



**CYFARFOD BWRDD IECHYD PRIFYSGOL
ANEURIN BEVAN
ANEURIN BEVAN UNIVERSITY HEALTH BOARD
MEETING**

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD

Date and Time	Wednesday 25th June 2025 at 09:30am	
Venue	Conference Centre, St Cadoc's Hospital and Microsoft Teams	
PRESENT	<p>Ann Lloyd Richard Clark Paul Deneen Dafydd Vaughan Iwan Jones Helen Sweetland Neil Patrick Penny Jones Phil Robson Nicola Prygodzicz Tracy Daszkiewicz Sarah Simmonds Jennifer Winslade Rob Holcombe Paul Solloway Leanne Watkins Hannah Evans</p> <p>James Calvert Peter Carr Vivek Goel</p>	<p>Chair Independent Member (Local Authority) Independent Member (Community) Independent Member (Digital) Independent Member (Finance) Independent Member (University) Independent Member (Community) Independent Member (Community) Vice Chair Chief Executive Director of Public Health Director of Workforce and OD Director of Nursing Director of Finance & Procurement Director of Digital Chief Operating Officer Director of Strategy, Planning and Partnerships Medical Director Director of AHPs and Health Science Independent Member (Trade Union)</p>
IN ATTENDANCE	<p>Rani Dash Polly Frazer Julie Rees Bryony Codd Robert Jones Gareth Lewis</p>	<p>Director of Corporate Governance Aspiring Board Member Programme Audit Wales Head of Corporate Governance Assistant Director of Finance Head of Financial Services & Accounting</p>
APOLOGIES	<p>Akmal Hanuk Thokozani Owino Richard Clark</p>	<p>Independent Member (Third Sector) Aspiring Board Member Programme Independent Member (Community)</p>

	PRELIMINARY MATTERS
ABUHB 2506/01	<p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and offered a particular welcome to Vivek Goel (VG), attending his first meeting as Independent Member (Trade Union), and to Polly Frazer (PF), who was participating in her first meeting as part of the Aspiring Board Member Programme.</p>
ABUHB 2506/02	<p>Apologies for Absence for noting.</p> <p>Apologies were received for Akmal Hanuk (AH), Independent Member, Richard Clark (RC), Independent Member, and Thokozani Owino, who would be participating in the Aspiring Board Member Programme.</p>
ABUHB 2506/03	<p>Declarations of Interest for Noting</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest raised.</p>
	ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 2024/2025
ABUHB 2506/04	<p>To RECEIVE Audit Wales' Audit of Accounts Report</p> <p>Julie Rees (JR), Audit Wales, presented the final Audit of Accounts for 2024/25 and confirmed that an unqualified true and fair opinion would be issued.</p> <p>JR confirmed that there were no uncorrected misstatements to bring to the Board's attention and that a summary of corrected misstatements had been included in Appendix 2 of the report.</p> <p>JR reported that the Auditor General for Wales would issue an unqualified audit opinion on the Health Board's Annual Accounts 2024/25, except for the regularity opinion which the Auditor General would qualify. The latter, because the Health Board had not achieved its first statutory financial duty to break even over a three-year period.</p> <p>It was noted that Health Board did not meet its financial duty to have an approved three-year integrated medium-term plan (IMTP) for the period 2024-27. The regularity opinion was not qualified for this.</p> <p>Ann Lloyd (AL), Chair, thanked JR and Audit Wales for their work.</p> <p>Rob Holcombe (RH), Director of Finance & Procurement, expressed appreciation for the collaborative effort between the Audit and Finance</p>

	<p>teams, noting the successful outcome of the audit. AL echoed this sentiment, thanking the Audit, Finance and Governance teams.</p> <p>The Board RECEIVED the report from Audit Wales.</p>
ABUHB 2506/05	<p>To RECEIVE a recommendation from the Audit, Risk and Assurance Committee in respect of ABUHB’s Annual Report and Accounts 2024/25</p> <p>Iwan Jones (IJ), Independent Member, presented as Chair of the Audit, Risk and Assurance Committee the Committee’s recommendations to the Board.</p> <p>IJ confirmed that the Committee had met on the 24 June 2025 to consider the Annual Report and Accounts, the Audit Wales’ Audit of Accounts Report and the Letter of Representation for 2024/25.</p> <p>He stated that the Committee was satisfied with the quality and completeness of the documents and recommended their approval by the Board.</p> <p>The Board RECEIVED the Committee’s recommendations.</p>
ABUHB 2506/06	<p>To consider for APPROVAL and SIGNING ABUHB’s Annual Report and Accounts 2024/25</p> <p>The Board received the Annual Report and Accounts for 2024/25 which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Performance Report (Part 1) • The Annual Accountability Report (Part 2) • The Financial Statements (Part 3) <p>The Board APPROVED the Annual Report and Accounts 2024/25.</p>
ABUHB 2506/07	<p>To APPROVE for SIGNING the Letter of Representation, as included in Audit Wales’ ISA260 2024/25</p> <p>The Board APPROVED the signing of the Letter of Representation 2024/25.</p>
2506/18	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>There was no other business raised for discussion.</p>
2506/19	<p>Date of the Next Meeting:</p> <p>Wednesday 16th July 2025</p>