



Extraordinary Plenary Meeting  
Minutes of the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission  
1<sup>st</sup> August at 10:00am - IHREC Offices, 16-22 Green Street, Dublin 7

Present - Commission Members:

- Emily Logan, Chief Commissioner (EL)
- Paddy Connolly (PC)
- Colm O' Dwyer (CO'D)
- Caroline Fennell (CF)
- Fidèle Mutwarasibo (FM)
- Tony Geoghegan (TG)
- Siobhán Mullally (SM)
- Ray Murphy (RM)
- Frank Conaty (FC)

Apologies:

- Orlagh O' Farrell (OO'F)
- Salome Mbugua (SMb)
- Heydi Foster Breslin (HFB)
- Teresa Blake (TB)
- Sunniva McDonagh (SMcD)

In Attendance:

- Laurence Bond, Director (LB)
- Muireann Ní Thuairisg, Minute Taker



An Extraordinary Meeting of the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission took place between 10:00am and 11:00am on 1st August 2019 at the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission offices, 16–22 Green Street, Dublin 7.

The Minister for Justice and Equality Charles Flanagan T.D. wrote to eight Commission members on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019 recommending their reappointment to Government for a further five years. The Minister asked that Commission members indicate by 31<sup>st</sup> July whether or not Commission members wish to recommend their reappointment to Government.

It was unanimously agreed at the meeting to:

- respond in writing to the Minister as a body corporate
- issue a public statement on the matter

It was decided that the Commission have a responsibility to respond as a body corporate and to set out to the Minister its determination that the upcoming recruitment process should be carried out in line with international standards for an inclusive and transparent selection and appointment process, and in line with the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission Act 2014.

EL circulated a draft letter at the meeting and members made some minor changes and additions. It was agreed that the final text of the letter to the Minister would be circulated to Commission members in advance of the letter being sent to the Minister later the same day.

Signed:

Emily Logan  
Chief Commissioner

Date:

17 September 2019