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Meeting Minutes
SEPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday 5 June 2025
BAMAGA BOARDROOM

Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council

Special Council Meeting

To commence at 1:30pm

On

Thursday 05th June 2025

Bamaga Boardroom



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Agenda Item 1. Welcome and Opening of Meeting:

Mayor Poipoi welcomed attendees and opened the meeting at 1:46pm with a prayer by Deputy Mayor Yoelu.

Agenda Item 2. Acknowledgement of Country

Mayor Poipoi paid respects on behalf of the Council to the traditional owners of the land upon which the meeting was held and the traditional owners of the Northern Peninsula Area region; and to their elders past, present and emerging.

Agenda Item 3. Present

Mayor & Councillors

Mayor Robert Poi Poi	Mayor	
Cr David Byrne	Division 1	(via teleconference)
Cr Mary Yoelu	Division 2 / Deputy Mayor	(via teleconference)
Cr Kitty Gebadi	Division 3	(via teleconference)
Cr Bradford Elu	Division 5	

Other Attendees

Brett de Chastel	Council Advisor
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Cr Byrne, Deputy Mayor Cr Yoelu and Cr Gebadi have requested to attend the meeting via teleconference. A resolution is required.

Resolution

That Council:

accepts for Cr Byrne, Deputy Mayor Cr Yoelu and Cr Gebadi to attend the meeting via teleconference.

Moved: Cr Elu

Vote: 2/0

Seconded: Mayor Poi Poi

Resolution:

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Agenda Item 4. Apologies Cr Bond – Division 4

Agenda Item 5. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Declarable Conflict of Interest - Mayor Poi Poi advised the meeting that he had a declarable conflict of interest in the matter to be dealt with in agenda item 6.1 CEO recruitment. The Mayor stated that the spouse of the preferred candidate is a close personal friend of the Mayor. The Mayor advised that although he had a declarable conflict of interest, he did not believe a reasonable person could have a perception of bias because his personal relationship was with the spouse of the CEO, not the CEO. Further, all Councillors have been involved in the recruitment process and the Council has used independent recruitment agents. Therefore, the Mayor asked to remain in the meeting room but indicated that he would respect the decision of the meeting on whether he could remain and participate in the decision.

Resolution

That Council note the declarable conflict of interest by Mayor Poi Poi and determine that in accordance with *s150ES of the Local Government Act 2009*, and having considered the Councillor's conflict of interest as described, it is decided that Mayor Poi Poi may participate and vote on this matter relating to the CEO recruitment.

Moved: Cr Byrne

Seconded: Cr Gebadi

Vote: 4/0

Resolution:

Agenda Item 6. Other Business

Closure of meeting

Resolution

That Council

1. proposes to close this meeting to the public Pursuant to section 275 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* "LG Regulation"; and
2. Pursuant to section 275 (2) of the LG Regulation:
 - (a) The matters that are to be discussed includes the appointment of a Council employee for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the Council or someone else (section 275(1)(a) and 275(1)(h) of the LG Regulation).
 - (b) An overview of what is to be discussed while the meeting is closed is the Process undertaken to recruit a new CEO and the outcomes of that process.

Moved: Deputy Mayor Yoelu

Seconded: Cr Gebadi



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Vote: 5/0

Resolution:

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Reopen Meeting

Resolution

That Council Resolve to re-open the meeting.

Moved: Deputy Mayor Yoelu

Seconded: Cr Elu

Vote: 5/0

Resolution:

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6.1 CEO Recruitment

Resolution

That Council:

- A. Note the report from the Council Advisor on the CEO recruitment process and following the completion of the recruitment process, appoint the preferred candidate as identified in the report from the Council Advisor to the position of NPARC CEO;**
- B. Note the proposed terms and conditions for the incoming CEO as outlined in the report from the Council Advisor;**
- C. Authorise the Mayor to announce the appointment and finalise and sign the CEO contract of employment on behalf of the Council; and**
- D. Thank the independent recruitment agent (Mr John Oberhardt from LG Services Group) for his support throughout the CEO recruitment process.**

Moved: Cr Byrne

Seconded: Cr Gebadi

Vote: 5/0

Resolution:

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Agenda Item 7. General Discussion

Agenda Item 8. Closing of Meeting

Meeting closed at 2.02pm with a prayer by Deputy Mayor Mary Yoelu.