

## Rásaíocht Con Éireann Board & Executive Biographies



### **Pat Flanagan, Chairman**

Pat Flanagan joined the Board in July 2020. Pat qualified as a vet in 1976 and joined the Department of Agriculture in 1982. During his career in the Department, he worked in areas involved in animal health and welfare, disease eradication, animal medicines, audit and investigations. Pat also has a diploma in Criminology and Crime Scene Investigation.



### **Elizabeth Gray, Board Member**

Elizabeth joined the Board in July 2020. Elizabeth is a graduate from the school of veterinary medicine in University College Dublin. Elizabeth completed a rotating small animal internship in a small animal specialty hospital in Ontario, Canada. She has worked in small animal practice in the UK, Dublin and is now working as a small animal vet in Limerick. Elizabeth is currently studying toward achieving a BSAVA postgraduate certificate in internal medicine (PgCertSAM).



### **Anne Channon, Board Member**

Anne joined the Board in 2022. Anne is a Law graduate and is currently employed as the Education Development Manager at the Irish National Stud. Anne has always been involved in the greyhound industry and has extensive sectoral knowledge having previously worked for several years as Commercial & Operations Manager and Asst. Racing Manager at Newbridge Greyhound Stadium. Anne also holds a postgraduate diploma in Business Administration and a certificate in Sports Law.



### **Alex Grassick, Board Member**

Alex joined the board in March 2022. Alex is a BSc (Hons) Graduate from University College Cork and a trained Project Manager. Alex has over 20 years' experience in regulatory and management roles within local government. Alex has acted as an advisor to the board of a large European network and is an approved expert evaluator for various European funding mechanisms. Alex is a keen racegoer and has had a lifelong involvement in greyhound racing at a 'grass roots' level.



**Richard O'Regan, Board Member**

Richard joined the board in March 2022. Richie has a wealth of knowledge in respect of greyhounds, breeding and owning greyhounds for many years before starting his career as a stud keeper. Prior to this Richard worked in Teagasc for over 15 years. For almost 25 years Richard served on the board of directors at Curraheen Park, as well as many other committees in the industry throughout the years.



**Louise McKenna, Board Member**

Louise joined the Board in April 2024. Louise is currently a director of an Educational Trust and chairs its Investment and Funding committee. She also provides consultancy services to several clients. Previously, she was the CFO for Core Industrial Properties DAC, an industrial property company. Prior to joining the Core Industrial, Louise held senior finance and risk positions with John Locke Investments, a French investment management and advisory firm, Salix Capital and Appleton Capital. Louise is a Chartered Accountant, having qualified with EY in London and holds a B.A. in Mathematics from Trinity College, Dublin.



**Martin Bourke, Board Member (appointed January, 2026)**

Martin has over 40 years' experience in the Irish public service, holding senior roles in Property Management, Public Procurement, and Corporate Affairs, including Commissioner of Public Works. He has advised Government Ministers and served on multiple Executive Management Boards. Martin holds a Masters in Business from UCD's Michael Smurfit Graduate School, with additional qualifications from Kings Inns and the Institute of Directors and is a Chartered Director and Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development graduate.



**Margaret Dineen, Board Member (appointed January, 2026)**

Maragaret is a seasoned senior leader with extensive experience in the agrifood and food industry, specialising in governance, risk, and commercial operations. She has led large teams and managed multi-million-euro budgets in companies including Donnelly Fresh, Kerry Taste & Nutrition, and Keelings. She currently serves as Board Director and Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee of the Agri-Food Regulator, reinforcing her governance and oversight expertise. A Chartered Management Accountant and University College Cork graduate, Margaret combines board-level governance insight with hands-on leadership in complex commercial and regulated environments.



**Professor Gerry Boyle, Board Member (appointed January, 2026)**

Gerry is an internationally recognised economist and Emeritus Professor at NUI Maynooth. He served as Director of Teagasc (2007–2021) and was an ex officio member of Ireland’s Climate Change Advisory Council. His earlier roles include Economic Adviser to the Taoiseach, economist with the Central Bank of Ireland, and consultancy with the World Bank and European Commission. A Member of the Royal Irish Academy and recipient of numerous honours, he has led professional bodies including Euragri and continues to serve in governance roles across agriculture, dairy, sport, and rural development.