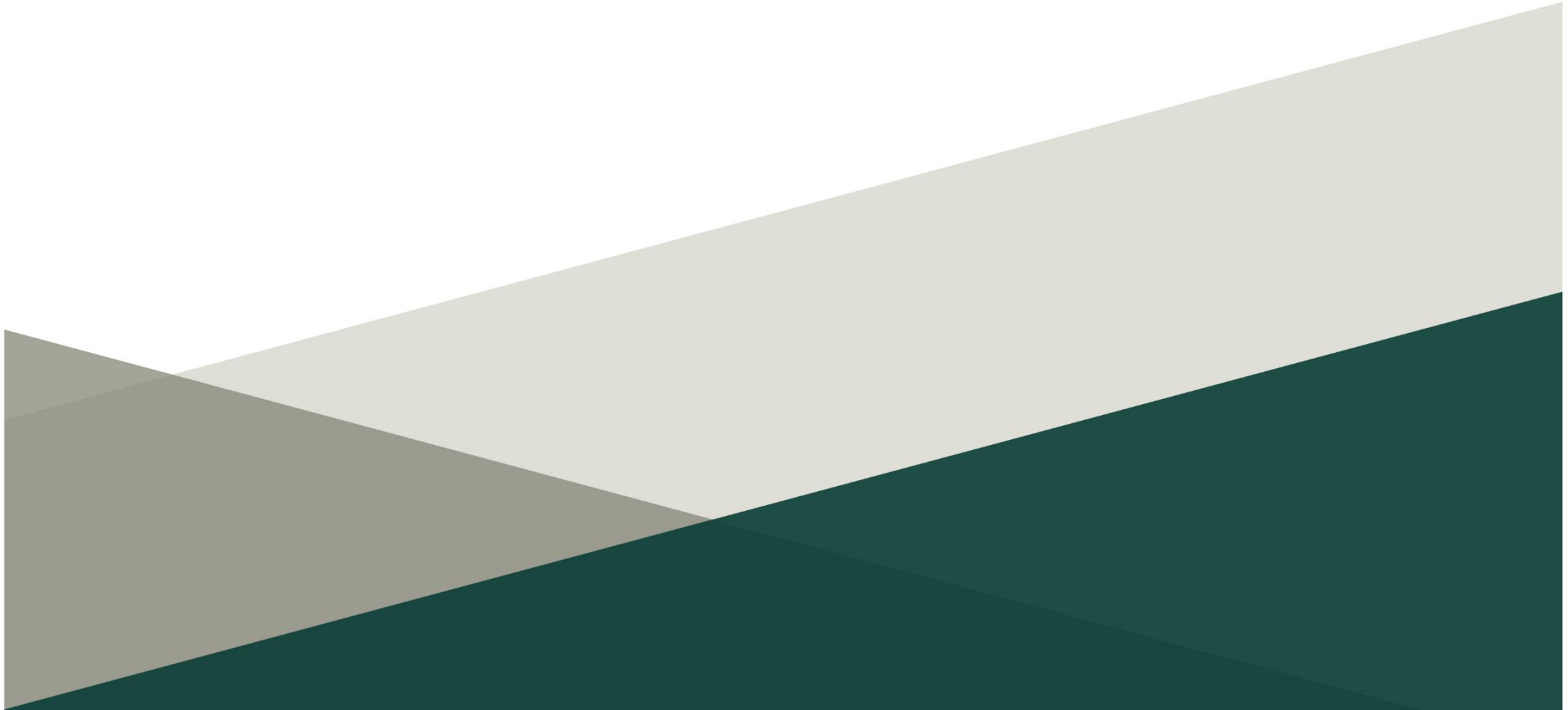




An Roinn Comhshaoil,  
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Department of the Environment,  
Climate and Communications

