



Appointment as Chairperson to the Board of Transport Infrastructure Ireland

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The Public Appointments Service (PAS), established under statute in 2004, provides an independent shared service in recruitment, assessment and selection to organisations across the Civil and Public Services. PAS also has responsibility for providing an open, accessible, rigorous and transparent system to support Ministers in making appointments to State Boards. Our dedicated website, www.stateboards.ie, is the channel through which the PAS advertises vacancies on State Boards. It is also the means through which accomplished, experienced and qualified people, including people who might not previously have been identified as available for appointment, can then apply to be considered for particular vacancies.

Membership of State Boards

High standards of corporate governance in all State Agencies, whether in the commercial or non-commercial sphere, are critical to ensuring a positive contribution to the State's overall social and economic development.

Members of State Boards are appointed to act on behalf of the citizen to oversee the running of the affairs of state bodies. State bodies must serve the interests of the taxpayer, pursue value for money in their endeavours (including managing risk appropriately), and act transparently as public entities. Members of State Boards, and the relevant management team, are accountable for the proper management of the organisation.

Board members should act on a fully informed basis, in good faith, with due diligence and care, and in the best interest of the State body, subject to the objectives set by Government. In that regard and in accordance with 13.2 of the Guidelines on Appointments to State Boards, "it is advisable that no member of a State Board should serve more than two full terms of appointment or should hold appointments to more than two State Boards."

The [Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies 2016](#) (the Code) provides a framework for the application of best practice in corporate governance by both commercial and non-commercial State bodies.

In order to be an effective contributor on a State Board it is recommended that members should:

- bring independent and objective scrutiny to the oversight of the organisation;
- be prepared to be challenging when necessary while being supportive to the delivery of organisational strategy and objectives;
- be equipped to offer considered advice on the basis of sound judgement and experience;
- be prepared to make a time commitment to their work commensurate with their role.

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Location:	Transport Infrastructure Ireland offices, Parkgate St, Dublin 8
Number of Vacancies:	1
Remuneration:	€20,520 (It should be noted that in line with the 'One Person One Salary' principle, no public servant will be entitled to receive remuneration in the form of board fees, save for situations that are statutorily provided for e.g. Worker Directors). Travel and subsistence is payable at appropriate Civil Service rates.
Time Requirements:	11 meetings per annum, typically half day each. Approximately 1 day per week required including preparation and subcommittees. The Chairperson may also sit on a subcommittee.

Candidates' attention is also drawn to the provisions of the Code in relation to Audit and Risk Committee membership which can be found [here](#).

1. Background

- Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) is a statutory non-commercial State body, which operates under the aegis of the Department of Transport.
- TII was formed as a result of the merger of the National Roads Authority (NRA) and the Railway Procurement Agency (RPA) to form a new body, incorporating the functions of both bodies.
- The Roads Act 2015 provided for the dissolution of the RPA and the transfer of its staff and functions to the NRA and Statutory Instrument 297 of 2015 provided for the newly merged NRA to be known as Transport Infrastructure Ireland.
- TII's primary function is to provide an integrated approach to the future development and operation of the national roads network and light rail infrastructure throughout Ireland.
- TII's overall remit and statement of strategy is to provide high quality transport infrastructure and services, delivering a better quality of life and supporting economic growth.

2. Functions of the Board

TII is governed by a Board of not less than 10 nor more than 14 members appointed by the Minister for Transport. One position on the Board is occupied by the Chief Executive Officer of TII. Traditionally, the Minister has also invited a representative from the City and County Management Association (CCMA) to sit on the Board.

The following key matters are reserved for Board decision:

- approval of TII's Code of Practice;
- approval of Annual Report, Annual Budget and Corporate Business Plan;
- approval of the Annual Accounts;
- terms of reference of the Board committees;
- delegated authority levels, treasury policy and risk management policies;
- any decision to perform a function directly rather than through a Local Authority;
- the establishment of new toll schemes or revocation of a toll scheme; and
- new bye-laws for a toll scheme or a rail system.

The Board is also responsible for the appropriate governance of TII and for ensuring that there are effective systems of internal control, statutory and operational compliance and risk management in place.

The 'Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies' provides a framework for the application of best practice in corporate governance by both commercial and non-commercial State bodies and also sets out information on the duties and responsibilities of Chairpersons, Boards and directors of State Bodies, including TII.

