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# Committee for Education

## Minutes of Proceedings

8 March 2022

**Meeting Location:** Teleconference

**Present by Video or Teleconference:**

Mr Chris Lyttle MLA (Chairperson)  
Mr Pat Sheehan MLA (Deputy Chairperson)  
Ms Nicola Brogan MLA  
Mr Harry Harvey MLA  
Mr Daniel McCrossan MLA

Ms Aoibhinn Treanor (Assembly Clerk)  
Mr Mark McQuade (Assistant Clerk)  
Mr Marcus Matthews (Clerical Supervisor)  
Mr Craig Mealy (Clerical Officer)

**Apologies:**

Mr Robbie Butler MLA  
Mrs Diane Dodds MLA  
Mr Justin McNulty MLA  
Mr Robin Newton MBE MLA



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The meeting commenced at 9:14am in public session with Mr Sheehan acting as Chairperson.

**1. Apologies**

Apologies as above.

**2. Chairpersons Business**

The Committee noted correspondence from the Minister of Education extending the Covid-19 Childcare Temporary Closure Fund & Childcare Sustainability Funds.

**3. Examinations 2022 - Oral Briefing from the Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment (CCEA)**

The Committee noted briefing papers from CCEA and correspondence about the effect of changes to the examination process for 2022 on science subjects.

The following witnesses joined the meeting by video conference at 9:16am.

Ms Margaret Farragher, Interim CEO, CCEA

Mr Michael McAuley, Business Manager for Qualifications, CCEA

Mr Tommy O'Reilly, Chairperson, CCEA

Ms Amanda Swann, Temporary Director of Examinations, CCEA

The witnesses briefed the Committee on plans for examinations taking place in 2022.



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Mr Lyttle joined the meeting at 9:29am and took the Chair.

This was followed by a question and answer session.

Mr Sheehan left the meeting at 9:58am.

The Chairperson thanked the witnesses for the briefing.

**Agreed:** The Committee agreed to write to CCEA about engagement with stakeholders and the appointment process for a permanent Chief Executive for CCEA.

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#### **4. Any Other Business**

The Committee noted that the Fair Employment (School Teachers) Bill had passed its Second Stage.

#### **5. Date, Time and Place of the next meeting**

The next formal Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday 9 March 2022 by video conference at 9:00am.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:21am.

**Chris Lyttle MLA**

**Chairperson, Committee for Education  
16 March 2022**