



Minutes of Board Meeting

Held on Friday 20 November 2015

At 10.30am in the NTA Offices

Present: Mr John Fitzgerald (Chairperson), Ms Anne Graham (CEO), Mr Hugh Creegan (Deputy CEO), Mr Owen Keegan (CEO, Dublin City Council), Dr Berna Grist, Ms Linda Saunders, Ms Fiona Ross, Ms Sineád Walsh, Mr Frank O'Connor, Mr Pat Mangan, Ms Ann Fitzgerald, Mr Frank Gleeson.

Apologies: None.

Staff in attendance: Mr Philip L'Estrange (Director of Finance and Corporate Affairs); Mr Tim Gaston (Director of Public Transport Services); Mr Karl Seeber (Minutes).

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1. Introductions

The Chairperson welcomed Mr Frank Gleeson and Ms Ann Fitzgerald to the Board. The Board members briefly introduced themselves.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

The draft minutes of the Board meeting held on 16 October 2015 were agreed subject to the addition of the following sentence at the end of item 5 (Capital Plan): *"The Board highlighted the importance of providing adequate funding for walking and cycling projects."*

3. CEO Report

The Chief Executive updated the Board on developments since the last meeting and responded to issues raised by members. The issues covered included

- funding of PSO services;
- planned consultation by Iarnród Éireann on amended services via Connolly Station;
- progress on tendering of bus services;
- funding for capital projects;
- progress on Luas Cross City;
- proposed coach park facility;
- the regional bike scheme;
- grant scheme for wheelchair accessible taxis and hackneys;
- Leap Card developments;
- recent staff appointments;
- NTA appearance at Oireachtas Joint Committee on Transport and Communications;
- acquisition of environmentally friendly buses;
- the safe operation of public transport vehicles;
- Phoenix Park Tunnel;
- SPSV Entry Test.

4. Finance Report

Mr L'Estrange outlined the NTA's Management Accounts for October and responded to requests for clarification on some aspects. He noted that overall the NTA was performing well to budget up to the end of October.

Mr L'Estrange gave a presentation on recent IT issues. He noted that the NTA is in the process of appointing a Chief Security Officer.

5. Draft Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area 2016 - 2035

At the outset Mr Mangan declared that he is a member of the Council of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport which is among the bodies that made submissions to the NTA on the draft Transport Strategy. However, Mr Mangan explained that he was not involved in the preparation of that submission.

The Chairperson said it had been decided to postpone a decision on this item until the December meeting in order to allow Board members adequate time to thoroughly consider the matter.

Mr Creegan made a detailed presentation setting out the outcome of the public consultation, proposed amendments to the draft Transport Strategy and next steps. Mr Creegan also addressed points that had been raised by members in advance of the Board meeting.

Following a wide-ranging discussion, the Chairperson noted that NTA officials will be available to support Board members in their consideration of the draft Transport Strategy between now and the Board's December meeting.

6. PSO Operators' Passenger & Revenue Results

The Board noted the results achieved by the operators of socially necessary but financially unviable bus and rail services (Public Service Obligation services) during the period from 5 October to 1 November 2015.

7. Any other business

The dates of Board meetings in 2016 were agreed.

The Board agreed that Mr Frank O'Connor should replace Mr John Fitzgerald on the Audit Committee with immediate effect. Ms Saunders will continue to chair the Audit Committee. The Chairperson will give consideration to the filling of the remaining vacancy on the Audit Committee.

It was suggested that the list of matters reserved for decision by the Board should be considered at an appropriate juncture.

Finally, the Board congratulated Mr L'Estrange on his appointment as the NTA's Director of Finance and Corporate Services.

Next Meeting: Friday 18 December 2015 @ 10.30am in the NTA Offices.

Signed: _____
John Fitzgerald, Chairperson

Dated: _____