



PSI Council Public Meeting Minutes

Minutes of meeting No.169 of the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland (PSI), as established under the Pharmacy Act 2007, which took place online, at 09:00 am on Thursday, 27 August 2026.

Agenda Item 1 - Attendees & Apologies

Name	Role	Present (Yes/No)
Dr Denis O'Driscoll	President	Yes
Ms Emily Kelly	Vice President	Yes
Dr Paula Barry Walsh	Council Member	Yes
Ms Geraldine Campbell	Council Member	Yes
Ms Geraldine Crowley	Council Member	No
Mr Peter Dennehy	Council Member	Yes
Ms Margaret Donnelly	Council Member	No
Adj Prof John Given	Council Member	No
Mr Richard Hammond S.C.	Council Member	Yes
Mr Martin Higgins	Council Member	Yes
Mr Mark Jordan	Council Member	Yes
Dr Ann McGarry	Council Member	No
Ms Áine Mac Grory	Council Member	Yes
Mr Nigel Moloney	Council Member	Yes
Mr Leon O'Hagan	Council Member	No
Ms Gráinne Power	Council Member	No
Ms Joan Peppard	Council Member	No
Prof Laura Sahm	Council Member	Yes
Mr Martin Sisk	Council Member	Yes
Dr Cyril Sullivan	Council Member	Yes

Members of PSI staff in attendance included:

Ms Joanne Kissane, Registrar and Chief Officer
Ms Ashlene Reyburn, Governance Manager
Ms. Ruth Baily, Governance Executive

Agenda Item 2 – Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Issue

Declaration of interests by members of Council.

Information

Dr Cyril Sullivan declared an interest for agenda item 5.2 (1) and stepped out of the meeting for this agenda item. Dr Paula Barry Walsh declared an interest for item 5.2 (2) and stepped out of the meeting for this agenda item.

Decision Approved and/or Action Requested

Decision/Action: There was no decision arising from this item.

Agenda Item 3 – Draft Minutes of Public Council Meeting No. 168

Issue

Council was asked to approve the Draft Minutes of Public Council Meeting No. 168.

Information

The President informed the Council that the draft minutes of the Public Council meeting held on 25 June 2026 had been circulated. No amendments were noted.

Decision Approved and/or Action Requested

Decision of Council: Council approved, by consensus, the minutes of the Public Meeting held on 25 June 2026.

Agenda Item 4 – Agreement on the Meeting Agenda

Issue

Agreement on the Meeting Agenda

Information

The meeting agenda was presented to Council for agreement.

Decision Approved and/or Action Requested

Decision Approved: The Council, by consensus, approved the meeting agenda.

Agenda Item 5 – Special Purposes Committee

Agenda Item 5.1 – Report from the Special Purposes Committee

Issue

Report from the Special Purposes Committee

Information

The Council was updated by the President on the Report of the Special Purposes Committee and the agenda items discussed at the Special Purposes Committee meeting held on 20 August 2026.

Decision Approved and/or Action Requested

Decision Approved: There was no decision arising from this item.

Agenda Item 5.2 – Appointments to the Advisory Committees

1. Request for appointment of a Chair to the Audit and Risk Committee
2. Appointment of a Council Member to a PSI Advisory Committee

Issue

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Information

Council noted that, following the election of Ms Emily Kelly, Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee, as Vice-President of the PSI Council, it was necessary to appoint a new Chair of the Committee. At its meeting of 20 August, the Special Purposes Committee recommended the appointment of Dr Cyril Sullivan as Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee. Following discussion, Council approved the appointment of Dr Cyril Sullivan as Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee.

Council noted that Dr Paula Barry-Walsh has completed two terms of office on the Audit and Risk Committee. Following an expression of interest submitted by Dr Barry-Walsh, the Special Purposes Committee, at its meeting of 20 August, recommended her appointment to the Performance and Resources Committee.

Following discussion, Council approved the appointment of Dr Paula Barry-Walsh to the Performance and Resources Committee.

Decision Approved and/or Action Requested

Decision Approved:

Council approved, by consensus, the appointment of Dr Cyril Sullivan as Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee and the appointment of Dr Paula Barry-Walsh to the Performance and Resources Committee.

Agenda Item 5.3 – Appointment to the Disciplinary Committees

1. Acting Chair of the Preliminary Proceedings Committee
2. Acting Chair of the Professional Conduct Committee
3. Appointment to the Health Committee
4. Appointment to the Preliminary Proceedings Committee

Issue

Agenda Item 5.3 – Appointment to the Disciplinary Committees

1. Acting Chair of the Preliminary Proceedings Committee
2. Acting Chair of the Professional Conduct Committee
3. Appointment to the Health Committee
4. Appointment to the Preliminary Proceedings Committee

Information

- Council was advised that a number of vacancies had arisen on the Disciplinary Committees.

A vacancy arose in the position of Acting Chair of the Preliminary Proceedings Committee (PPC) following the resignation of Ms Katharine Morrow. In addition, the term of office of Ms Cindy Mackie, lay member of the PPC, will conclude on 25 October 2026 on completion of the maximum permitted term of eight years. The term of office of Mr Paul Ard, Acting Chair of the Professional Conduct Committee (PCC), will conclude on 28 September 2026 on completion of the maximum permitted term of eight years. Council was also advised that Mr Colin Wrafter had resigned as a lay member of the Health Committee (HC) with immediate effect.

The Special Purposes Committee, at its meeting of 20 August 2026, recommended the following appointments for Council approval:

- Mr Ronan Sheridan as Acting Chair of the Preliminary Proceedings Committee, from the Chairs and Acting Chairs Reserve Panel, to fill the vacancy arising from the resignation of Ms Katharine Morrow.
- Mr Robert Gillan as a lay member of the Preliminary Proceedings Committee, with effect from 26 October 2026, for a four-year term, to succeed Ms Cindy Mackie.
- Ms Muireann Ní Shúilleabháin as Acting Chair of the Professional Conduct Committee, from the Chairs and Acting Chairs Reserve Panel, with effect from 29 September 2026, to succeed Mr Paul Ard.
- Ms Sinéad Courtney-Kelly as a lay member of the Health Committee, with immediate effect, for a four-year term, to succeed Mr Colin Wrafter.

Decision Approved and/or Action Requested

Decision Approved:

Council agreed by consensus to approve the following appointments to the Disciplinary Committees:

- Mr Ronan Sheridan as Acting Chair of the Preliminary Proceedings Committee, from the Chairs and Acting Chairs Reserve Panel, to succeed Ms Katharine Morrow.
- Mr Robert Gillan as a lay member of the Preliminary Proceedings Committee, with effect from 26 October 2026, for a four-year term, to succeed Ms Cindy Mackie.
- Ms Muireann Ní Shúilleabháin as Acting Chair of the Professional Conduct Committee, from the Chairs and Acting Chairs Reserve Panel, with effect from 29 September 2026, to succeed Mr Paul Ard.
- Ms Sinéad Courtney-Kelly as a lay member of the Health Committee, with immediate effect, for a four-year term, to succeed Mr Colin Wrafter.

The meeting concluded at 09.15.

Signed by

Chair

Date