

East Metropolitan Zone

Minutes

17 February 2022

East Metropolitan Zone

Held via MS Teams

Thursday, 17 February 2022 commenced at 6:30pm

Minutes

MEMBERS

3 Voting Delegates from each Member Council

Town of Bassendean	Cr Jennie Cater Cr Emily Wilding
City of Bayswater	Cr Catherine Ehrhardt Cr Josh Eveson Cr Giorgia Johnson - Chair
City of Belmont	Mayor Phil Marks Cr George Sekulla Cr Deborah Sessions
City of Kalamunda	Cr Brooke O'Donnell Cr Kellie Mickiewicz
Shire of Mundaring	Cr Paige McNeil Cr John Daw Mr Jonathan Throssell, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
City of Swan	Cr Aaron Bowman
WALGA Secretariat	Mr Ian Duncan, Executive Manager Infrastructure Ms Cassandra Mora, Policy Officer, Emergency Management Mr Willem Bouwer, Governance Specialist
Guest Speakers	Mr Jason Beeley, Assistant Auditor General, Office of the Auditor General Ms Nayna Raniga, Director of Financial Audit, Office of the Auditor General

APOLOGIES

Town of Bassendean	Ms Peta Mabbs, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate Cr Rennee McLennan
City of Bayswater	Mr Andrew Brien, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
City of Belmont	Mr John Christie, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
City of Kalamunda	Cr Sue Bilich Ms Rhonda Hardy, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
Shire of Mundaring	Cr Doug Jeanes
City of Swan	Cr Patty Jones Cr Ian Johnson Mr Jeremy Edwards, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
DLGSC Representative	Ms Simone Fountain

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Zone Delegates were requested to provide sufficient written notice, wherever possible, on amendments to recommendations within the State Council or Zone agenda prior to the Zone meeting to the Chair and Secretariat.

Agenda Papers were emailed 7 days prior to the meeting date to your Council for distribution to Zone Delegates.

Acknowledgement of Country All attendees acknowledged the traditional owners of the land that the meeting is held on and paying respects to Elders past, present and future.

Protocols for electronic meeting:

- Chair or Zone Executive Officer went through the attendance list
- Protocols:
 - Please mute your microphone once attendance has been taken
 - Please use the hand symbol if you wish to speak
 - Once identified by the Chair, please turn on your camera and unmute your microphone
 - Cameras do not need to be turned on for the duration of the meeting (especially if connection is unreliable)

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Minutes of the Previous Meeting
2. Zone Status Report
3. Meeting Guidelines / Protocols
4. Standing Orders
5. President's Report
6. State Council Special Meeting Agenda, 23 February 2022
7. Office of the Auditor General presentation slides

1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Elected Members must declare to the Chairman any potential conflict of interest they have in a matter before the Zone as soon as they become aware of it. Councillors and deputies may be directly or indirectly associated with some recommendations of the Zone and State Council. If you are affected by these recommendations, please excuse yourself from the meeting and do not participate in deliberations.

Nil

2. DEPUTATIONS

2.1 Office of the Auditor General

Mr Jason Beeley, Assistant Auditor General, and Ms Nayna Raniga, Director of Financial Audit from the Office of the Auditor General provided an update to the Zone. A copy of the presentation is attached.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Aaron Bowman
Seconded: Cr George Sekulla

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the East Metropolitan Zone held 18 November 2021 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING

A Status Report outlining the actions taken on the Zone's resolutions was enclosed as an attachment.

Noted

5. STATE COUNCIL AGENDA - MATTERS FOR DECISION

(Zone delegates to consider the Matters for Decision contained in the WA Local Government Association State Council Agenda and put forward resolutions to Zone Representatives on State Council)

5.1 Special State Council Meeting Agenda – 23 February 2022

The full State Council special meeting Agenda is enclosed as an attachment to this Agenda and can also be found via link: [State Council Special Meeting Agenda 23 February 2022](#)

The Zone is able to provide comment or submit an alternative recommendation that is then presented to the State Council for consideration.

Matters for Decision

3.1 Local Government Reform Proposal Submission

1. That the recommendations contained in the 'Local Government Reform Proposal Submission' be endorsed.
2. That WALGA: a. seek assurance from the Minister for Local Government that further detail on the proposed reforms will be provided to the sector for comment prior to the formulation of a draft Local Government Act Amendment Bill; and b. seek a formal commitment from the Minister for Local Government that WALGA actively participates in the legislative drafting process necessary to formulate a draft Local Government Act Amendment Bill.

