



An Rialálaí Agraibhia Agri-Food Regulator

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Note of the Inaugural Meeting of the Board of the Agri-Food Regulator which took place on 13 December 2023 at 10:15 a.m. in the Boardroom, Agri-Food Regulator's Office, Backweston Campus, Celbridge, Co Kildare, Ireland, W23 X3PH

Present:

Board of the Agri-Food Regulator:

Joe Healy, (Chair)
Karen Brosnan
Paul Brophy
John Comer
Margaret Dineen
Elaine Donohoe
Grace McCullen
Angus Woods

In Attendance

Agri-Food Regulator:

Niamh Lenehan (CEO)
Beckie Reynolds (note-taker)
Aiden Kelly
Robert Levins

Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM):

Charlie McConalogue, Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine (10.15-10.30)
Colm Hayes, Assistant Secretary General (until 11.15)
Angela Robinson, Food Industry Development Division (FIDD), (until 11.15)
Ray Sheehy, FIDD (until 11.15)

Institute of Public Administration

Dr. Tom Ward (11.15-12.15)



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Item 1: Minister's Address

Minister McConalogue congratulated Board Members on their appointments and wished them every success going forward. He indicated that this establishment day of An Rialálaí Agraibhia was a significant landmark in the history of Ireland's agri-food sector.

Item 2: Chairperson's Address

The Chairperson said he was delighted to have been appointed as Chairperson and congratulated the Board members on their appointments. He thanked DAFM officials and the Agri-Food Regulator team for all their work that led to establishment of the Office.

Item 3: Main provisions of the Agricultural and Food Supply Chain Act 2023

Presentation by Angela Robinson (DAFM)

Item 4: Overview of the 2016 Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies

Presentation by Dr. Tom Ward, Institute of Public Administration

Item 5: Work of the Unfair Trading Practices Enforcement Authority to date

Presentation by Aiden Kelly, Agri-Food Regulator

Item 6: Board Discussion / Initial Priorities

The CEO gave a brief overview of ongoing work with respect to start-up operations of the Office. It was noted that the Agri-Food Regulator has a logo and associated brand guidelines in place in addition to a website and a number of social media channels.

It was agreed that the main priorities for the Board include the ongoing development of the governance infrastructure for the organisation in addition to a strategy statement. It was agreed that the next Board meeting would occur on Friday 12 January. The main item on the agenda is a strategy development workshop session.

Item 7. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

Item 8. Next Board Meeting

The Board noted the next meeting would take place on Friday 12th January 2024.

The Chairperson thanked everyone for their participation and contributions.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING