
Minutes of the West Arnhem Regional Council Special Council Meeting

Monday, 11 August 2025 at 2:00 pm

Via Microsoft Teams

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY AND OPENING OF MEETING

Mayor James Woods declared the meeting open at 2:05pm, 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	Mickitja Onus
Councillor	Donna Nadjamerrek
Councillor	Monica Wilton
Councillor	Steven Nabalmarda
Councillor	Jermaine Namanurki
Councillor	James Marrawal

STAFF PRESENT

Chief Executive Officer	Katharine Clare Murray
Director Community and Council Services	Fiona Ainsworth
Director Finance	Jocelyn Nathanael-Walters
Governance Advisor	Debbie Branson
Communications and Public Relations Coordinator	Heidi Walton
Executive Assistant to Mayor and CEO	Gina Carrascalao

GUESTS Nil.

3 APOLOGIES AND ABSENCES

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

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

SCM60/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor James Woods

Seconded Cr Mickitja Onus

THAT COUNCIL

1. Note the apology received from Cr Jacqueline Phillips, Cr Ralph Blyth, Cr Otto Dann and Cr Tamar Nawirridj;
2. Determine Cr Jacqueline Phillips, Cr Ralph Blyth, Cr Otto Dann and Cr Tamar Nawirridj are absent with permission of the Council; and

CARRIED

4 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Agenda Reference:	4.1
Title:	Acceptance of Agenda
Author:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

The Council considered a report on Acceptance of Agenda.

SCM61/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor James Woods

Seconded Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Williams

THAT COUNCIL accept the agenda papers as circulated for the Special Council meeting held on 11 August 2025.

CARRIED

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS OR STAFF

Agenda Reference:	5.1
Title:	Disclosure of Interest of Members or Staff
Author:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

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

SCM62/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Steven Nabalmarda

Seconded Cr James Marrawal

THAT COUNCIL acknowledge there were no declarations of interest in reference to the items listed for the Special Council meeting held on 11 August 2025.

CARRIED

6 ACTION REPORTS

Agenda Reference:	6.1
Title:	Local Authority Appointments - Call for Nominations
Author:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

The Council considered a report on Local Authority Appointments - Call for Nominations.

SCM63/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Steven Nabalmarda

Seconded Cr Jermaine Namanurki

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive and note the report titled *Local Authority Appointments - Call for Nominations*;
2. Approve the commencement of the nomination process for appointed (community) Local Authority member vacancies; and
3. Appoint the four Local Authority Selection Committee memberships to include two community members and the following Elected Members:

For the Maningrida Local Authority Selection Committee

1. Joyce Bohme (community member)
2. Jessie Phillips (community member)
3. James Woods (Elected Member) – if elected
4. Jermaine Namanurki (Elected Member) – if elected

For the Warruwi Local Authority Selection Committee

1. Richard Nawirr (community member)
2. Nicholas Hunter (community member)
3. James Marrawal (Elected Member) – if elected

For the Gunbalanya Local Authority Selection Committee

1. Evonne Gumurdul (community member)
2. Grant Nayinggul (community member)
3. Henry Yates (Elected Member)
4. Ralph McCoy (Elected Member)

For the Minjilang Local Authority Selection Committee

1. Matthew Nagarbin (community member)
2. Shane Wauchope (community member)
3. Steven Nabalmarda (Elected Member)

CARRIED

7 PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

Agenda Reference:	7.1
Title:	Closure to the Public for the Discussion of Confidential Items
Author:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

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

SCM64/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor James Woods

Seconded Cr Mickitja 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 at 2:24pm to consider the Confidential items of the Agenda.

CARRIED

8 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Agenda Reference:	8.1
Title:	Workplace Incident Maningrida
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

SCM65/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor James Woods

Seconded Cr Monica Wilton

THAT COUNCIL receive and note the report titled *Workplace Incident Maningrida*.

CARRIED

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

Agenda Reference:	9.2
Title:	Disclosure of Confidential Resolutions and Re-admittance of the Public
Author:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

The public was re-admitted at 2:29pm.

10 MEETING DECLARED CLOSED

Chairperson James Woods declared the meeting closed at 2:29pm.

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