AMENDMENT

Moved: Cr Brooke O'Donnell
Seconded: Cr Kellie Mickiewicz

That the submission be endorsed subject to the following amendment:

- a) WALGA does not support the adoption of Items 1.1 Early Intervention Powers, 1.3 Conduct Panel, 1.4 Review of Penalties and 1.5 Rapid Red Card Resolutions.

LOST

AMENDMENT

Moved: Mayor Phil Marks
Seconded: Cr George Sekulla

That the submission be endorsed subject to the following amendment:

- a) WALGA does not support Item 3.1 Recordings and Live-Streaming of All Council Meetings.

LOST

AMENDMENT

Moved: Cr Brooke O'Donnell
Seconded: Cr Kellie Mickiewicz

That the submission be endorsed subject to the following amendment:

- a) Recommendation for Item 4.6 No Wards for Small Councils (Band 3 and 4 Councils Only) be amended to include that Band 1 and 2 Councils require Wards.

LOST

AMENDMENT

Moved: Cr Catherine Ehrhardt
Seconded: Cr Paige McNeil

That the submission be endorsed subject to the following amendment:

- a) Deletion of optional preferential voting from the submission recommendation for Item 4.3 Introduction of Preferential Voting.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Aaron Bowman
Second: Cr Catherine Ehrhardt

1. That the recommendations contained in the '*Local Government Reform Proposal Submission*' be endorsed, subject to the following amendment:
 - a. Deletion of optional preferential voting from the submission recommendation for Item 4.3 Introduction for Preferential Voting.
2. That WALGA:
 - a. seek assurance from the Minister for Local Government that further detail on the proposed reforms will be provided to the sector for comment prior to the formulation of a draft Local Government Act Amendment Bill; and
 - b. seek a formal commitment from the Minister for Local Government that WALGA actively participates in the legislative drafting process necessary to formulate a draft Local Government Act Amendment Bill.

THE MOTION AS AMENDED WAS PUT AND CARRIED

Cr Carter left the meeting at 8:23pm and did not return.

5.2 Ordinary State Council Meeting Agenda – 2 March 2022

The full State Council Agenda can be found via link: [State Council Agenda 2 March 2022](#)

The Zone can provide comment or submit an alternative recommendation that is then presented to the State Council for consideration.

Matters for Decision

5.1 Short-Term Accommodation Regulatory Scheme

That the draft Short-Term Accommodation Regulatory Reform submission be endorsed.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Phil Marks
Seconded: Cr Aaron Bowman

That the East Metropolitan Zone

1. Supports Matters for Decision, item 5.1 as listed above in the March 2022 State Council Agenda; and
2. Notes all Matters for Noting and Organisational Reports as listed in the March 2022 State Council Agenda.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Giorgia Johnson
Seconded: Cr Paige McNeil

That the East Metropolitan Zone:

1. Does not support the retention of Advocacy Position 6.4 (Third Party Appeal Rights);
2. Requests that the State Council People and Place Policy Team revise the WALGA policy position on third party appeal rights.

CARRIED

6. BUSINESS

6.1 Review of Standing Orders

BACKGROUND

As resolved at the November East Metropolitan Zone meeting, *'That the East Metropolitan Zone consider a review of the Zone Standing Orders, that have not been considered since 2011. This includes a proposal that votes be recorded.'* A copy of the current standing orders is provided with the agenda, as per attachment 4.

Members identified that revised Standing Orders should include:

- Requirement to record votes; and
- Acknowledgement of country.

Request that the Association advise the Zone how the process and policy governing the election of State Council delegates and Zone Chair can be reviewed.

Action: WALGA Secretariat to address this item.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Vale Troy Pickard

Cr Giorgia Johnson paid tribute to Troy Pickard and acknowledged the value he brought to the Local Government Sector during his time as Mayor of the City of Joondalup, WALGA and ALGA President.

7.2 Vale Lewis Flood

Cr Catherine Ehrhardt paid tribute to former City of Wanneroo Councilor Lewis Flood.

7.3 Ex Officio of Australian Local Government Women's Association

Cr Catherine Ehrhardt noted that she will be raising at the State Council Strategic Forum that the Australian Local Government Women's Association be an ex officio member of the State Council to strengthen their strategic relationship with WALGA.

8. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

8.1 WALGA President's Report

Noted

8.2 State Councilor's report to the Zone

Noted

8.3 Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries Update

Not represented at the meeting.

9. NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING MEETING

NIL

10. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

That the next ordinary meeting of the East Metropolitan Zone be held on 21 April 2022 at the City of Belmont, commencing at 6:30pm.

11. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at **8:55pm**.