of Transport.

Alison Coleman to attend Board Meeting to provide overall update on organisation and operational model as well as hybrid policy. A pulse/staff engagement survey across organisation has been held in the past and thoughts on another survey to be provided at a Board meeting.



Joint Oireachtas Committee meeting on June 30 to discuss the Government Road Safety Strategy.

Letters from Chairperson issued to Minister McEntee and Minister Naughton regarding concern that funding for Government Road Safety Strategy has not been allocated.

Risk Report June 2022

Reviewed and approved by Board.

7 Presentation of RSA Statutory Financial Statements 2021

The Board noted the changes to the financial statements since reviewed by the ARC committee in April.

Chairperson noted the need for an external Board effectiveness review to take place in 2022 under the Code. External consultants to be appointed to complete this.

The Board has received Annual Report and will revert with comments by Friday June 24 pm.

The Board approved Financial Statements.

Approval for award of a Framework agreement for the Provision of Facility

Management and Related Services

Framework was approved for a fixed term over a range of services.

9 Government Road Safety Strategy Communication

Michael Rowland, Director of Road Safety Research and Driver Education, joined the meeting to present the communication plan for the Government Road Safety Strategy.

Members were advised that a Rural roads campaign is in development with focus groups and research being concluded to inform an approach. Chairperson advised that rural TD's buy-in is needed for promotion

Action 30 in Government Road Safety Strategy reviews penalty points and Executive has requested that this action is brought forward.

The Board agrees that agencies need to have their own road safety strategy communication plan. RSTP should have a session on communications to provide update on their plans.

Board asked if they could push forward the speed limit review action. The Board was advised that the Committee have been progressing the review of the guidelines which would ultimately inform the setting of appropriate speed limits.

August Bank Holiday event to be launched in Donegal which is tied into alcohol use.

The Board queried on the presentation of alcohol testing and drug testing. Executive will look at combined message on the beer mats pilot which currently are for Vision Zero branding

Michael Rowland left the meeting

10	Road Safety Briefing
	Enda Hession, Emergency Medicine Trainee, St Vincent's University Hospital, joined
	the meeting and presented a report on Motorcycle Related Major Trauma in Ireland

	Should use more emergency department testimony in our ad campaigns and how			
	they are dealing with the trauma. Personal testimony as opposed to fatalities is hard			
	hitting.			
11	Items for Further Discussion and Any Other Business			
	Renumeration committee to be reconvened with			
12	Date of Next Board Meeting			
	The next Board meeting will be on Thursday 28 July 2022			

Signed:		
	Chairperson	
Date:		