

Raidió Teilifís Éireann
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of RTÉ
held on Monday 4 November 2024 at 2pm at RTÉ and via Teams

Present: Terence O'Rourke (Chair RTÉ Board) (Teams) TOR
Noreen O'Kelly (Teams) NOK
Shirley Bradshaw (Teams) SB
Jonathan Ruane (Teams) JR
David Harvey (Teams) DHA
Daire Hickey (Teams) DHI
Neasa Hardiman (Teams) NH

In Attendance: Adrian Lynch (Deputy Director General) AL
Steve Carson (Director of Video) SC
Mari Hurley (CFO) MH
Gavin Deans (Dir of Commercial) GD
Declan McBennett (Head of Sport) DMB
Mike Fives (Group Financial Controller) MF
Robert Shortt (Company Secretary)(RS)

Apologies: Kevin Bakhurst
Aideen Howard
Terri Moloney
Susan Ahern

1. Agenda and Declarations of Interest

The Agenda for the meeting was agreed as a one-item agenda to consider a bid for the Irish TV rights for the FIFA World Cup in 2026 and 2030.

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Bid for World Cup 2026 & 2030

AL outlined how a delegation from UEFA had visited Ireland in the third week of October and how the proposed bid was formulated shortly thereafter, which had the support of the Leadership Team.

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SC emphasised the role of public sector broadcasters in providing big sporting events free to air. The cost per broadcast hour was questioned as was the potential revenue.

AL added that securing the rights to big tournaments helped develop the wider commercial strategy.

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The Board acknowledged the risks involved in the proposal and agreed to support it. The support of board members Aideen Howard and Terri Moloney was noted.

There being no more business to conduct, the meeting ended.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James A. Monte".

Signed: _____

Chair