

EPILEPSY NEW ZEALAND BOARD MEETING				
Date and time Held	30 September 2025, 7:00pm			
Venue	Teams meeting			
Board Members Present	Glenn Livingstone (Chair)Philippa TolleyRicky Bennett	Chris SelbieDave GurugeTess Ahern		
Additional attendees Present	■ Tracy Tierney, CEO	Sue Murray, Board Secretary		
Apologies	 None received 			

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Item	Lead	Pages
1. Welcome & Introductions	Chair	
Members were welcomed.		
2. Board Only Time 7pm – 7:15pm (CEO & Board Secretary joined the meeting at 7.15pm)	Chair	
3. Apologies	Chair	
None received		
4. Declarations of Interest	Chair	
The following conflicts for matters on this agenda were declared:		
No conflicts were declared for any item on the agenda		
5. Confirmation of Previous Minutes	Chair	
Motion Carried "That the minutes from the board meeting held on 21 August be confirmed".		
Chris/Dave		
Action register review		
It is good to see progress on these actions.		
6. Auditor Appointment	Chair	
Decision ratified: "That the members of Epilepsy New Zealand resolve not to appoint an auditor at this Annual General Meeting, notwithstanding clause 4.01 (V) of the Constitution, and instead defer the appointment of an auditor to a Special General Meeting to be held no later than 30 November 2025, to allow the Board sufficient time to conduct a competitive auditor selection process."		



Reports for Decision Making	
7. Finance Report	CEO
Taken as read. Tracy & Annaleen's work on the report was acknowledged. Projected cashflow forecast is particularly helpful.	
Recommendations: Motion Carried – "That the board: 1. Approves the upgrade to Data Discovery; and 2. Notes the changes in the reforecast of the 2025-26 cashflow (for management purposes)." Ricky / Dave	
8. Constitution Review Report As circulated.	CEO
The tracked changes to the revised constitution based on the five members who provided feedback were discussed.	
The Board noted its response to each point raised including their rationale. A summary document is to be prepared to accompany the final proposed constitution when it is sent to members in for the Special General Meeting in November.	
Action: CEO to contact members who submitted and outline the above.	
Recommendations:	
Motion Carried – "That the board:	
1. Receives and Notes feedback received from members (Attachment A).	
2. Approves the final draft of the constitution (Attachment C) for recommendation to members at a Special General Meeting subject to the following amendments:	
3.01 (2) c. Insert "as per user rules"	
3.05 An Option to waiver membership subscription clause to be included. It also requires a Policy to support it. Based on feedback received, a waiver or reduction of fees needs to be offered to those in financial hardship, at the discretion of the Board.	
3.07 Change wording to 'suspended if charged, terminated if convicted'	
5.03 Ok as it stands.	
3. Delegates to the Chair and Chief Executive Officer final sign off of the draft constitution once amendments have been included in preparation for the forthcoming Special General Meeting. If any additional amendments are required for any reason the draft constitution is to be referred back to the Board."	
Chris / Tess	



9. Research Bequests Distribution Report	CEO			
As circulated.				
Board supportive of the recommendations noting that it is important that the grants processes are clearly branded as ENZ and that we are able to promote through our channels to make sure the Epilepsy community is aware of the opportunities. Recommendations: Motion carried – "That the Board: 1. Approves engaging the Neurological Foundation of New Zealand to manage the grant process up to and including recommendations to the				
manage the grant process up to and including recommendations to the Board for distribution of the Research Bequest Fund.				
2. Directs that they be project grants with the opportunity for large and small project grants (values to be determined by demand).				
3. Delegates to the Chief Executive Officer finalisation of the process between Epilepsy New Zealand and the Neurological Foundation of New Zealand, including the terms, conditions and promotion of the grant(s)."				
Tess / Dave				
10. Emergency Medical Education Policy As circulated. This Policy will be included in the Policy Schedule and will be circulated to all staff once it is finalised. The information in this Policy is also included in the mandatory training schedule. Motion: "that the above recommendations be adopted" Dave, seconded Glenn / Carried.	CEO			
Reports for Information				
None				
Other business				
 IEA's: a work in progress. New auditors: Ricky and Tracy met with 3 different companies, and now undertaking reference checks prior to a recommendation coming to the Board. 				
11. Meeting Close 8:39pm				
Next Meeting: 28 October 2025				

Action Register – Actions completed since the last Board meeting (with a strikethrough) will be removed from this table after they have been noted by the Board and any new actions will be added and included in the minutes.

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Deadline	Action	Lead



By next FAR	Review of the Risk Register	CEO
meeting	Needs to be updated and rationalised with a focus on key organisational risks	
ТВС	Undertake due diligence on subcommittee structure and provide recommendations to the board including the potential need for an investment subcommittee.	CEO
	Timing of this work needs to be reconsidered alongside other board priorities. Likely to be late in the year.	
By the end of	Strategic Framework	CEO
October	- Prepare communication plan for sharing the plan with team, members and stakeholders (Board provided high level overview to the team at the workshop, CEO to follow up)	
	- Prepare a workplan for Horizon 1 actions with appropriate KPIs	
August - December	Service Performance Data Management	CEO
	- Undertake a review of the service performance data including how it is collected, recorded and reported to improve practice to establish a credible baseline from the 2025/26 year	
	- Undertake actions required to improve data integrity and keep the board updated.	
	- Work with the new auditor to review progress prior to year end.	
In time for Special	Auditor Procurement Process	CEO
General Meeting in November	Undertake a fair and transparent procurement process to provide a recommendation to the board.	
ASAP	CEO to contact Constitution Submitters	CEO
	-Contact individual submitters to outline board decisions based on feedback.	

Signed as Confirmed Minutes

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Glenn Livingstone

President