# Appointment to State Bodies under the aegis of DECC in 2022



Body	Member	Position Type	Basis of Appointment	Term of Appointment	Biography
An Post	Mr Padraig McNamara	Member	Elected Postmaster Member	01/02/2022-21/12/2024	Pádraig McNamara is the Postmaster director. Padraig is the postmaster in Granard, Co. Longford. He has been Postmaster at Granard for 22 years and a member of the Irish Postmasters' Union Executive for 17 years and served as Vice President.
An Post	Ms Helen Kelly	Member	Ministerial (PAS Process)	12/05/2022-12/05/2027	<p>Helen Kelly is an experienced lawyer with expertise in EU and Irish competition law and regulation and who has worked in Dublin, London and Brussels. She has more than 25 years' experience advising on complex competition and regulatory issues including merger control associated with major M&amp;A transactions and litigation before Irish and EU Courts.</p> <p>Helen was previously a senior partner at Matheson where she led the EU Competition and Regulatory practice for 21 years. She is a law graduate of Trinity College, Dublin (LL.B) and the London School of Economics (LLM).</p>
An Post	Mr Barry Gavin	Member	Ministerial (PAS Process)	12/05/2022-12/05/2027	Barry Gavin is an adjunct lecturer in the UCD Michael Smurfit Graduate Business School where he lectures in Sustainable finance and Renewable Energy Finance. He previously held executive roles with an Irish IPP and now sits on the boards of entities and investment funds in various roles, including

					<p>Independent Chair, Chair of Audit &amp; Risk as well as Independent Non-Executive Director.</p> <p>Barry brings over 20 years-experience of C-Suite and Board experience in the area of Sustainability and Climate Change, specifically in Renewable Power, Buildings, Transport and Municipalities sectors. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (FCMA), a graduate of DCU (BA &amp; MBA) a member of the Institute of Directors (Dip IoD) and a graduate of the Saïd Business School, Leading Sustainable Corporations Programme.</p>
An Post	Ms Sinead Mahon	Member	Ministerial (PAS Process)	12/05/2022-12/05/2027	<p>Sinead Mahon is Managing Director and Country Head at Credit Suisse AG, Dublin Branch, where her responsibilities include oversight of governance, culture, risk management and conduct. She was previously COO and Board member at a leading global banking group in Ireland, including during its expansion to become European hub. She has also served as CFO and Strategic Transformation Director of a financial institution in Ireland.</p> <p>Sinead holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree from University College Dublin, is a Fellow of Chartered Accountants Ireland, holds a first class MBA from Dublin City University, has a Diploma in Company Direction and is a Certified Bank Director. She sits on the Council of the Federation of International Banks in Ireland (FIBI) and is an Advisory Board member at Financial Services Ireland (FSI).</p>
Bord Na Móna	Mr Brendan Byrne (deceased)	Member	Ministerial (PAS Process)	25/01/2022 – 24/01/2027	Brendan Byrne, Director of Worldwide Flight Services (Ireland) Ltd was a chartered accountant, qualifying with

					<p>Deloitte in 1980. Having held the position of Financial Controller of the Sugar Division in the then Irish Sugar Company, Brendan Joined Aer Lingus in 1990 until 2003 where he headed up the Finance, IT, E-Commerce and Cargo functions in the airline and was responsible for introducing Aerlingus.com and the booking engine in 2001.</p> <p>In 2005, Brendan established the independent air cargo handling company, Worldwide Flight Services (WFS), in Ireland. Starting with a staff of seven, the company now has almost 100 employees and includes British Airways, American Airlines, Delta, US Air, Singapore Airlines and Lufthansa among its customer base with facilities at Dublin, Cork and Shannon. Brendan sold his shareholding in the company in 2018 but remained on as Director at the request of the new owners.</p> <p>In 2004, Brendan was asked to serve on the Board of the ESB, which he did for 10 years. Over that period Brendan was the Chairman of the Audit Committee and latterly the Senior Independent Member of the Board.</p> <p>In 2014 Brendan obtained the designation as a Chartered Director, having successfully completed the Institute of Directors in Ireland (IoD) Chartered Director Programme.</p> <p><i>Brendan Byrne died on 31 May, 2023, while a serving board member of Bord na Móna</i></p>
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ESB	Mr Paddy Hayes	CEO	<i>Ex officio</i>	08/03/2022 – 07/03/2027	<p><b>Career Experience</b> Appointed Chief Executive in August 2021. Previous to this, he headed up two of ESB’s main operating divisions as Executive Director of ESB’s Generation &amp; Wholesale Markets business and then as Managing Director of ESB Networks. A Chartered Engineer, he holds a master’s degree in engineering from University College Dublin and an MBA from the University of Warwick. Paddy worked with British Steel in the UK before moving to the energy sector in 1999, to lead the Synergen joint venture between ESB and Statoil.</p> <p><b>External Appointments</b> Member of the Board of Directors of the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI).</p>
EirGrid	Ms Rosa M Sanz García	Member	Ministerial (PAS Process)	23/05/2022 – 22/05/2027	<p>Rosa M Sanz joined the EirGrid plc Board in May 2022. She was previously Chief Operating Officer of gas and electric infrastructure, with experience running a large customer-focused organisation at Naturgy, one of the largest Spanish utilities. She has 28 years’ experience in the energy sector, in different business areas.</p> <p>She holds a BSc and MSc in electrical engineering from Universidad Politécnica of Madrid, Spain; a MSc in cybersecurity from Universidad de Barcelona, Spain; and postgraduate qualifications in management from ESADE, IESE and IMD business schools.</p> <p>Rosa M is currently a Non-Executive Director of IBERPAPEL and a member of its Audit Commission, EDP Redes and Zero Waste-Suma Capital, where she has gained experience in initial public funding offering process, ESG and green bond</p>

