

Minutes of the West Arnhem Regional Council Special Council Meeting
Wednesday, 31 July 2024 at 3:00 pm
Council Chambers

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY AND OPENING OF MEETING

Chairperson Mayor Woods declared the meeting open at 3:28 pm, welcomed all in attendance and did an Acknowledgement of Country.

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson	James Woods (Mayor)
Deputy Mayor	Elizabeth Williams
Councillor	Ralph F Blyth
Councillor	Mickitja Onus
Councillor	Otto Dann
Councillor	Henry Guwiyul
Councillor	Jermaine Namanurki
Councillor	Monica Wilton

STAFF PRESENT

Chief Executive Officer	Andrew Walsh
Director Community and Council Services	Fiona Ainsworth
Director Finance	Jocelyn Nathanael-Walters
Governance Advisor	Jasmine Mortimore

3 APOLOGIES AND ABSENCES

Agenda Reference:	3.1
Title:	Apologies, Leave of Absence and Absent Without Notice
Author:	Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor

The Council considered a report on Apologies, Leave of Absence and Absent Without Notice.

OCM203/2024 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor Woods
Seconded Deputy Mayor Williams

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Notes the absence of James Marrawal, Gabby Gumurdul, Donna Nadjamerrek, Jacqueline Phillips
2. Notes the apologies received from James Marrawal, Gabby Gumurdul, Donna Nadjamerrek, Jacqueline Phillips; and
3. Determines James Marrawal, Gabby Gumurdul, Donna Nadjamerrek, Jacqueline Phillips are absent with permission of the Council.

CARRIED

4 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Agenda Reference:	4.1
Title:	Acceptance of Agenda
Author:	Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor

The Council considered a report on Acceptance of Agenda.

OCM204/2024 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Deputy Mayor Williams
Seconded Cr Dann

THAT COUNCIL accept the agenda papers as circulated for the Special Council meeting held on 31 July 2024.

CARRIED

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS OR STAFF

Agenda Reference:	5.1
Title:	Disclosure of Interest of Members or Staff
Author:	Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor

The Council considered a report on Disclosure of Interest of Members or Staff.

OCM205/2024 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor Woods
Seconded Cr Onus

THAT COUNCIL

1. Receives no declarations of interest as listed for the Special Council meeting held on 31 July 2024; and
2. Notes declaration of interest received from Cr Wilton for the Deputy Chair of the Maningrida Homelands School Company.

CARRIED

6 ACTION REPORTS

Agenda Reference:	6.1
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Title:	First Nations Director Scholarship Program
Author:	Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor

The Council considered a report on First Nations Director Scholarship Program.

OCM206/2024 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Deputy Mayor Williams
Seconded Mayor Woods

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive and note the report titled *First Nations Director Scholarship Program*.
2. Support Mayor Woods application to apply for the First Nations Director Scholarship Program; and
3. Request all Elected Members interested in applying to let the Governance Advisor know before 12 August 2024.

CARRIED

8 PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

Agenda Reference:	8.1
Title:	Closure to the Public for the Discussion of Confidential Items
Author:	Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor

The Council considered a report on Closure to the Public for the Discussion of Confidential Items.

OCM207/2024 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Blyth
Seconded Cr Onus

That pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 52 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential items of the Agenda.

CARRIED

9 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

The information in this section of the Agenda is classed as confidential under Section 293(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and Regulation 51 of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2021*.

Agenda Reference:	9.1
Title:	Department of Environment, Parks, and Water Security Matter
Author:	Andrew Walsh, Chief Executive Officer

The Council considered a report on Department of Environment, Parks, and Water Security Matter.

OCM208/2024 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Deputy Mayor Williams
Seconded Cr Onus

THAT COUNCIL

1. Receive and note the report titled *Department of Environment, Parks, and Water Security Matter*; and
2. Consider rectification options including relinquishing the Environmental Protections Authority Licence 351 of Jabiru Landfill at a future meeting of Council once rectification works have been completed.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	9.2
Title:	Financial Management Update

Co-Authors:	Andrew Walsh, Chief Executive Officer Fiona Ainsworth, Director Community and Council Services Jocelyn Nathanael-Walters, Director Finance
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The report will remain confidential under section 293(1) of the Local Government Act and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration – Division 2 Section 51(1)(e). It contains information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.

Agenda Reference:	9.3
Title:	Disclosure of Confidential Resolutions and Re-admittance of the Public
Author:	Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor

The Council considered a report on Disclosure of Confidential Resolutions and Re-admittance of the Public.

**OCM210/2024 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Blyth
Seconded Cr Onus**

THAT COUNCIL

1. Open the meeting to the public after the discussion of confidential items; and
2. Approve to disclose resolution and report item 9.1 from the confidential section of this meeting in the non-confidential meeting minutes.

CARRIED

The public was re-admitted at 4:57 pm.

11 MEETING DECLARED CLOSED

Chairperson Mayor Woods declared the meeting closed at 4:57 pm.

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