

Ahpra Board communiqué

April 2024

The [Ahpra Board](#) met on Wednesday 17 April face to face in Adelaide. Some Board members joined this meeting virtually. 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:

- continued work to implement the recommendations on practitioner distress
- finalisation of partnership work with the Australian Commission for Safety and Quality in Health Care on consumer complaints
- work underway on accelerated pathways for Specialist International Medical Graduates and advice to governments
- publication of the independent review on the regulatory framework for podiatric surgeons
- execution of the head contractor services for the Melbourne Office relocation project.

Business items

In other agenda items the Ahpra Board:

- approved the procurement policy
- approved the related party policy and procedures
- noted the VAGO external audit strategy 2023-24
- noted the Health, safety and wellbeing quarterly report for Q3 2023-24
- noted the updated Accreditation Agreement and KPIs
- approved the Terms of reference for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Strategy Group
- endorsed participating in critical consciousness training delivered by Weenthunga Health Network.
- noted the overview of ongoing work on ensuring psychological safety in the context of the interactions of Ahpra staff with Board and Committee members
- noted the Health, safety and wellbeing management system framework
- noted the Melbourne office relocation project update
- noted the Annual research and evaluation report 2022-23

Members received a presentation from the Ahpra State Manager, South Australia on a range of local health care issues including issues of workforce capacity, system demand/ramping, sustainability of system funding and system design.

The next meeting of the Ahpra Board will be a virtual meeting on the 14 May 2024.