					finance and certification. She is also a member of the Future Trends Fundación Innovación Bankinter and Chairperson of Club Board Alumni ESADE Business School.
EPA	Mr Gerard O'Leary	Director	Ministerial (Reappointment)	08/05/2022 – 07/05/2025	Gerard O'Leary is the Director of the Office of Communications and Corporate Services and has served as a Director since 2012. Prior to his current role, he was the Director for the Office of Environmental Enforcement. Gerard joined the EPA in 1994 and has also worked with Cork County Council, South Tipperary County Council and the National Roads Authority. He holds MSc. degrees in Environmental Science and Analytical Chemistry, MA degree in Public Management and post graduate diplomas in Business & Executive Coaching and Corporate Governance from the UCD Smurfit Business School.
EPA	Eimear Cotter	Director	Ministerial (Reappointment)	01/09/2022 – 30/08/2027	<b>Dr Eimear Cotter - Director of the Office of Evidence and Assessment (OEA)</b> Eimear Cotter was appointed in 2017 as Director of the EPA initially with responsibility for the Office of Environmental Sustainability. She is currently Director of the Office of Evidence and Assessment. Eimear has a wide range of experience in environmental protection, climate change, sustainable energy and sustainability. She previously worked in the EPA and Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland. Eimear holds a BA (Mod) in chemistry from Trinity College Dublin, a PhD in atmospheric chemistry from Oxford University and an MBA from UCD Michael Smurfit Graduate Business School. She is a 2019 Eisenhower Fellow.
EPA AC	Laura Burke	Chairperson	Ministerial (Reappointment)	05/12/2022 – 04/12/2025	Laura Burke is the Director General of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), appointed in 2011 and served as a Director within the EPA since 2004. As Director General she has the responsibility to lead and strategically manage the

					<p>EPA. Laura is the Chair of the European Environment Agency (EEA) Management Board. Laura is a member of the Climate Change Advisory Council (CCAC) and a member of the High Level Implementation Committee of 'Food Vision 2030', the Irish Agri-Food Sector Strategy.</p> <p>Prior to joining the EPA, she worked in the private sector. Laura is a graduate chemical engineer of University College Dublin (UCD), holds an MSc from Trinity College, Dublin, is a Fellow and is a Vice-President of Engineers Ireland and is a Chartered Director. In 2016 Laura was awarded the UCD Engineering Graduates Association (EGA) Distinguished Graduate Award.</p>
EPA AC	Aebhín Cawley	Member	Ministerial (Reappointment)	01/07/2022 – 30/06/2025	<p>Aebhín Cawley is Managing Director of ecological consultancy Scott Cawley. She has been undertaking ecological surveying and impact assessment work in Ireland since 2002 and during that time has been assisting public and private sector organisations comply with legislation protecting biodiversity, in particular the Habitats and EIA Directives. She provides training to public sector organisations on biodiversity generally and more specifically on Appropriate Assessment. She holds a degree in Zoology from Trinity College, Dublin and a postgraduate diploma in Physical Planning at Trinity. She is a Chartered Environmentalist (CEnv) with the Society for the Environment (Soc Env). She is a Full Member of the CIEEM (Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management) and is the vice-convenor for its Irish geographic section. She served as the Environmental Pillar's nominee to the Board of the Ballymun Whitehall Area Partnership between 2010 and 2013.</p>