The Board is assisted in the discharge of its responsibilities by two sub-committees:

- Audit and Risk Committee
- Strategy Committee

Current composition of the Board:

Name	First Appointed	Reappointed	Expiry Date	Position type	Basis of appointment
Aebhric McGibney	11/10/2018		10/10/2021	Board Member	Ministerial appointment following PAS process
Aidan Skelly	07/10/2020		06/10/2023	Board Member	Ministerial appointment following PAS Process
Colette Byrne	25/01/2021		24/01/2026	Board Member	Ministerial appointment following PAS Process
Cormac O'Rourke	01/01/2013	26/02/2018	25/11/2021	Chairperson	Ministerial re appointment
Damien Ó'Tuama	07/10/2020		06/10/2023	Board Member	Ministerial appointment following PAS Process
Desmond Kenny	07/10/2020		06/10/2023	Board Member	Ministerial appointment following PAS Process
Joe O'Mahony	01/07/2014	01/07/2019	30/06/2022	Board Member	Ministerial re appointment
Mary O'Donovan	11/10/2018		10/10/2021	Board Member	Ministerial appointment following PAS Process
Patricia O'Shea	07/10/2020		06/10/2023	Board Member	Ministerial appointment following PAS Process
Peter Walsh	22/10/2020		21/10/2025	CEO/Ex Officio	Ministerial appointment
Seamus Neely	01/11/2015	25/11/2020	24/11/2022	Board Member	Ministerial re appointment

3. Person Specification

The Minister for Transport invites expressions of interest from applicants who consider they possess the skills and experience necessary to chair the board of Transport Infrastructure Ireland.

Candidate's attention is drawn to the general details of the role of Chairperson as set out on page 19 of the Code which can be found [here](#). The Principle states:-

- The Chairperson is responsible for leadership of the Board and ensuring its effectiveness on all aspects of its role.
- The Chairperson should display high standards of integrity and probity and set expectations regarding culture, values, and behaviours for the State body and for the tone of discussions at Board level.

Essential:

The candidate should also have a breadth of experience and competence in relation to at least one of the following –

- Railway infrastructure
- Economic development and urban planning
- Active travel and sustainable mobility
- Local government

Candidates must demonstrate in their application evidence of: -

- Significant level of experience in the public, private or voluntary sector at an appropriately senior level
- A demonstrable knowledge of the public sector environment and corporate governance in the public sector
- Demonstrated commitment to public service values
- Knowledge of TII's legislative remit
- Evidence of leadership experience which demonstrates the ability to chair a Board engaged in the delivery of major infrastructure projects
- Significant Board membership experience

Desirable:

Relevant knowledge or experience of:

- Climate Action and Just Transition
- The public transport sector
- Environmental issues
- Corporate governance
- Local authority
- Audit and risk committee
- the organisation of workers or administration.
- Roads engineering

The Minister shall have regard to the desirability for gender balance, diversity and inclusion on the Board as the Minister considers appropriate and determines from time to time when making appointments, in line with the updated Code.

In order to qualify for appointment a person must not have any legal impediment or conflicts of interest likely to interfere with his/her ability to assume the role Chairperson of the Board. Please give careful consideration to the possibility of any potential conflict of interest that may exist and address this in your cover letter. The Assessment Panel may decide, based on the perceived level of conflict, not to forward your name for consideration.

4. Term of Appointment

Appointments to the Board will be for an initial period of 5 years with an option to extend the term of engagement for a second term of up to 5 years, subject to:

- The membership of any member of the Board may be terminated by the Minister at any time, on the basis of reasons to be stated by the Minister.
- A member of the Board may resign his or her membership of the Board by notice in writing sent or given to the Minister, and the resignation shall take effect on the day on which the Minister receives the notice.
- Members of the Board shall, subject to the provisions of this Schedule, hold office upon such terms and conditions as the Minister may, with the consent of the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform, from time to time determine.
- The roles and responsibilities of Board Members are described in the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies 2016 which is available here [Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies](#).
- A board member shall cease to be a member of the board if he or she is nominated as a member of Seanad Éireann, is elected as a member of either House of the Oireachtas or as a representative in the European Parliament, elected to the European Parliament, or becomes a member of a local authority.

5. Submitting your Application

Before submitting your application, please review the self-assessment questionnaire which can be found [here](#). This questionnaire is designed to help you in considering whether to submit an application - you are not required to submit the questionnaire as part of the application process.

Having considered the general suitability criteria for membership of a State Board, you should consider carefully how your background and experience fits with the specific appointment criteria set out in the Person Specification section in this booklet.

Your submission should be made via the following link www.stateboards.ie together with your **Curriculum Vitae** and a **cover letter** (see Appendix 1 of this booklet for help with the online process).

IMPORTANT NOTE

Please take care when submitting your expression of interest. As the Assessment Panel will generally make its recommendation(s) based on consideration of the documentation which you submit, it is most important that you do the following:

1. *Ensure your Cover Letter (and supporting CV) clearly specifies how your particular background and experience meets the requirements of the Authority position(s) specified in this booklet, and*
2. *That you fully answer any supplementary questions which are presented to you as part of our online application process.*

This will help ensure that the Assessment Panel is as informed as possible as to the basis for your candidature and why you believe you are a person who could potentially be appointed to this State Board. **Please only include information that is directly relevant to the particular role for which you are applying.**

If you have any questions regarding the application process, please email info@stateboards.ie.

