



SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING 31 OCTOBER 2025

MINUTES

Time: 10.00am to 11.00am

Venue: *Microsoft (TEAMS) Meeting ID: 487 859 737 073 6 | Passcode: zB6aS2HL*

PRESENT:

Mayor

Division 2 – Dauan

Division 3 – Saibai

Division 4 – Mabuiag

Division 5 – Badu / **Deputy Mayor**

Division 7 – Wug (St. Pauls), Mua Island

Division 9 – Iama

Division 11 – Poruma

Division 12 – Masig

Division 13 – Ugar

Division 14 – Erub

Cr Phillemon Mosby

Cr Torenzo Elisala

Cr Chelsea Aniba

Cr Keith Fell

Cr Ranetta Wosomo

Cr John Levi

Cr Aggie Hankin – *joined meeting at 10.20am*

Cr Francis Pearson

Cr Ted Mosby

Cr Rocky Stephen

Cr Nixon Mye

APOLOGIES:

Division 8 – Kirirri (Hammond Island)

Division 15 – Mer

Cr Seriako Dorante – *COI declared*

Cr Bob Kaigey – *Sad News*

ABSENT:

Division 1 – Boigu

Division 6 – Kubin

Division 10 – Warraber

Cr Dimas Toby

Cr Iona Manas

Cr Kabay Tamu

OFFICERS:

Chief Executive Officer

Executive Director Building Services

Executive Director Community Services

Executive Director Corporate Services

Manager Governance and Risk

Executive Assistant to the CEO

Executive Assistant to the Mayor

TSIRC Secretariat

Mr James William

Mr Wayne Green

Mr Dawson Sailor

Ms Vicki Bishop

Ms Kim Kerwin

Ms Amy Orr

Ms Trudy Lui

Mr Darryl Brooks

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

At 10:05am the Mayor welcomed Councillors, the Chief Executive Officer, Executives and staff to the Special Council Meeting, noting that a quorum of members was present.

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 Sad News/Sorry Business, the collective thoughts, prayers and well wishes of Council during this time.

Cr Keith Fell delivered the opening prayer and this was followed by a Minute of Silence to respect recent bereavements.

B. APOLOGIES

The following apologies were noted and accepted by Council:

Division	Councillor/Reason	Mover/Seconder
Div. 8 – Kirirri (Hammond Island)	Cr Seriako Dorante - <i>COI</i>	<i>Accepted/Noted by Mayor</i>
Div. 15 - Mer	Cr Bob Kaigey – <i>Sad News</i>	CR FELL / CR LEVI

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.

The Mayor also requested that if there are any legal matters involving Councillors, then Councillors should advise the Mayor as soon as possible.

The Mayor noted that the apology from **Cr Seriako Dorante** was submitted on the basis of a declared COI and Material Personal Interest in relation to the matter to be considered at the Special Council Meeting.

No other declarations were made by Councillors.

1. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

#C24-28/2025-10.2-S/1

CR LEVI / CR STEPHEN

Council resolves to close the meeting to the public pursuant to section 254J of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* to allow the Council to discuss items listed on the agenda for closed discussion and for the reasons outlined under those items.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Sea Swift Maritime Dispute

[Reason for Closed Discussion: pursuant to section 254J(e) and (g) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld) to allow the Council to discuss items listed on the agenda under Closed Business, as these matters involve:

- legal advice obtained by the local government or legal proceedings involving the local government including, for example, legal proceedings that may be taken by or against the local government; and*
- negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government.]*

#C24-28/2025-10.2-S/2

CR FELL / CR STEPHEN

Council resolves:

1. That pursuant to section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, to delegate power to the Chief Executive Officer to:
 - a. Pursuant to Sections 236 and 262 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, negotiate, make, and sign a Deed of Release with Sea Swift Pty Ltd ACN 010 889 040 on terms substantially the same as the draft provided with the officer's report; and
 - b. Pursuant to Sections 236 and 262 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, negotiate, make, and sign a Services Agreement with Sea Swift Pty Ltd ACN 010 889 040 on terms substantially the same as the draft provided with the officer's report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. RESOLUTION TO RETURN THE MEETING TO OPEN DISCUSSION

#C24-28/2025-10.2-S/3

CR FELL / CR ANIBA

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION


Council formally resolved on the decisions taken in relation to Agenda Items 2 and 3 above.

5. CLOSE OF MEETING & PRAYER

The Mayor thanked Councillors and staff for their contributions in the lead-up and conduct of this Special Council Meeting and formally closed proceedings at 11.30am.

Cr Francis Pearson delivered the Closing Prayer.

MINUTES CONFIRMED – 19 November 2025



Cr Phillemon Mosoy
Mayor
Torres Strait Island Regional Council



Mr James William
Chief Executive Officer
Torres Strait Island Regional Council

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