

Connecticut-Ireland Trade Commission

Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2025

10:00 a.m. in Room 1D of the LOB

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday July 8th, by Emmett Riley and Loretto Leary.

The following committee members were present:

The following committee members were absent:

Emmett Riley asks the commission if they have any opening remarks.

- Senator Looney's appointment, Linda Border has resigned.

Emmett Riley introduces Senator Daly who is a member of the Irish Senate.

- Senator Daly notes that the commission is invited to the 50th anniversary of the NSCL in Boston.
- Marty Dunleavy asks about the reaction to the potential tariffs that American companies have put up affecting Irish companies.
- Representative Meskers ask about the best legislative efforts across other states that have spurred trade relations and academic exchanges.
- Senator Daly notes that Ellison has graduated about eight people a day through online education, and Radox which can test over 80 types of cancer. West Virginia is able to use Radox as a more efficient and cost effective measure where legislation is currently being written between Ireland and West Virginia.
- Senator Daly shares the Chief Executive of American Ireland Chamber of Commerce which will be sent to the commission.
- Senator Daly notes that members of the commission will have to go to Ireland to meet the leaders and have a delegation. There is a set agenda, and any member of the commission is allowed to come.

Emmett Riley moves onto the next item, which is the revision and acceptance of the mission statement.

- The commission accepts the mission statement.

Emmett Riley schedules the next meeting to be August 12th at 10:00 a.m. and welcomes the ambassador to come speak to the commission.

- Senator Dodd agrees to ask her to speak to the committee.
- Colin O'Neill states that he will be meeting with DiNapoli's staff about the New York Trade Commission.
- Tony Sheridan asks if the commission should plan a trip for the governor to go to Ireland, and should it be of interest to committee.
- Marty Dunleavy asks to meet Senator Daly when he is in Connecticut on August 24th & 25th with the commission.

Emmett Riley has adjourned the meeting.

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