



SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

17 OCTOBER 2025

MINUTES

Time: 3.00pm to 5.40pm

Venue: Microsoft TEAMS Meeting ID: 481 553 022 506 6 | Passcode: fy2CT3Ju

PRESENT:

Mayor

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

Cr Phillemon Mosby – *present only from 3.17pm to 3.40pm only*
Cr Dimas Toby
Cr Torenzo Elisala
Cr Chelsea Aniba
Cr Ranetta Wosomo
Cr John Levi
Cr Seriako Dorante
Cr Aggie Hankin
Cr Francis Pearson
Cr Rocky Stephen
Cr Nixon Mye
Cr Bob Kaigey

APOLOGIES:

Division 12 – Masig

Cr Ted Mosby

ABSENT:

Division 4 – Mabuiag
Division 6 – Kubin
Division 10 – Warraber

Cr Keith Fell
Cr Iona Manas
Cr Kabay Tamu

OFFICERS:

Acting Chief Executive Officer
Chief Executive Officer
TSIRC Secretariat

Mr Dawson Sailor
Mr James William – *present only from 3.50pm to 4.50pm*
Mr Darryl Brooks – *present only for set-up & left meeting prior to opening*

GUESTS:

Preston Law

Ms Martine Care

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

- *The Mayor and the Acting Chief Executive Officer (Mr Dawson Sailor) were unable to join the meeting until 3.17pm due to IT connectivity issues.*

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. APOLOGIES

An apology for **Cr T. Mosby** was noted.

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. No declarations were made by Councillors.

The Mayor noted that the apology from **Cr T. Mosby** was submitted on the basis of a COI (close personal interests), as well as a conflicting pre-arranged community meeting on Masig.

The **Mayor** declared a COI (close personal interests) in relation to Agenda Item 2 and left the meeting at 3.40pm. The Deputy Mayor then assumed the role as Acting Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

1. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

#C24-28/2025-10-S/1

CR MYE / CR ANIBA

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

- *The Acting Chief Executive Officer (Mr Dawson Sailor) and Ms Martine Care were then excused from deliberations and left the meeting at 3.45pm.*
- *The Chief Executive Officer (Mr James William) joined the meeting at 3.50pm and left the meeting at 4.50pm.*
- *The Acting Chief Executive Officer (Mr Dawson Sailor) and Ms Martine Care were then invited to return to the meeting and did so at 5.00pm.*

2. Industrial Matter

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

#C24-28/2025-10-S/2

CR ANIBA / CR HANKIN

AGAINST: CR KAIGEY, CR LEVI & CR MYE**Council resolves to:**

- 1. Note the process and confidential response from the Chief Executive Officer; and**
- 2. To take action as agreed in the meeting regarding the Chief Executive Officer's contract of employment.**

CARRIED**3. RESOLUTION TO RETURN THE MEETING TO OPEN DISCUSSION**

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

CR PEARSON / CR ELISALA

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.

Council then also made an additional resolution as follows:

CESSATION OF ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER ARRANGEMENTS

#C24-28/2025-10-S/4

CR STEPHEN / CR ELISALA

Council rescinds Council Resolution #C24-28/2025-7-S/3 with immediate effect.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. CLOSE OF MEETING & PRAYER

The Deputy Mayor formally closed the Special Council Meeting at 5.40pm and **Cr John Levi** delivered the Closing Prayer.

MINUTES CONFIRMED – 19 November 2025

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Cr Ranetta Wosomo
Deputy Mayor
Torres Strait Island Regional Council

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Mr Dawson Sailor
Acting Chief Executive Officer
Torres Strait Island Regional Council