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Minutes of Special Board Meeting of Dublin and Dun Laoghaire Education and Training Board (DDLETB)

Date: 8th May 2026

Time: 1:00 pm

Venue: MS Teams

Present:

Brigid Manton, Charlotte O'Donovan, Colm Kilgallon, Councillor Dean Mulligan, Councillor Jacqueline Burke, Councillor Michael Clark, Councillor Mick Duff (Cathaoirleach), Councillor Vicki Casserly, Ken Farrell, Sarah Widaa, Councillor Pamela Kearns, Councillor Thomas Joseph

Apologies: Councillor Yvonne Collins, Councillor John Walsh, Councillor Angela Donnelly, Wayne Carey, Claire McGing, David O'Connell, Eimear CarboneMangan, Councillor Ted Leddy, Claire McGing, Dara Fitzpatrick

In Attendance:

Caitríona Murphy, Chief Executive; Paul Turner, Director of Organisation Support and Development; Mark McDonald, Director of Schools; Joanne McCloskey, Director of Further Education and Training; Thea Jordan, Public Affairs Officer; Maja Eisenbart, Governance; Nichola Spokes, Director of Schools.

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Welcome

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Mick Duff welcomed members to the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance at short notice.

1. Apologies

Apologies were noted.

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No conflicts were declared.

3. Matters for noting by the Board

3.1 Belmayne Community Special School Media Coverage

The Chief Executive thanked the Board members for their attendance and provided a briefing on the matter regarding recent media coverage of Belmayne Community Special School. The Board has been assured that DDLETB are following all processes and procedures in relation to this matter.

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The Board was informed that the school will be reopen on Monday 11th May following the midterm break and an overview of the supports and arrangements that will be in place from Monday were provided.

The Board was informed that DDLETB met with the parents of Belmayne Community Special School on Thursday 7th May 2026. Furthermore, consistent and ongoing communications and support are in place for parents and school staff to address any concerns arising as a result.

An overview and reminder of the nationally agreed recruitment procedures for all recruitment competitions in DDLETB was provided to the Board.

The Board has been informed that should any updates arise in the coming week they will be provided at the next Board meeting.

4. Date of Next Meeting: 18th May 2026 @ 4.30pm (In-Person)