

Ahpra Board communiqué

February 2024

The [Ahpra Board](#) met on Tuesday 13 February face to face in Melbourne. This communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations from the meeting.

The Chair acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the lands on which the meeting was being held and paid respect to their Elders, past and present.

CEO report

Members noted the CEO report highlighting:

- Commencement of stakeholder symposia on our program of work to address practitioner distress
- Ongoing interest in our regulatory response to the online commentary of health practitioners on the Israel/Gaza situation
- Communique from the annual notifications workshop with the Australian Medical Association
- Commencement of consultation on further proposed amendments to the National Law
- Ahpra feedback to the Commonwealth Government COVID-19 Response Inquiry.

Business items

In other agenda items the Ahpra Board:

- confirmed the new Board members' committee appointments
- received an update on the Transformation Program
- approved the sitting fees and stipends for National Boards annual increase
- reappointed the current independent member to the People and Remuneration Committee
- approved the changing of the HPACF and TEQSA nominees to the Accreditation Committee
- noted the progress update on the cosmetic surgery review implementation, including proposals to close recommendations
- discussed the monitoring of the implementation of Accreditation advice
- noted the update from the Health Strategy unit on the cultural safety program of work
- noted the Health, safety and wellbeing report with specific highlights from the People and Remuneration Committee
- noted the implementation plan for National Scheme engagement strategy 2020-25

Members received a comprehensive presentation from the Chair, Community Advisory Council (CAC) on the current work and future challenges for the CAC.

The next meeting of the Ahpra Board will be an offsite annual planning/strategy day which is scheduled for Tuesday 26 March 2024 in Melbourne.