SEAI	Mr Barry McMullin	Member	Ministerial	17/06/2022 – 16/06/2026	Barry is a Full Professor in the Faculty of Engineering and Computing at Dublin City University. He has worked and published across a wide variety of fields, with a special focus on the interdisciplinary application of complex systems science. He has recently led research projects investigating the potential role of negative emissions technologies in Ireland, the application of multi-gas greenhouse gas budgets in national climate action scenarios, and the use of open access software and datasets in developing deep decarbonisation scenarios for the Irish energy system. He has held various senior roles in DCU including serving as Faculty Executive Dean, and as a member of DCU's Academic Council, Senior Management Group, and University Executive Committee. He is a member of the Engineers Ireland Energy, Environment and Climate Action Division, serving as Division Committee Chair for 2021-2023.
SEAI	Mr Andrew Ennis	Member	Ministerial (Reappointment)	14/07/2022 – 13/07/2024	Andrew is Director of Investments and Structuring with Bartra Capital, which has investment activities in several areas in the Irish infrastructure market including, housing, healthcare and commercial property. He is a Chartered Accountant and holds a B.Comm and M.Acc from U.C.D. Andrew has over 20 years' corporate finance experience in the Irish infrastructure market. Andrew has previously worked for the NewERA Unit of the National Treasury Management Agency which was established to provide corporate finance advice to the Irish Government in relation to the management and disposal of State assets and investment in key economic infrastructure. He also worked with NCB Corporate Finance (now part of Investec Ireland), specialising in infrastructure mergers and acquisitions, valuations and fundraising.



SEAI	Ms Ann Markey	Member	Ministerial (Reappointment)	14/07/2022 – 13/07/2024	Ann is a Fellow of Chartered Accountants Ireland and an experienced business leader, committee chair and non-executive director. She has extensive experience in the electricity industry and was a senior executive with ESB and with Greencoat Capital, a leading renewable energy investment company. Her experience spans traditional electricity businesses as well as investing in low carbon technology and renewable energy companies. She is an independent non-executive director of Foresight Solar Fund Limited, a London listed solar PV investment company. She is also a non-executive director of Velocys plc, an AIM listed, UK-headquartered international sustainable fuels technology company. She is a member of the Audit & Risk Committee of the HSE. She was appointed to the Board of the Land Development Agency in November 2022.
SEAI	Mr Robert Wasson	Member	Ministerial	17/06/2022 – 16/06/2027	Robert's background is in utility management and regulation, asset management and management consulting. On the utility side, he held various senior management roles in ESB and ESB International, both in Ireland and overseas. He was responsible for transitioning Northern Ireland Electricity into new ownership following its acquisition by ESB, then becoming an Executive Director. Previous board work includes as an NED at Drogheda Port, and two terms as Chair of Lagan Valley Regional Park in Northern Ireland. In consulting, he led KPMG's Strategy and Performance Improvement practice in Ireland, and went on to found Watershed Consulting, which became a leading boutique consultancy and interim management provider. Robert is an MBA alumnus of the Smurfit School at UCD and is a Chartered Director. He is a member of both the Institute

					of Directors, and the Institution of Engineering and Technology in the UK.
SEAI	Ms Maria O'Dwyer	Member	Ministerial	17/06/2022 – 16/06/2027	Maria is Head of Asset Management with Uisce Eireann and a Chartered engineer with over 20 years' experience in the engineering and utility sector. She is an effective and strategic leader, with a keen focus on delivering through empowering people. In her career to date Maria has held a number of senior management roles in both Gas Networks Ireland and Irish Water where she had responsibility for delivering large multifaceted programmes and national transformations. Maria has a Research Master's degree in Engineering Science augmenting her primary degree in Electronic Engineering (University College Dublin). Maria also holds Postgraduate Diplomas in Supply Chain Management (University College Cork), Business and Executive Coaching (Smurfit Business School) and a Diploma in Company Direction (Institute of Directors). Maria previously served as a Director on the Board of Irish Water.
DHDA	Paul Holden	Chairperson	Ministerial (Reappointment)	05/07/2022 – 04/07/2025	Paul has been involved with development and implementation of science and technology policy since the 1980s, first with the National Board for Science & Technology, and subsequently with the Irish Council for Science, Technology & Innovation, the Discover Science & Engineering programme and ICS Skills, the not-for-profit company established by the Irish Computer Society to promote computer literacy. He has worked with major IT companies and indigenous startups, and, in Rédacteurs, the company he set up in 1989, provided consultancy services to Government, State agencies and private enterprise throughout Europe.

