

**Minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> Board meeting**  
**of the**  
**Assisted Human Reproduction Regulatory Authority**

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| Date:          | 15 May 2026                                                     |     |
| Time:          | 09.00 am                                                        |     |
| Location:      | Ashling Hotel, 10-13 Parkgate Street, Dublin 8                  |     |
| Format:        | In-person                                                       |     |
| Meeting No.:   | 10 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board                           |     |
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| Present:       | Deirdre Madden                                                  | DM  |
|                | Mary Wingfield                                                  | MW  |
|                | Roisin Molloy                                                   | RM  |
|                | Ciara Merrigan                                                  | CM  |
|                | Julie Kenneally                                                 | JK  |
|                | David Crosby                                                    | DC  |
|                | Sam Doyle                                                       | SD  |
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| Apologies:     | Brian Tobin                                                     |     |
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| In attendance: | Ronan Toomey, Assistant Principal Officer, Department of Health | RT  |
|                | Colm O’Leary, CEO of the AHRRA                                  | COL |
|                | Pamela Carter (for item 4)<br>Edward Keegan<br>Colm McGennis    | DoH |
|                | Kilian McGrane (for item 4)<br>Julie McGinley<br>Cliona Murphy  | HSE |

**1. Meeting with officials from the Department of Health and officials from the HSE National Women and Infants Health Programme**

Officials from the Department of Health and the National Women’s and Infants Health Programme in the HSE joined the meeting to discuss policy, current legislation and the upcoming amending Bill and service matters relating to matters of interest to the Board.

**2. Welcome from the Chairperson and Quorum**

Since a quorum was present, the remaining part of the meeting was opened by the Chairperson.

**3. Conflicts of Interest**

No conflicts of interest were declared.

**4. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Brian Tobin.

## 5. Approval of Minutes of Board meeting of 17 April 2026 and matters arising

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| <b>Decision</b> | The Board approved the minutes of the 9 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board held on 17 April 2026 | Dec-10-20260515-01 |
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**Matters Arising:** It was agreed that matters arising would be dealt with under other agenda items.

## 6. Chief Executive Officer report

The Board noted the report of the Chief Executive Officer, circulated in advance, in which the CEO described ongoing matters being progressed. The Board was informed that the People and Culture Committee met earlier in the week and work is ongoing on development of an outline organisation structure which would be circulated to Board members.

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| <b>Action</b> | CEO presentation will be circulated to Board members | COL/RT |
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## 7. Approval of the appointment of a Procurement Provider

Following discussion of the paper circulated in advance, the Board agreed to the appointment of a service provider to assist the AHRRA in upcoming procurement matters.

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| <b>Decision</b> | The Board approved the appointment of Emptum Procurement to provide procurement services to the AHRRA | Dec-10-20260515-02 |
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## 8. Approval to rent temporary office space in the city centre

Pending the identification of a long-term accommodation solution for the AHRRA, the CEO updated the Board on efforts undertaken to lease a temporary office premises and agreed to enter arrangements with a service provider, subject to a walkthrough to be conducted by the CEO.

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| <b>Decision</b> | The Board approved the rental of temporary office space in the Dublin 2 city centre area | Dec-10-20260515-03 |
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## 9. Approval of decision to delegate authority to CEO for spends less than €50,000

Following consideration of the paper circulated in advance, the Board agreed to delegate expenditure decisions up to €50,000 to the CEO, subject to compliance with relevant procurement requirements.

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| <b>Decision</b> | The Board delegated authority to the CEO for expenditure up to €50,000 | Dec-09-20260417-4 |
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## 10. Discussion relating to the drafting of the AHRRA Operational Business Plan

The Board noted the AHRRA Draft Strategic Business Plan, circulated in advance. Following discussion, it was agreed to continue work on drafting of the Plan. COL informed the Board that

it was intended to consult the Department of Health with an early draft of the Plan to ensure the Plan aligned with Department and Ministerial priorities.

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| <b>Action</b> | Work will continue on drafting the Plan and submission in draft format to the Department for observations | COL |
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#### **11. Any Other Business**

The Board was informed of the upcoming retirement of RT and thanked him for his assistance to date.

**The meeting concluded at 13.35 pm.**