



In accordance with Section 169 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and Section 254 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* the TSIRC Chief Executive Officer (Mr James William) conducted the declaration of office for **RANETTA ROBYN WOSOMO** to take office as TSIRC Councillor for Division 5 (Badu) immediately prior to the commencement of the September 2023 Trustee Council Meeting, to fill the vacancy arising due to the resignation of Cr Laurie Nona. Cr Wosomo will hold office until the results of the 2024 Queensland Local Government Elections on 16 March 2024 are formally declared.



Minutes

TRUSTEE COUNCIL MEETING

19 September 2023

PRESENT:

Mayor

Division 1 - Boigu
Division 2 – Dauan
Division 3 – Saibai
Division 5 – Badu
Division 6 – Arkai
Division 7 – Wug (St Pauls)
Division 9 – Iama
Division 10 – Warraber
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 Conwell Tabuai
Cr Ranetta Wosomo
Cr Lama Trinkoon
Cr John Levi
Cr Getano Lui (Jnr) AM – **Deputy Mayor**
Cr Kabay Tamu
Cr Francis Pearson
Cr Hilda Mosby
Cr Rocky Stephen
Cr Jimmy Gela
not represented

OFFICERS:

Chief Executive Officer
Executive Director Building Services
Executive Director Community Services
Acting Executive Director Corporate Services
Executive Director Engineering Services
Executive Director Financial Services
Senior Legal Officer
Executive Support Coordinator
Executive Assistant to the Mayor
Secretariat Officer

Mr James William
Mr Wayne Green
Mr Dawson Sailor
Mr Martin Leech
Mr David Baldwin
Ms Hollie Faithfull
Ms Julia Mauro
Ms Sharon Russell
Ms Trudi Lui
Mr Darryl Brooks

(telephone dial-in)

APOLOGIES:

Division 4 – Mabuiag
Division 8 – Kirirri (Hammond)

Cr Keith Fell
Cr Seriako Dorante

1. Welcome & Quorum Confirmation

At 9.45am the Mayor completed a roll call of Councillors. A quorum for the September 2023 Trustee Council Meeting was noted and the Mayor formally opened the meeting by making the following acknowledgements:

- Our Heavenly Father for his awesome wisdom, knowledge, understanding, favour and blessings for our lives; upon our leadership, our Council and for our people right across the length and breadth of Zenadth Kes;
- Acknowledgements to Cr Conwell Tabuai and the Sabai Island community as hosts for the September 2023 Council Meeting;
- Acknowledgements of Traditional Owners throughout Zenadth Kes and the communities and constituents that Council serves;
- All Elders with us, past, present and emerging.

The Mayor also acknowledged those members of the community who are experiencing Sorry Business and extended to them the thoughts and prayers of Council at this time.

2. Opening Prayer

Cr John Levi delivered the opening prayer and a minute of silence was observed by those present for reflection and to honour those who have recently passed.

The Mayor formally welcomed Cr Ranetta Wosomo to the meeting and this welcome was seconded with applause by all Councillors present. The Deputy Mayor, Cr Getano Lui (Jnr) AM, especially welcomed Cr Wosomo as the TSIRC's second female Councillor and stated his personal support for more communities across the TSIRC footprint to encourage more women to nominate for election onto the Council.

Cr Wosomo thanked the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors for their warm welcome and congratulations and reiterated her commitment to fulfilling her role as the Councillor for Badu. Cr Wosomo also made special acknowledgement to the Saibai community and families and thanked them for their ongoing support.

The Mayor also welcomed Mr Martin Leech, Acting Executive Director Corporate Services, to his first face-to-face Council meeting.

3. Apologies

The following apologies were noted:

- Cr Keith Fell (Division 4 – Mabuiag) due to medical reasons; and
- Cr Seriako Dorante (Division 8 – Kirirri) due to cultural/family commitments.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr John Levi

Second: Cr Francis Pearson

That the Trustee accepts the apology of Cr Keith Fell for the September 2023 Trustee Council Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Torenzo Elisala

Second: Cr Kabay Tamu

That the Trustee accepts the apology of Cr Seriako Dorante for the September 2023 Trustee Council Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Conflict of Interest (COI) - Declarable/Prescribed

Mayor Mosby requested that members make any relevant conflict of interest declarations and to also advise if they were currently involved in any legal proceedings which pertain to Trustee business to be considered at the meeting.