DHDA	Austin Campbell	Member	Ministerial	05/07/2022 – 04/07/2025	<p>Austin is Executive Director of the Robert Emmet Community Development Project (CDP) since 2019. There he holds responsibility for the management of community initiatives and programmes focussed on supporting the Dublin 8 community to reach its full potential. Prior to joining Robert Emmet CDP, he held a role as a resettlement officer in homeless services. During this time, he co-founded and served as a director of My Streets Ireland, an organisation that works towards creating educational and employment opportunities for the homeless community through walking tour guides throughout Dublin.</p> <p>Austin holds a BA in Anthropology and History from Maynooth University and a Higher Diploma in Public Relations and Strategic Communication from DCU. He has won a number of awards for his atypical delivery of social enterprise programmes and dedication to charitable work. In 2019, his involvement with My Streets Ireland was recognised with the Irish Red Cross Humanitarian Award in the Innovation for Change category.</p> <p>With an abundance of knowledge of innovation for the not-for-profit sector, Austin frequently speaks widely on improvement in the charitable and social economy sectors and has spoken in a TEDx talk focused on 'Accessible Education for Sustainable Communities'.</p>
DHDA	Darina Kneafsey	Member	Ministerial (Reappointment)	05/07/2022 – 04/07/2025	<p>Darina is an experienced non-executive director and currently serves on the boards of The Higher Education Authority and the Saolta (University Healthcare Group). She has 25 years' experience in senior leadership positions within</p>

					international companies including Digital Equipment and Intel. She held the position of Chief Operating Officer at Trinity College Dublin for several years. Darina also works with several companies — both start-ups and established organisations across several sectors and technologies. She is a Chartered Engineer with an Engineering degree from University College Dublin, a post graduate Diploma in System Analysis from NUI Galway. Darina holds an MBA from Trinity College Dublin.
DHDA	Nora Nanayakkara	Member	Ministerial (Reappointment)	05/07/2022 – 04/07/2025	<p>Nora serves in a number of independent governance roles, including Chair of the Audit &amp; Risk Committee and Non-Executive Director (NED) at the UK Statistics Authority. Nora’s executive career in the tech sector included several years of international experience before she developed a portfolio of cross-sectoral NED and governance roles.</p> <p>In addition to corporate governance, Nora also offers valuable experience of professional regulation through her roles as a fitness to practice Chair at the General Dental Council (GDC), the General Osteopathic Council (GOsC) and as Chair of ACCA’s Appointments Board. She is also a member of the UK Pay Review Body on Doctors’ and Dentists’ Remuneration (DDRB) and holds an MBA and a Diploma in Legal Medicine (DLM).</p>
DHDA	Stephen Casey	Member	Ministerial (Reappointment)	05/07/2022 – 04/07/2025	Stephen is an experienced executive and non-executive director having served on the boards of various businesses in the technology and investment sectors. In addition to the Digital Hub Stephen is tax counsel and advises upon renewal energy projects in sub-Saharan Africa and was previously

					CFO for several software businesses and an investment fund. Stephen holds a diploma in corporate governance from UCD Smurfit School
BnM	Eimear Cahalin	Member	Ministerial	10/11/2022 – 09/11/2026	Eimear is Chief Operating Officer of Frontline Ventures, a Dublin-based venture capital firm for globally ambitious B2B companies. An accomplished COO and CFO who has worked across a broad range of multinational firms and high-growth companies, from financial services to green energy, she was most recently co-founder and CFO of Vivid Edge, helping large organisations reach net zero. Eimear was named CFO of The Year in the 2021 Women in Finance Awards and was one of Banking & Finance Magazine's Top 100 CFOs of 2022.
BnM	Lorna Conn	Member	Ministerial	10/11/2022 – 09/11/2027	Lorna is a Chartered Director and a qualified Chartered Accountant. Lorna trained with Deloitte and is a Fellow of Chartered Accountants Ireland. Lorna holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree from University College Dublin and a Masters in Accounting from the Michael Smurfit Business School. Lorna is CEO and Executive Director of the Cpl Group, having joined as CFO in October 2017. Lorna has previously worked in ISS plc, INM plc and renewable energy company NTR plc, residing in both Ireland and America during this time.
BnM	Anne Cusack	Member	Ministerial	10/11/2022 – 11/05/2027	Following a degree and doctorate in Science from UCD and Trinity College Dublin, Anne worked with a number of multinational and start-up pharmaceutical companies in Ireland and internationally, before co-founding Critical Healthcare. Over the next 21 years Anne worked to establish an international business in the Emergency Services sector before she exited the organisation after a successful acquisition.