6. Assessment Process

An Assessment Panel (the "Panel") will be convened by PAS to consider and assess the applications received by PAS. The Panel will:

- review and discuss the expressions of interest received against the specific appointment criteria for the role, as advertised in this Information Booklet;
- assess potential candidates further once they meet the specified appointment criteria by undertaking any or all of the following steps:
 - Consideration of the written applications; and/or
 - Meeting/conference call; and/or
 - Referee checks; and/or
 - Any other selection or verification method deemed appropriate (this may include PAS requiring statutory declarations from shortlisted applicants as to the bona fides of the qualifications and experience contained in their applications).

arrive at a shortlist of the most suitably qualified candidates (based on the information provided by the candidate) to be sent forward for consideration by the Minister.

Please note that the Public Appointments Service will not be responsible for any expenses incurred by candidates as part of our selection process.

Please Note:

If your application is selected following the PAS assessment process, your personal information including your cv, cover letter and any additional supplementary information supplied as part of the application process is confidentially forwarded to the Department of Transport for a supplementary process. This supplementary process may comprise of a brief, informal meeting with the Minister for Transport and a senior Department official, prior to the Minister's final decision. This meeting does not form part of the PAS competitive process but provides an opportunity for both the candidate and Minister(s) to meet and is intended to help inform the Minister in finalising his appointment decision in keeping with the Roads Acts, 1993-2015.

7. Confidentiality

Subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Acts, 2014, applications will be treated in strict confidence. All enquires, applications and all aspects of the proceedings are treated

as strictly confidential and are not disclosed to anyone, outside those directly involved in that aspect of the process.

Certain items of information, not specific to any individual, are extracted from computer records for general statistical purposes.

8. Data Protection

The Data Protection Act 2018 provides that the processing of personal data shall be lawful where such processing is necessary for the performance of a statutory function of a controller. PAS is mandated by statute under the Public Service Management (Recruitment and Appointments) Act, 2004 to act as the centralised assessment and selection body for the civil service and to carry out all the procedures necessary to undertake the recruitment, assessment and selection of suitable candidates for appointment. By submitting your personal data (including your name, address, contact details and details of your education and work history contained in your curriculum vitae and cover letter) via publicjobs.ie, you acknowledge that such data may be used by the Public Appointments Service and disclosed to and used by client departments, in connection with its statutory roles to assist and advise relevant Ministers in relation to appointments to the boards of State bodies. The information contained in your publicjobs profile is yours to manage, amend, update or delete as appropriate. For more detailed information on our Data Protection Policy, please see our [Code of Practice for the Protection of Personal Data in the Public Appointments Service](#).

If your application is assessed and you are considered to be suitable for appointment your c.v. and cover letter (and any additional supplementary information requested as part of the application process), will be forwarded to the State Board Liaison Officer in the Department of Transport. For more detailed information on the Department of Transport's Data Protection Privacy Notice, please see the following link [here](#). Once it obtains your personal data, the Department will act as data controller of such data and will retain it for up to one year following the appointment/s.

Unless you request the withdrawal of your application such data may be used in considering your suitability for other similar vacancies/roles that arise for a period of up to one year for this Board.

APPENDIX 1

Submitting your application:

In order to submit your application, you should take the following steps:

1. Go to www.stateboards.ie.
2. On the bar at the top of the page click on "Available Appointments".
3. This brings you to a page with all our advertised vacancies. Select whichever position you would like to apply for (you are welcome to apply for more than one position if you wish).
4. On the relevant page please click on the "apply for position" button at the bottom of the page
5. This will bring you to a page on www.publicjobs.ie and, if you already have a publicjobs.ie account, will prompt you for your username and password. If you do not have an account you will be asked to create one.
6. Once you input your details you will be brought to a page where there is a prompt in the middle of the page which says "apply here". Click on the link to the online application form beside it.
7. A form will appear on your screen, some of the text boxes will be populated with information from your publicjobs.ie profile (Name, address etc.). You will need to complete the rest of the fields and enter your name and the date at the bottom of the form. Click on "continue".
8. You will then be brought to a screen where you should upload your CV and Cover Letter. These are required documents and your application cannot be processed without them. Once you have selected these and uploaded them, please click on the "submit" button at the bottom of the page.
9. You will receive an e-mail confirmation (to the address listed in your publicjobs.ie profile) to confirm that your application has been submitted.

You must confirm that you do not have any conflicts of interest or legal impediment which would be likely to interfere with your ability to play a full part on the Board. You must also confirm that you can make yourself available to attend meetings and to carry out the duties of a Board member.