



TRUSTEE MEETING

21 OCTOBER 2025

MINUTES

Time: 9.00am to 10.30am

Venue: Tabipa Mau Recreation Centre, Dauan (Torres Strait)

Microsoft TEAMS Meeting ID: 493 850 364 48 | Passcode: ip2Ee2MC

PRESENT:

Mayor

Division 1 – Boigu

Division 2 – Dauan

Division 3 – Saibai

Division 5 – Badu / **Deputy Mayor**

Division 6 – Kubin

Division 8 – Kirirri (Hammond Island)

Division 9 – Iama

Division 11 – Poruma

Division 12 – Masig

Division 13 – Ugar

Division 14 – Erub

Division 15 – Mer

Cr Phillemon Mosby

Cr Dimas Toby

Cr Torenzo Elisala

Cr Chelsea Aniba – *joined meeting at 9.30am by TEAMS*

Cr Ranetta Wosomo

Cr Iona Manas

Cr Seriako Dorante – *by TEAMS*

Cr Aggie Hankin

Cr Francis Pearson

Cr Ted Mosby

Cr Rocky Stephen

Cr Nixon Mye

Cr Bob Kaigey

APOLOGIES:

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

Division 10 – Warraber

Cr John Levi – *Sad news*

Cr Kabay Tamu

ABSENT:

Division 4 – Mabuiag

Cr Keith Fell

OFFICERS:

Chief Executive Officer

Executive Director Community Services

Executive Director Corporate Services

Executive Director Engineering Services

Executive Director Financial Services

DOGIT Transfer, Land Tenure and Native

Title Advisor

Manager Governance & Risk

Manager Information Technology

Executive Assistant to the CEO

TSIRC Travel Officer

TSIRC Secretariat

Mr James William

Mr Dawson Sailor – *joined meeting at 9.45am*

Ms Vicki Bishop

Mr David Baldwin – *by TEAMS*

Ms Hollie Faithfull – *joined meeting at 9.45am*

Ms Joanne Bryant – *by TEAMS*

Ms Kim Kerwin

Mr Warren Jenkins

Ms Amy Orr

Ms Emma William

Mr Darryl Brooks

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

At 9.05am the Mayor formally opened the October 2025 Trustee Council meeting, noting that a quorum of members was present.

The Mayor welcomed attendees and made the following acknowledgements:

- Traditional Custodians of land and sea throughout the length and breadth of Zenadth Kes and the communities and constituents that Council serves; and
- 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 the Trustee Council during this time.

Cr Francis Pearson delivered the opening prayer and the Trustee Council observed a minute of silence as a gesture of respect and reflection to honour the memory of deceased loved ones.

The Mayor also made special acknowledgement of the Dauanalga (Torres Strait Islanders) Corporation RNTBC and requested that Cr Elisala convey to the Corporation Council's thanks for the very warm welcome to Council and staff by **Mr Wrench Mau** at the Dauan Community Dinner on 20 October 2025.

The Mayor also made special acknowledgement to **Cr Torenzo Elisala** as the hosting Councillor for the October 2025 Trustee and Ordinary Council Meetings, thanking him for all of the preparation work undertaken in the lead-up to this meeting. The warmth of the Dauan Community (including the Welcome Dinner on 20 October 2025) was very heartfelt and appreciated by Councillors and visiting TSIRC staff and the Mayor requested that Cr Elisala pass on these sentiments to his Community on behalf of Council.

Cr Elisala welcomed Council and staff to Dauan and advised that the Dauan Community have rallied tremendously in the lead-up to ensure that this Council meeting will be a success and a memorable occasion for all in attendance.

The Mayor welcomed back the Chief Executive Officer (Mr James William) and thanked Mr Dawson Sailor for his leadership during his time as Acting Chief Executive Officer, as well as acknowledging the Executive Team for supporting the Acting Chief Executive Officer during the previous two months.

The Mayor also welcomed the Executive Director Corporate Services (Ms Vicki Bishop) and the Manager Governance and Risk (Ms Kim Kerwin) to the meeting.

The **Chief Executive Officer** (Mr James William) reiterated the Mayor's comments and commended the performance of the Acting Chief Executive Officer and the Executive Team during his absence.

B. NOTING OF APOLOGIES

The following apologies were noted and accepted by the Trustee Council:

Division	Councillor/Reason	Mover/Seconder
Div. 7 – Wug (St. Pauls)	Cr John Levi – <i>Sad News</i>	CR PEARSON / CR WOSOMO

Div. 10 - Warraber	Cr Kabay Tamu	CR ELISALA / CR MANAS
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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.

D. LIVE STREAM

The Mayor advised that this meeting is being LIVE STREAMED on Council's YouTube Channel and welcomed those members of the general public who may be viewing proceedings. The Mayor added that this livestreaming service offers transparency and allows members of the general public and organisational partners in the region TSIRC footprint to be informed of the Trustee Council's deliberations.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES (24 SEPTEMBER 2025 & 30 SEPTEMBER 2025)

#T24-28/2025-10/1

- (a) Council (as Trustee) confirms the Minutes of the Trustee Meeting held on 24 September 2025 (inquorate); and

MOVED/SECONDED: CR MYE / CR T. MOSBY

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- (b) Council (as Trustee) confirms the Minutes of the Trustee Meeting held on 30 September 2025.

MOVED/SECONDED: CR MANAS / CR KAIGEY

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.1. UPDATE ON ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Chief Executive Officer (Mr James William) spoke to this item and the update was noted by the Trustee Council.

2. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

#T24-28/2025-10/2

CR MANAS / CR MYE

Council (as Trustee) resolves to close the meeting to the public pursuant to section 84 of the *Local Government Act 2009* to allow the Trustee to discuss items listed on the agenda for closed discussion and for the reasons outlined under those items.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- *In the absence of Cr Chelsea Aniba, the DOGIT Transfer, Land Tenure & Native Title Advisor (Ms Joanne Bryant) spoke to the following agenda item.*

3. Culture, Arts, Land & Heritage (CALH) Advisory Committee – Update on Land & Native Title Strategic Matters – *verbal update by Cr Chelsea Aniba*

[Reason for Closed Discussion: To discuss business which public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the trustee council or someone else].

Council (as Trustee) noted the verbal update.

4. RESOLUTION TO RETURN THE MEETING TO OPEN DISCUSSION

#T24-28/2025-10/4

CR ELISALA / CR STEPHEN

Council (as Trustee) resolves to move out of closed discussions pursuant to Section 84 of the *Local Government Act 2009*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

The Mayor advised that no resolutions were made by Council (as Trustee) during closed session discussions.

6. ITEMS ARISING

Nil.

7. NEXT MEETING – TBA (VC)

The next meeting date for Council (as Trustee) to be determined under Agenda Item 3.2 of the October 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting.

8. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Mayor closed the Trustee Council meeting at 10.10am.

MINUTES CONFIRMED – 19 November 2025

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Cr Phillemon Mosby
Mayor
Torres Strait Island Regional Council

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James William
Chief Executive Officer
Torres Strait Island Regional Council