					As a result of her own journey through business, Anne believes in supporting other founders/CEOs to manage and scale their business from start-ups to large scale organisations and has been a long-serving volunteer Lead Entrepreneur with programmes Going for Growth, Starting Strong and Acorns. Anne serves as Chair of the Midlands Regional Enterprise Plan to 2024, holds a Dip IoD, and is a member of the TUS Midlands Midwest Governing Body in which she serves as Chair of the Audit & Risk committee.
BnM	Geoffrey Meagher	Chairperson	Ministerial (Reappointment)	20/10/2022 – 19/10/2025	<p>Geoff Meagher is a Certified Public Accountant who completed his training with PricewaterhouseCoopers in Kilkenny. Having spent two years with an engineering Company he joined the Avonmore Group in 1975 where he worked for the following thirty-five years. He held various senior roles in the Glanbia PLC Group, becoming Group Finance Director in 1992 and additionally took on the role of Deputy Group Managing Director in 2005, both roles he retained until his retirement in 2009, on reaching the Group's standard retirement age.</p> <p>Since 2009 Geoff has operated his own consultancy practice, advising clients across a number of industries. In addition, he currently holds the following Directorships – Chairman Bord Na Mona plc, Chairman Bonsecours Health Group and Chairman SME Finance. He was previously a Board Member and Chair of the Audit Committee of Enterprise Ireland and a Board Member of IPL Plastics plc.</p> <p>He is a former National President of the Society St Vincent de Paul, having served a five year term from 2012 to 2017, prior to that he served as National Treasurer for five years, he is a</p>

					member of the local SVP Conference for over forty years. He is currently Chair of the Ossory Diocesan Finance Committee , Board Member and Chair of the Audit Committee of the Gorta Group, Chair of the Board of Management of Kilkenny CBS Secondary school and a Trustee of St Canice's Homes for the Elderly.
Eirgrid	Rosa M Sanz García	Member	Ministerial	23/05/2022	<p>Rosa M Sanz joined the EirGrid plc Board in May 2022. She was previously Chief Operating Officer of gas and electric infrastructure, with experience running a large customer-focused organisation at Naturgy, one of the largest Spanish utilities. She has 28 years' experience in the energy sector, in different business areas.</p> <p>She holds a BSc and MSc in electrical engineering from Universidad Politécnica of Madrid, Spain; a MSc in cybersecurity from Universidad de Barcelona, Spain; and postgraduate qualifications in management from ESADE, IESE and IMD business schools.</p> <p>Rosa M is currently a Non-Executive Director of IBERPAPEL and a member of its Audit Commission, EDP Redes and Zero Waste-Suma Capital, where she has gained experience in initial public funding offering process, ESG and green bond finance and certification. She is also a member of the Future Trends Fundación Innovación Bankinter and Chairperson of Club Board Alumni ESADE Business School.</p>
Eirgrid	Dr Theresa Donaldson	Member	Ministerial (Reappointment)	02/06/2022	Dr Theresa Donaldson is a Chartered Director and Fellow of the Institute of Directors and is Chair of Belfast Harbour Commissioners. Theresa previously held Non-Executive positions with NI Equality Commission and the NI Health and

					<p>Social Care Board. She is a member of the LCJ Solicitors' Disciplinary Panel and a board member of the Centre for Effective Services and NI Appeal Committee for BBC Children in Need. She is a former Local Government Chief Executive and held several senior management positions in health and social care and legal services in NI, including Director of Policy and Civil Service Delivery in the Northern Ireland Legal Services Commission.</p>
Eirgrid	James Nyhan	Member	Ministerial	19/10/2022	<p>James Nyhan joined the EirGrid plc Board in October 2022. He has wide ranging commercial and management experience in international energy, in electricity, natural gas, LNG, and in renewables, as well as in large infrastructure project development and engineering design. He has experience of guiding organisations through major transformation in response to energy policy changes. He is currently a non-executive director of Milford Haven Port Authority, the UK's largest energy port, and a member of its Audit and Risk Committee. He holds a degree in civil engineering from University College Cork, an MBA from IMD and is a Chartered Engineer.</p>