

Minutes of the West Arnhem Regional Council Special Council Meeting
Monday, 11 May 2026 at 3:00 pm
Maningrida Council Chambers

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY AND OPENING OF MEETING

Mayor James Woods declared the meeting open at 3:20pm, welcomed all in attendance and did an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 PERSONS PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson	James Woods (Mayor)
Deputy Mayor	Jacqueline Phillips
Councillor	Jermaine Namanurki
Councillor	Joseph Diddo
Councillor	Ralph McCoy (via Teams)
Councillor	Steven Nabalmarda (via Teams)
Councillor	Mickitja Onus (via Teams)

STAFF PRESENT

Chief Executive Officer	Katharine Clare Murray
Acting Director Community and Council Services	Rick Mitchell
Director Corporate Services	Jocelyn Nathanael-Walters
Governance Advisor	Debbie Branson
Executive Assistant	Violette Stehlin (via Teams)

3 APOLOGIES AND ABSENCES

Agenda Reference:	3.1
Title:	Apologies, Leave of Absence and Absent Without Notice
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

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

SCM1/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips
Seconded Cr Micketja Onus

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the apology received from Cr Ralph F Blyth, Cr Daniel Siebert, Cr Henry Yates and Cr Dwane Baker; and
2. Determines Cr Ralph F Blyth, Cr Daniel Siebert, Cr Henry Yates and Cr Dwane Baker are absent with permission of the Council.

CARRIED

4 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS OR STAFF

Agenda Reference:	4.1
Title:	Disclosure of Interest of Members or Staff
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

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

SCM2/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor James Woods
Seconded Cr Joseph Diddo

THAT COUNCIL acknowledges there were no declarations of interest in relation to the items as listed for consideration during the Special Council meeting held on 11 May 2026.

CARRIED

5 PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

Agenda Reference:	5.1
Title:	Closure to the Public for the Discussion of Confidential Items
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

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

SCM3/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor James Woods
Seconded Cr Joseph Diddo

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 3:21pm to consider the Confidential items of the Agenda.

CARRIED

6 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Agenda Reference:	6.1
Title:	Council's Draft 2026-27 Regional Plan and Budget
Author:	Director Corporate Services, Jocelyn Nathanael-Walters

SCM4/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Ralph McCoy
Seconded Cr Jermaine Namanurki

THAT COUNCIL

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Council's Draft Regional Plan and Budget 2026-27*.
2. Approves the *Draft 2026-27 Regional Plan and Budget* and that it be made available for public consultation to comply with the *Local Government Act 2019*, with the following amendments:
 - a. Correct the Minjilang Local Authority vacancy
 - b. Add the newly elected Jabiru Ward Council Member
 - c. Correct the fees and charges for dog registration for July – June.

CARRIED

8 MEETING DECLARED CLOSED

Mayor James Woods declared the meeting closed at 4:14pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on Monday 11 May 2026.

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