

Raidió Teilifís Éireann
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of RTÉ
held on 3 November 2023 Hybrid at 10am, RTÉ and via Teams

Present: Siún Ní Raghallaigh (Chair)
David Harvey
Daire Hickey
Robert Shortt
Susan Ahern
Kevin Bakhurst (Director General)

Apologies: Aideen Howard
Jonathan Ruane
PJ Mathews

In Attendance: Paula Mullooly, Group Secretary
Mike Fives, Group Financial Controller
██████████, Arthur Cox

It was noted that the meeting was quorate.

I. Meeting with Minister / Letter to Minister

The Chair updated the Board on the meeting with the Minister the previous day and following that meeting she considered that a letter should be sent to the Minister to outline the precariousness of the financial situation of RTÉ and the position of the directors given that position. A draft had been sent to Board members.

██████████ stated that although RTÉ is not a Companies Act Company there is still a duty to act appropriately and alerting the shareholder to the precariousness of the financial situation is important and is in line with the Board's duties as directors.

David Harvey noted that it is important that the Board does this.

AOL asked when the Minister will receive the Strategy and the Chair stated that it would be delivered in a week. KB stated that the pillars of the Strategy had been outlined but there is a timing question about delivery. The Board discussed the communications with Government in relation to the Strategy.

SA stated that the letter is really clear so she is pleased that it is being sent. She suggested that it should reference the fact that the strategic framework is ready to be delivered. KB stated that there should also be a statement that the letter is confidential and also that the cuts programme is ready to start.

The Board approved the delivery of the letter to the Minister with the suggested changes.

The Chair noted that the final version of the Strategy Document has been uploaded to Decision Time and requested that any final comments be sent to Vivienne Flood by Monday.

The meeting concluded.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vivienne Flood". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial 'V'.

Signed: _____

Chair