

Minutes of the West Arnhem Regional Council Special Council Meeting
Wednesday, 2 April 2025 at 10:00 am
Council Chambers

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY AND OPENING OF MEETING

Mayor Woods declared the meeting open at 10:12 am, welcomed all in attendance and did an Acknowledgement of Country.

**2 PERSONS PRESENT
ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chairperson	James Woods (Mayor)
Deputy Mayor	Elizabeth Williams
Councillor	Ralph F. Blyth
Councillor	Mickitja Onus
Councillor	Tamar Nawirridj
Councillor	Steven Nabalmarda
Councillor	Monica Wilton
Councillor	Jermaine Namanurki

STAFF PRESENT

Interim Chief Executive Officer	Ben Waugh
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.

SCM42/2025 RESOLVED:

**On the motion of Deputy Mayor Williams
Seconded Cr Wilton**

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the absence of Cr James Marrawal, Cr Donna Nadjamerrek Cr Jacqueline Phillips, Cr Otto Dann and Cr Steven Nabalmarda; and
2. Notes the apology received from Cr James Marrawal, Cr Donna Nadjamerrek and Cr Jacqueline Phillips.

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.

SCM43/2025 RESOLVED:

**On the motion of Cr Blyth
Seconded Deputy Mayor Williams**

THAT COUNCIL accept the agenda papers as circulated for the Special Council meeting held on 2 April 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.

SCM44/2025 RESOLVED:

**On the motion of Mayor Woods
Seconded Cr Onus**

THAT COUNCIL receive no additional declarations of interest as listed for the Special Council meeting held on 2 April 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.

SCM45/2025 RESOLVED:

**On the motion of Mayor Woods
Seconded Cr Blyth**

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 at 10:15am to consider the Confidential items of the Agenda.

CARRIED

7 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Agenda Reference:	7.1
Title:	CEO Credit Card and Bank Authorisations
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)(d). It contains information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.

Agenda Reference:	7.2
Title:	Chief Executive Officer Appointment
Author:	Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor

Cr Steven Nabalmarda joined the meeting at 10:18am

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.

SCM49/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor Woods
Seconded Deputy Mayor Williams

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Approve to disclose no resolutions from the confidential section of this meeting in the non-confidential meeting minutes; and
2. Open the meeting to the public at 10:23am after the discussion of confidential items.

CARRIED

9 MEETING DECLARED CLOSED

Mayor Woods declared the meeting closed at 10:24 am.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 2 April 2025.

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