



**Minutes of the Special meeting of the CMETB Board  
held on Tuesday, 09 December 2025**

A special meeting of Cavan and Monaghan Education and Training Board took place on Tuesday, 09 December 2025 at 2pm, in Castle Leslie, Glaslough, Co. Monaghan.

**Cathaoirleach:** April Anna Barker

**Baill I Lathair:** April Anna Barker, Winston Bennett, Carmel Brady, Damien Brady, Aidan Campbell, Colm Carthy, Seamus Coyle, Lorraine Fealy, Michelle Flynn, Alan Johnston, Clifford Kelly, Colm McCormick, Joe McGrath, Peter McVitty, and Aíne Smith

**Leithsceil:** Niamh Brady, Brendan Fay, Sinead Flynn, Irene McCausland and Frank McDermott

**Ar Freastail:** Dr Fiona McGrath, Chief Executive  
Dr Linda Pinkster, DFET  
Paddy Flood, DOS  
Karen McBride, DOSD  
Siobhan McKenna, Compliance  
Stephanie McGarry, Administrator

## **1 Preliminary**

### **1.1 Welcome**

The Chairperson April Anna Barker welcomed all present.

### **1.2 Declaration of Interest**

Declarations of Conflict of Interest were invited with none arising. Members were reminded of their responsibilities and that should any Conflict of Interest arise in the course of the meeting they must declare at that stage.

### **1.3 Apologies, Absence Approval**

**It was resolved: R. 01/12/2025**

“to approve the absences of Niamh Brady, Brendan Fay, Sinead Flynn, Irene McCausland and Frank McDermott”.

Proposed by Cllr C Brady  
Seconded by Cllr W Bennett

Passed Unanimously



**Condolences**

- To the families of the five young people who sadly lost their lives recently in a road traffic accident in Co Louth:
  - The McGee family on the death of Chloe, former Inver College student.
  - The Duffy family on the death of Shay, who was a registered apprentice with CMETB and brother of Vinnie, Inver College student.
  - The McCluskey family on the death of Alan
  - The Commins family on the death of Dylan
  - The Hipson family on the death of Chloe
- To the Cronin Family on the death of Ursula Cronin, wife of the late Jerry Cronin, former CE of Dublin VEC.
- To Raymond McHugh (retired Principal, St. Macartan's College) on the death of his father Michael McHugh.
- To Catherine McKiernan (Local Creative Youth Partnership) on the death of her son Jack Ryan.

**As this was a Special meeting no media was invited and the following item was held in Camera.**

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The in-camera business concluded. The CE, Directors and Staff were invited to re-join the meeting.

### 3 NPC Appointment to CMETB Board

#### 3.1 Male Parent Representative

It was resolved to approve the appointment of NPC male parent nominee to the CMETB Board as follows:

Resolution No.	NPC Nominee	Proposed/Seconded
02/12/2025	Mr Frank Evans	P: Cllr A Campbell S: Cllr S Coyle

Passed Unanimously

### 4 Schools

#### 4.1 Appointment to Ballybay Community College Board of Management

It was resolved to appoint the following male staff representative to Ballybay Community College Board of Management:

Resolution No.	Male Staff Representative	Proposed By Seconded By
03/12/2025	Daragh Todd	P: Cllr S Coyle S: Cllr C Carthy

Passed Unanimously

### 5 Further Education and Training

#### 5.1 Appointments to Boards of Management

It was resolved to appoint the following to Cavan Institute and Monaghan Institute Boards of Management respectively:

Resolution No.	Institute	Student Representatives	Proposed by Seconded by
04/12/2025	Cavan Institute	Diana Nauziete Lorcan Caffrey	P: Cllr C Kelly S: Cllr C Brady
Resolution No.	Institute	Community/Industry Representatives	Proposed by Seconded by
05/12/2025	Monaghan	Helen Keenan Dr Charlene Connolly	P: Mr J McGrath S: Mr C McCormick

Passed Unanimously



## 6 Schedule of Meetings 2026

The schedule of meetings for 2026 was discussed. It was agreed to review the list at the next meeting on 24 February 2026 and to try to alternate the venue between Cavan and Monaghan, subject to the availability of rooms in schools/centres.

The meeting concluded at 2.35pm

Signed Fair M'Gath  
Chief Executive

Signed A. B. W.  
Chairperson

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