Cr Jimmy Gela advised that he has COI in relation to CEQ/IBIS matters because his brother is the General Manager of CEQ. Cr Gela advised that he will excuse himself from the meeting during discussion of Agenda Item 8.

No other declarations were made.

5. Previous Minutes (30 August 2023)

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Lama Trinkoon

Second: Cr Conwell Tabuai

That the Trustee accepts the minutes of the Trustee Meeting held on 30 August 2023, with minor grammatical amendments, to be a true and accurate account of that meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Action Items from Previous Meetings

The Chief Executive Officer provided the Trustee Council with a verbal update on the status of Action Items arising from the previous meeting, as well as outstanding action items from previous meetings.

ACTION:

1. Chief Executive Officer to provide Councillors with a copy of the Notice of Intent published in the *Torres News* on 28 August 2023 regarding Iama.
2. Invite the Department of Resources and Minister for Resources to attend DOGIT discussions at the November 2023 Council Workshop.

7. MOVE INTO CLOSED BUSINESS

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Francis Pearson

Second: Cr Rocky Stephen

That the Trustee resolve to close the meeting to the public pursuant to section 84 of the *Local Government Act 2009* to allow the Trustee Council to discuss contracts proposed to be made by the Trustee Council (CEQ leases), for which public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the Trustee Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. MOVE OUT OF CLOSED BUSINESS

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Torenzo Elisala

Second: Cr Conwell Tabuai

That the Trustee resolve to move out of closed business and resume in open business.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED BUSINESS

- *Cr Jimmy Gela declared a conflict of interest in relation to the following agenda item (his brother is the General Manager of CEQ) and left the meeting at 10.15am prior to commencement of discussion.*

8 CORPORATE SERVICES: CEQ Leases

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Francis Pearson

Second: Cr Dimas Toby

That the Trustee decline the proposed amendments to the existing leases between Council and CEQ and the existing Conditional Agreements to Lease between Council and CEQ and authorise the Chief Executive Officer to continue negotiations with CEQ in alignment with Council policy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION:

Chief Executive Officer to consider inviting the CEQ Board to the November 2023 Council Workshop.

- *Cr Jimmy Gela rejoined the meeting at the conclusion of the above recommendation.*

11. (SAI) - CORPORATE SERVICES: DOGIT Update

The Chief Executive Officer advised the Trustee Council that the Standing Agenda Item (SAI) will be discussed as a verbal update within Closed Business at future meetings.

The Trustee Council noted the verbal update on DOGIT matters provided by the Chief Executive Officer.

- *At 11.00am the Mayor invited Councillors to take a short break for morning tea and to refresh. The meeting resumed at 11.15am.*

12. BUSINESS ARISING

(a) Saibai Church

Cr Conwell Tabuai requested an update on the status of repairs in relation to the heritage-listed Saibai Church. The Mayor advised that he will discuss this matter at the Mayor's Information Session with the Saibai community on 21 September 2023.

ACTION:

1. Executive Director Financial Services to provide Councillors with a copy of all churches on TSIRC DOGIT land where there is no current registered church lease.
2. Executive Director Corporate Services to explore financial and other assistance options to assist in the maintenance and/or restoration of heritage-listed sites and buildings.
3. Executive Director Financial Services to provide Councillors with a copy of the TSIRC Policy on accessing DOGIT reserve funds.

13. Next Meeting: 24 October 2023 (VC)


Noted by Council.

14. Closing Remarks & Prayer

The Mayor formally closed the Trustee Council meeting at 11.35am.



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Mr James William
Chief Executive Officer
Torres Strait Island Regional Council
Date: 24 October 2023



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Cr Phillemon Mosby
Mayor
Torres Strait Island Regional Council
Date: 24 October 2023