

Minutes of the West Arnhem Regional Council Special Council Meeting
Thursday, 20 March 2025 at 4:15 pm
Council Chambers via Video Conference

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY AND OPENING OF MEETING

Chairperson Mayor Woods declared the meeting open at 4:16 pm, welcomed all in attendance and did an Acknowledgement of Country.

**2 PERSONS PRESENT
ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chairperson	James Woods (Mayor) (via video)
Deputy Mayor	Elizabeth Williams (via video)
Councillor	Ralph F. Blyth (via video)
Councillor	Mickitja Onus (via video)
Councillor	Otto Dann (via video)
Councillor	Monica Wilton (via video)
Councillor	Jermaine Namanurki (via video)
Councillor	Jacqueline Phillips (via video)
Councillor	Steven Nabalmarda (via video)

STAFF PRESENT

Interim Chief Executive Officer	Ben Waugh (via video)
Governance Advisor	Jasmine Mortimore (via video)

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.

SCM35/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Onus
Seconded Cr Nabalmarda

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the absence of Cr Tamar Nawirridj, Cr Donna Nadjamerrek, Cr James Marrawal and Cr Monica Wilton; and
2. Notes the apology received from Cr Tamar Nawirridj, Cr Donna Nadjamerrek, Cr James Marrawal.

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.

SCM36/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Blyth
Seconded Mayor Woods

THAT COUNCIL accept the agenda papers as circulated for the Special Council meeting held on 20 March 2025.

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.

SCM37/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Onus
Seconded Cr Namanurki

THAT COUNCIL receive no additional declarations of interest as listed for the Special Council meeting held on 20 March 2025.

CARRIED

6 PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

Agenda Reference:	6.1
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.

SCM38/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Blyth

Seconded Mayor Woods

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

7 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Agenda Reference:	7.1
Title:	Chief Executive Officer Employment Contract
Author:	Jocelyn Nathanael-Walters, Director of Finance

The Report will remain confidential under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(a). It contains information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual.

8 DISCLOSURE OF CONFIDENTIAL RESOLUTIONS AND RE-ADMITTANCE OF THE PUBLIC

Agenda Reference:	8.1
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.

SCM40/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Deputy Mayor Williams

Seconded Cr Onus

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Does not approve to disclose resolution for item 10.1 from the confidential section of this meeting; and
2. Open the meeting to the public at 4:43pm after the discussion of confidential items.

CARRIED

9 MEETING DECLARED CLOSED

Chairperson Mayor Woods declared the meeting closed at 4:45 pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on Thursday, 20 March 2025.

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