



SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING 31 JULY 2025

MINUTES

Time: 1.00pm to 3.00pm

Venue: *Microsoft TEAMS Meeting ID: 486 666 463 768 3 | Passcode: NB3Dh9Vv*

PRESENT:

Mayor

Division 1 – Boigu
Division 2 – Dauan
Division 3 – Saibai
Division 4 – Mabuiag
Division 5 – Badu / **Deputy Mayor**
Division 7 – Wug (St. Pauls), Mua Island
Division 8 – Kirirri (Hammond Island)
Division 9 – Iama
Division 10 – Warraber
Division 11 – Poruma
Division 13 – Ugar
Division 14 – Erub
Division 15 – Mer

Cr Phillemon Mosby
Cr Dimas Toby
Cr Torenzo Elisala
Cr Chelsea Aniba
Cr Keith Fell
Cr Ranetta Wosomo
Cr John Levi
Cr Seriako Dorante
Cr Aggie Hankin
Cr Kabay Tamu
Cr Francis Pearson
Cr Rocky Stephen
Cr Nixon Mye
Cr Bob Kaigey

APOLOGIES:

Division 12 – Masig

Cr Ted Mosby

ABSENT:

Division 6 – Kubin (Arkai)

Cr Iona Manas

OFFICERS:

Chief Executive Officer
Executive Director Building Services
Executive Director Community Services
Executive Director Financial Services
Executive Assistant to the Mayor
Executive Assistant to the CEO
TSIRC Secretariat

Mr James William
Mr Wayne Green
Mr Dawson Sailor
Ms Hollie Faithfull
Ms Trudy Lui
Ms Amy Orr
Mr Darryl Brooks

GUESTS:

Preston Law

Ms Martine Care

A. WELCOME & QUORUM CONFIRMATION | ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS | OPENING PRAYER | OBSERVANCES

At 1.15pm, the Mayor welcomed Councillors, Executives and staff and members of the public to the Special Council meeting called to discuss two industrial matters in a Closed Session for Councillors only.

The Mayor welcomed attendees and made the following acknowledgements:

- Our Heavenly Father for His awesome wisdom, knowledge, favour and understanding, blessings upon our region, our collective leadership at TSIRC and our people across the TSIRC footprint;
- Traditional Custodians of land and sea throughout the length and breadth of Zenadth Kes and the communities and constituents that Council serves;
- The Traditional Custodians of Kaurareg and Cairns who host elements of the TSIRC footprint.

The Mayor conveyed to those members of the Torres Strait Islander community locally and throughout the homelands and on the Australian mainland who may currently be experiencing Sorry Business, the collective thoughts, prayers and well wishes of Council during this time.

Cr John Levi delivered the opening prayer.

B. NOTING OF APOLOGIES

An apology for Cr T. Mosby was noted. Cr Iona Manas was not in attendance.

C. CONFLICT OF INTEREST (COI) DECLARATIONS

The Mayor invited Councillors to advise if they had any COI declarations to disclose in relation to items listed on the agenda. No declarations were made by Councillors.

The Mayor also requested that if there are any legal matters involving Councillors, then Councillors should advise the Mayor as soon as possible. No declarations were made by Councillors.

The **Mayor** declared a COI (personal interests) in relation to Agenda Item 3 and advised that he would leave the meeting during deliberations.

1. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

#C24-28/2025-7-S/1

CR FELL / CR LEVI

Council resolves to close the meeting to the public pursuant to section 254J(1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* to discuss an Employee Matter in accordance with section 254(J)(3)(a) regarding the Chief Executive Officer's Contract of Employment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- *All staff (including the Chief Executive Officer) were excused from deliberations during the Closed Discussion and left the meeting at 1.25pm.*

2. Industrial Matter #1

[Reason for this matter to be discussed in Closed Business: industrial matters affecting employees].

#C24-28/2025-7-S/2

CR FELL / CR PEARSON

The Council resolves to take the steps agreed during the closed session in consideration of the Employee Matter in accordance with the relevant terms of the Employment Contract and notify the Chief Executive Officer accordingly.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- *The Mayor declared his COI (personal interests) and left the meeting at 2.15pm prior to the commencement of discussion on Agenda Item 3 below. The Deputy Mayor assumed the role of Acting Chairperson at this point.*

3. Industrial Matter #2 – Appoint an Acting Chief Executive Officer

[Reason for this matter to be discussed in Closed Business: industrial matters affecting employees].

#C24-28/2025-7-S/3

CR MYE / CR LEVI

Council resolves the Mr Dawson Sailor is appointed Acting Chief Executive Officer pursuant to section 195 of the *Local Government Act 2009* until further notice.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. RESOLUTION TO RETURN THE MEETING TO OPEN DISCUSSION

#C24-28/2025-7-S/4

CR FELL / CR LEVI

The Council resolves to move out of closed discussions pursuant to Section 254I of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- *The Mayor returned to the meeting at 2.50pm. The Deputy Mayor surrendered her role as Acting Chairperson at this point.*

5. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

Council formally resolved on the decisions taken above in relation to Agenda Items 2 to 4 above.

6. CLOSE OF MEETING & PRAYER

The Mayor formally closed the Special Council Meeting at 2.54pm and Cr Keith Fell delivered the Closing Prayer.

MINUTES CONFIRMED – 20 August 2025

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Cr Ranetta Wosomo
Deputy Mayor
Torres Strait Island Regional Council

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Dawson Sailor
Acting Chief Executive Officer
Torres Strait Island Regional Council

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