



TRUSTEE MEETING

28 JANUARY 2026

MINUTES

Time: 9.00am to 10.30am

Venue: *Microsoft (TEAMS) Meeting ID: 422 905 299 745 60 | Passcode: CK3GL9aU*

PRESENT:

Mayor

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 12 – Masig

Division 14 – Erub

Division 15 – Mer

Cr Phillemon Mosby

Cr Torenzo Elisala

Cr Chelsea Aniba

Cr Keith Fell – *joined meeting at 9.15am*

Cr Ranetta Wosomo

Cr John Levi

Cr Seriako Dorante

Cr Aggie Hankin

Cr Kabay Tamu – *joined meeting at 9.35am*

Cr Francis Pearson

Cr Ted Mosby

Cr Nixon Mye

Cr Bob Kaigey

APOLOGIES:

Division 1 – Boigu

Division 6 – Kubin

Division 13 – Ugar

Cr Dimas Toby – *Sad News/Sorry Business*

Cr Iona Manas – *Sad News/Sorry Business*

Cr Rocky Stephen – *Sad News/Sorry Business*

OFFICERS:

Chief Executive Officer

Executive Director Building Services

Executive Director Community Services

Executive Director Corporate Services

Executive Director Engineering Services

Executive Director Financial Services

Manager Governance & Risk

DOGIT Transfer, Land Tenure and

Native Title Advisor

Preston Law

Executive Assistant to the CEO

Executive Assistant to the Mayor

TSIRC Secretariat

Mr James William

Mr Wayne Green

Mr Dawson Sailor

Ms Vicki Bishop

Mr David Baldwin

Ms Hollie Faithfull

Ms Kim Kerwin

Ms Joanne Bryant

Mr Julian Bodenmann

Ms Amy Orr

Ms Trudy Lui

Mr Darryl Brooks

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

At 9.00am the Mayor formally opened the January 2026 Trustee Council meeting, noting that a quorum of members was present.

The Mayor welcomed attendees and made opening acknowledgements to Traditional Custodians in the Torres Strait and across the TSIRC footprint in Torres Strait Islands traditional language.

The Mayor acknowledged and conveyed to those members of the Torres Strait Islander community throughout the homelands and on the Australian mainland who may currently be experiencing Sad News/Sorry Business, the collective thoughts, prayers and condolences of 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.

B. NOTING OF APOLOGIES

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

Division	Councillor/Reason	Mover/Seconder
Div. 1 – Boigu	Cr Dimas Toby – <i>Sad News/Sorry Business</i>	CR WOSOMO / CR PEARSON
Div. 6 – Kubin	Cr Iona Manas – <i>Sad News/Sorry Business</i>	CR ELISALA / CR LEVI
Div. 13 – Ugar	Cr Rocky Stephen – <i>Sad News/Sorry Business</i>	CR DORANTE / CR PEARSON

C. CONFLICT OF INTEREST (COI) DECLARATIONS

The Mayor advised that no written COI notifications were provided by Councillors in relation to the Trustee Meeting for January 2026.

The Manager Governance and Risk (Ms Kim Kerwin) provided Councillors with an overview of the forms for Prescribed and Declarable COIs which were included as part of the January 2026 meeting package, as well as stepping Councillors through the processes to follow in relation to COI declarations.

The Mayor reminded Councillors to advise of COI declarations as soon as any matters arise during deliberations.

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 is Council's commitment to the community to offer transparency and to allow members of the general public and organisational partners in the region and across the TSIRC footprint to be informed of the Trustee Council's deliberations and decision-making processes.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES (10 DECEMBER 2025)

#T24-28/2026-1/1

CR ANIBA / CR MYE

Council (as Trustee) confirms the Minutes of the Trustee Meeting held on 10 December 2025

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

#T24-28/2026-1/2

CR WOSOMO / CR DORANTE

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

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. Regional Social Housing Indigenous Land Use Agreement – Project Update

[Reason for Closed Discussion: This matter involves a contract proposed to be made by the Trustee Council for which public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the Trustee Council or someone else].

Council (as Trustee) received and noted the report and verbal update provided by the DOGIT Transfer, Land Tenure and Native Title Advisor (Ms Joanne Bryant).

Action Required:

Chief Executive Officer / DOGIT Transfer, Land Tenure and Native Title Advisor (in consultation with Councillors Fell and Aniba) to provide the Trustee with advice on the next steps.

5. Native Title Future Acts Regime Review

[Reason for Closed Discussion: This matter involves discussions relating to a legal matter for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the Trustee Council or someone else].

Council (as Trustee) received and noted the report and verbal update provided by Mr Julian Bodenmann (Partner, Preston Law).

6. Iama DOGIT Transfer – Judicial Review, Appeal and Recoverable Costs

[Reason for Closed Discussion: This matter involves discussions relating to a legal matter for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the Trustee Council or someone else].

Council (as Trustee) received and noted the report and verbal update provided by the DOGIT Transfer, Land Tenure and Native Title Advisor (Ms Joanne Bryant).

7. RESOLUTION TO RETURN THE MEETING TO OPEN DISCUSSION

#T24-28/2026-1/7

CR TAMU / CR HANKIN

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

The Mayor confirmed that no decisions were made by Council (as Trustee) during the closed session discussions, other than the decision to return the meeting to the public.

9. ITEMS ARISING

Nil.

10. NEXT MEETING – 18 February 2026 (VC)

Noted by the Trustee Council.

11. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Mayor closed the Trustee Council meeting at 11.05am.

MINUTES CONFIRMED – 18 February 2026

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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