

**Summary Minutes from the 265th meeting of the Medical Council,
1st June 2010**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Professor Kieran Murphy (President)	Professor Damien McLoughlin
Mr Jon Billings	Mr Frank McManus
Mr Brendan Broderick	Dr John Monaghan
Ms Katherine Bulbulia	Ms Marie Murray
Professor Gerard Bury	Ms Margaret Murphy
Dr Anna Clarke (Vice-President)	Professor Diarmuid O'Donoghue
Dr Regina Connolly	Dr Daniel O'Hare
Ms Mary Culliton	Dr David O'Keeffe
Professor Anthony Cunningham	Professor William Powderly
Professor Paul Finucane	Professor James Slevin
Dr Deirdre Madden	

APOLOGIES

Dr Richard Brennan
Ms Anne Carrigy
Dr Pauline Kane
Dr John O'Mullane

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Marcus Balfe (Head of Finance & Acting CEO)
Mr William Kennedy (Head of Professional Standards & Legal Adviser)
Dr Anne Keane (Head of Education & Training)
Ms Una O'Rourke (Head of Registration)
Ms Lisa Molloy (Secretary to Council)
Mr Jim McDermott (Head of ICT & Operations)
Mr Iain Mathews (Finance)
Mr John Sidebottom (Professional Standards)
Mr Paul Lyons (Corporate Services)
Mr David Holland, S.C.
Mr Patrick Leonard, B.L.

Minutes of the 263rd meeting held on 3rd March 2010 & 264th meeting held on 18th May 2010

1. The minutes of the 263rd meeting held on 3rd March 2010 were agreed by Council and signed by the President. The 264th meeting on 18th May was held by circulation of papers and consequently no minutes were taken.
2. There were no matters arising from the minutes of the 263rd meeting.
3. In relation to the 264th meeting, it was agreed that in future, if circumstances arise where Council are required to meet at short notice, every effort will be taken to convene a meeting. However, if the quorum cannot be achieved, then the meeting shall be held electronically by circulation of papers.

Committees and Working Groups

Report of the Professional Development Committee, 11th May 2010

1. Council approved a number of rules, subject to any additional minor changes, relating to Part 10 of the Medical Practitioners Act 2007. It was acknowledged that a further short period of consultation with key education and training stakeholders would be held prior to the next meeting of the Committee. Feedback from this consultation process will be considered by the Committee and the Rules will come back to Council for at its July 2010 meeting.
2. Council approved the results of the Level 3 Examination Appeals.
3. Council approved a motion to change the name of the Professional Development Committee to the 'Professional Development Committee incorporating Education and Training'.
4. Council formally approved a number of intern training posts which had received provisional approval at the Council meeting on 15th April 2010.
5. Council approved the proposed standards for Accreditation of Postgraduate Training and Training Programmes.
6. Council approved Criteria for Approval of Intern Training Networks.
7. Council agreed that legal advice which has been received in relation to a programme of medical education and training being provided outside the state would be considered in the future by the Professional Development Committee in relation to similar programmes on a case-by-case basis.
8. The remaining items in this report were noted.

Report of the Standards in Practice Committee, 20th May 2010

1. Council approved a recommendation by the Registration Working Group to relax a condition which had been imposed on a registered medical practitioner which had sought to limit the number of days per week which could be worked.
2. Council approved a recommendation by the Committee to remove a condition which had been attached to a particular doctor's registration. It was noted that the doctor in question had fully complied with this condition.
3. Council approved a proposal to change the content of the Level 4 Assessment.
4. The remaining items in this report were noted.

Report of the Audit Committee, 25th May 2010

1. The contents of this report were noted.

Report of the Nominations Sub-Committee

1. Council noted the report of the Nominations Sub-Committee and the report was subsequently approved.

President's Business

1. Council agreed that Council minutes and summary minutes for the purpose of publication on the Council's website would both come before Council at its next meeting for approval.
2. Council were updated on the progress on the Medical Council's 'Statement of Intent' which was being prepared in relation to its policy on Equality & Diversity.
3. Council were updated on the progress of the Medical Council's Statement of Strategy workplan.

CEO's Business

CEO's Report

1. Council considered the Report of the CEO which provided updates on a number of operational matters including:

- The backlog in applications for specialist registration has been reduced considerably.
 - A combination of externally-delivered and in-house inductions is being devised for accreditation assessors.
 - Dr Paul Kavanagh is due to take up his position as Head of Professional Competence on 8th June 2010.
 - Council were updated on the formal launch of Part 11 of the Medical Practitioners Act 2007 which took place on 31st May 2010 in Kingram House.
2. The remaining items in this report were noted.