

PathWest Board Communiqué

This communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations from the June 2021 Board meeting.

Member attendance:

Prof. Christobel Saunders (Chair)	Prof. Gelareh Farshid – <i>via VC</i>
Dr. Sue van Leeuwen	Dr. Kim Hames
Mr. Kevin Taylor	Ms. Angie Paskevicius
Ms. Michele Dolin	Ms. Samantha Elder
Mr. Robert McPhee – <i>via VC</i>	

In attendance

Mr. Joe Boyle (Chief Executive)	Prof. Miles Beaman
Dr. Gavin Turbett	Ms. Analiese Sidhu
Ms. Jo McCran	Ms. Nicola Chisholm

June 2021 Board Meeting

The June Board meeting was held at the Forensic Biology Laboratory on Thursday, 3 June 2021. We took this opportunity to meet with many of the Forensic Biology staff and management over afternoon tea.

Dr. Gavin Turbett provided the Board with an overview of the range of services provided by the Forensic Biology Laboratory, its stakeholders and governance model, and highlighted its key aspirations and proposed future direction.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank Gavin and his team for all their assistance to help prepare for the Board meeting.

Key matters for decision

- The Board approved a request for an unpaid leave of absence from Prof. Tarun Weeramanthri. Tarun is currently undertaking a short-term contract with the Department of Health. We look forward to welcoming Tarun back to Board activities following the completion of his contract.

Key matters for discussion:

- The Single Discipline Structure was tabled, with an outline provided on previous reviews and their recommendations. The Board and Executive had a robust discussion, with an action raised for a review incorporating the broader PathWest vision and direction.
- The Chief Executive's Report provided the Board with an update on key performance measures for PathWest and key activities undertaken over the previous month.
- The Board received high level updates on:
 - Finance and Business Performance Report – April 2021
 - 2021/22 Service Agreement with the Department of Health
 - Strategic Plan progress, noting staff forums are due to commence on Thursday, 10 June 2021.

Committee updates:

Safety and Quality Committee

- The Safety and Quality Committee met on Tuesday, 18 May 2021.
- At the meeting Nola Mammatt, Coordinator Research Governance and Prof. Miles Beaman gave a presentation detailing research activities and governance of projects

undertaken by PathWest. The Committee acknowledged the number of current research projects being undertaken by staff within the organisation.

- A number of reports were tabled and discussed such as the Quality Management, Clinical Incident and Occupational Health and Safety Reports.
- The Committee noted the new legislative changes relating to OSH that are being implemented across WA. A presentation will be provided at the August Board meeting detailing these changes and implications for management and Board members.

Finance Committee

- The Finance Committee met on Monday, 24 May 2021.
- David Miotti, Director Business Intelligence and Performance provided an update on the Pricing and Costing project, noting HSPs have been engaged through the Pathology Reference Groups (PRGs).
- The Committee and Adrian Bautista, Chief Finance Officer discussed the April Finance and Business Report in detail.
- A number of reports were noted and discussed including; Internal Audit Report and FY2021/22 Annual Budget Cycle.



Photo (L/R): PathWest Board and Executive deep in discussion at the June Board meeting.

Next Meeting

The next scheduled Board meeting will be held at Fiona Stanley Hospital on Thursday, 5 August 2021.


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Chair, PathWest Board
 10 June 2021



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