

Minutes of the Governing Council meeting

KAUPAPA SUBJECT:	Governing Council	
RĀ DATE:	Wednesday 22 April 2026	
WĀ TIME:	8.30am–3:00pm	
WĀHI VENUE:	Teaching Council offices, Wellington	
GOVERNING COUNCIL ATTENDEES:	- David Ferguson (Chair)	- Debbie Francis
	- Patrick Walsh (Deputy Chair)	- Pat Newman
	- Andrée Atkinson	- Cathy Wilson
	- Dr Sarah Brown	- Helen Fouhy
	- Susan Hassall	- Norman Hauti
	- Heath Chittenden	- Virginia Oakly
	- Patrick Drumm	
	- Tom Gott (Interim Chief Executive)	
	- Clive Jones (Deputy Chief Executive Pou Kaiāwhā)	
	- Ian McEwan (Chief Financial Officer) – Item 5	
STAFF ATTENDEES:	- [REDACTED] (Governance Advisor)	

1. In-committee

The Governing Council deferred In-Committee time to the end of the meeting.

2. Opening items

2.1 Apologies

No apologies noted.

2.2 Interest Register

The Council noted the Interest Register and the Chair reminded members to send any changes to the Governance Advisor to update the register.

2.3 Minutes from previous hui

The minutes from the Governing Council meeting on 25 March 2026 were approved as a true and accurate record.

DECISION GC20260422/2a: The Council approved the minutes from the meeting on 25 March 2026 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

2.4 Action List

The Council noted the Action List and the updated status of action items.

3. Organisational Performance

3.1 Chief Executive's Report

The Chief Executive's (CE's) report was taken as read.

Governing Council members discussed:

- resource support for implementation of the Standards and the need to ensure consistency of messaging to the profession
- implications for the ECE sector from Ministry of Regulation recommendations
- development of a systems wide regulatory framework and associated stakeholder communication plan
- registration data analysis with other agencies such as NZQA and the Ministry's workforce team
- professional responsibility processes and timeframes and the intention to disseminate learnings and trends from DT and CAC analysis out to the profession as recommended by the Stakeholder Engagement Committee (SSEC)
- using analysis in the professional responsibility area to target interventions and align process to safeguarding and harm reduction (see action 3b below).

Actions agreed by the Governing Council:

ACTION GC20260422/3a: Interim CE to report back to GC in May with details on the Teaching Council's provision of resources to the profession to support implementation of the Standards.

ACTION GC20260422/3b: Management to provide analysis on the spike in triage cases and implications for the number proceeding to investigation, including typology (risk/harm) of cases.

Decisions by the Governing Council:

[REDACTED]

3.2 Issues Register

The Council received the Issues Register and discussed the current and new matters at hand.

3.3 Progress Report – MJ Action Plan

The Governing Council discussed the key focus areas and status updates on the action plan of recommendations.

It was agreed to add harm to children (survivors) to the section on Risks.

4. Items for Decision

4.1 Proposed cancellation

The Council reviewed and discussed the submissions provided by the individual teacher and their legal representative.

DECISION GC20260422/4a: The Governing Council agreed to cancel the registration of [REDACTED] under Schedule 3 of the Education and Training Act 2020.

4.2 Application for voluntary deregistration

The Council noted that clause 7 of Schedule 3 of the Education and Training Act 2020 requires the Teaching Council to deregister a teacher on receipt of a written request from the person seeking deregistration unless that teacher is the subject of an investigation.

