



# COUNCIL MINUTES

for the Special meeting

Tuesday, 17 January 2023

in the Colonel Light Room, Adelaide Town Hall

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Present – The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Dr Jane Lomax-Smith (Presiding)  
Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Martin  
Councillors Abrahamzadeh, Couros, Davis, Giles, Li, Noon, Dr Siebentritt and Snape

## 1 Acknowledgement of Country

At the opening of the Council meeting, the Lord Mayor stated:

‘Council acknowledges that we are meeting on traditional Country of the Kurna people of the Adelaide Plains and pays respect to Elders past and present. We recognize and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land. We acknowledge that they are of continuing importance to the Kurna people living today.

And we also extend that respect to other Aboriginal Language Groups and other First Nations who are present today.’

## 2 Acknowledgement of Colonel William Light

The Lord Mayor stated:

‘The Council acknowledges the vision of Colonel William Light in determining the site for Adelaide and the design of the City with its six squares and surrounding belt of continuous Park Lands which is recognised on the National Heritage List as one of the greatest examples of Australia’s planning heritage.’

## 3 Apologies and Leave of Absence

Apologies:

Councillors Elliott and Hou.

## 4 Reports for Council (Chief Executive Officer's Reports)

### 4.1 Item 4.1 - Governance Structure

Moved by Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Martin),  
Seconded by Councillor Snape -

#### THAT COUNCIL

1. Adopts a Council meeting schedule of two ordinary meetings per month (except January and December where one meeting will be held each month) to be held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, commencing from February 2023. Meetings to be held in the Council Chamber, Adelaide Town Hall, with a start time of 5.30pm.
2. Authorise administration to make the appropriate arrangements for Council Member catering, including the provision of a light meal at Council and Committee Meetings.
3. Approves the deletion of Section 15 of the Standing Orders to allow Council to appoint any members to be a presiding member of a Council Committee through resolution.
4. Notes the Governance Structure (including any terms of reference) will be reviewed in consultation with Council Members in July 2023 for effectiveness.

Carried unanimously

It was then –

Moved by Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Martin),  
Seconded by Councillor Snape –

#### THAT COUNCIL

5. Establishes the following committees in accordance with section 41 of the Local Government Act 1999 (SA):

- 5.1. City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee
- 5.2. Infrastructure and Public Works Committee
- 5.3. City Finance and Governance Committee
- 5.4. City Community Services and Culture Committee
6. Adopts a Committee Meeting Schedule as follows (noting that meeting cycles may vary at the discretion of the Chief Executive Officer in consultation with the Committee Chair), with all meetings being held in the Colonel Light Room, Adelaide Town Hall:
  - 6.1. City Finance and Governance Committee first Tuesday of the month (except January and December) at 5.30pm.
  - 6.2. City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee the first Tuesday of the month (except January and December) not later than 7.00pm.
  - 6.3. City Community Services and Culture Committee third Tuesday of the month (except January and December) at 5.30pm.
  - 6.4. Infrastructure and Public Works Committee third Tuesday of the month (except January and December) not later than 7.00pm.
7. Applies the provisions of Parts 1, 3 and 4 of the *Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations 2013* (SA) to all meetings of the committees established in part 4.
8. Notes that there will be a key liaison at Director level assigned to each Committee to assist Committee in discharging its responsibilities under its the Terms of Reference.
9. Approves the Chair and Deputy Chair of each Committee to attend training on Meeting Procedures and Chairing Skills (if deemed necessary).

Much discussion ensued

The motion was then put and carried unanimously

It was then –

Moved by Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Martin),  
Seconded by Councillor Noon -

10. That the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee Terms of Reference be updated to delete the following
 

“To monitor and report on the performance of Council owned subsidiaries, against their respective charters with which they have been established”.

Discussion ensued

The motion was then put and carried unanimously

It was then –

Moved by Councillor Davis,  
Seconded by Councillor Li –

#### THAT COUNCIL

11. Appoints the following Council Members to the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee from 17 January 2023 until the last Council meeting in January 2025, those being:
  - Lord Mayor
  - Deputy Lord Mayor Martin
  - Cr Abrahamzadeh OAM
  - Cr Giles
  - Cr Martin
  - Cr Couros
  - Cr Noon
  - Cr Hou
  - Cr Elliott
  - Cr Li

Cr Snape  
 Cr Davis  
 Cr Dr Siebentritt

Carried unanimously

The Lord Mayor then called for nominations to the position of Chair of the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee from 17 January 2023 for a period of a year.

Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Martin) nominated Councillor Noon, who accepted the nomination.

Councillor Davis nominated Councillor Couros, who accepted the nomination.

There being two nominees for one position, a ballot was conducted resulting in Councillor Noon being the successful nominee.

Councillor Noon declared a material conflict of interest in part 12 of Item 4.1 [Governance Structure], pursuant to Section 75 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA), as she was the successful nominee for appointment to a position with remuneration, withdrew her Chair and left the Colonel Light at 6.04 pm.

It was then –

Moved by Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Martin),  
 Seconded by Councillor Giles –

THAT COUNCIL

12. Appoints Cr Noon as the Chair of the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee from 17 January 2023 for a period of a year.

Carried

Councillor Noon re-entered the Colonel Light Room at 6.04 pm.

The Lord Mayor then called for nominations to the position of Deputy Chair of the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee from 17 January 2023 for a period of a year.

Councillor Snape nominated Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Martin), who accepted the nomination.

Councillor Davis nominated Councillor Couros, who accepted the nomination.

There being two nominees for one position, a ballot was conducted resulting in a tied vote. Therefore both names were put into the ballot box, Councillor Couros' name was withdrawn, leaving Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Martin) as the successful nominee.

It was then -

Moved by Councillor Davis,  
 Seconded by Councillor Siebentritt –

THAT COUNCIL:

13. Appoints DLM Cr Martin as the Deputy Chair of the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee from 17 January 2023 for a period of a year.

Carried

It was then –

Moved by Councillor Couros,  
 Seconded by Councillor Davis –

THAT COUNCIL:

14. Appoints the following Council Members to the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee from 17 January 2023 until the last Council meeting in January 2025, those being:

Lord Mayor  
 Deputy Lord Mayor Martin  
 Cr Abrahamzadeh OAM  
 Cr Giles  
 Cr Martin  
 Cr Couros

Cr Noon  
 Cr Hou  
 Cr Elliott  
 Cr Li  
 Cr Snape  
 Cr Davis  
 Cr Dr Siebentritt

19. Appoints the following Council Members to the City Finance and Governance Committee from 17 January 2023 until the last Council meeting in January 2025, those being:

Lord Mayor  
 Deputy Lord Mayor Martin  
 Cr Abrahamzadeh OAM  
 Cr Giles  
 Cr Martin  
 Cr Couros  
 Cr Noon  
 Cr Hou  
 Cr Elliott  
 Cr Li  
 Cr Snape  
 Cr Davis  
 Cr Dr Siebentritt

22. Appoints the following Council Members to the City Community Services and Culture Committee from 17 January 2023 until the last Council meeting in January 2025, those being:

Lord Mayor  
 Deputy Lord Mayor Martin  
 Cr Abrahamzadeh OAM  
 Cr Giles  
 Cr Martin  
 Cr Couros  
 Cr Noon  
 Cr Hou  
 Cr Elliott  
 Cr Li  
 Cr Snape  
 Cr Davis  
 Cr Dr Siebentritt

Carried unanimously

The Lord Mayor then called for nominations to the position of Chair of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee from 17 January 2023 for a period of a year.

Councillor Snape nominated Councillor Couros, who accepted the nomination.

Councillor Couros declared a material conflict of interest in part 15 of Item 4.1 [Governance Structure], pursuant to Section 75 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA), as she was the successful nominee for appointment to a position with remuneration, withdrew her Chair and left the Colonel Light at 6.10 pm.

It was then –

Moved by Councillor Davis,  
 Seconded by Councillor Siebentritt –

THAT COUNCIL:

15. Appoints Cr Couros as the Chair of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee from 17 January 2023 for a period of a year.

Carried unanimously

Councillor Couros re-entered the Colonel Light at 6.11 pm.

The Lord Mayor then called for nominations to the position of Deputy Chair of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee from 17 January 2023 for a period of a year.

Councillor Snape nominated Councillor Elliott. The Lord Mayor had received advice from Councillor Elliott that he would accept a nomination.

It was then –

Moved by Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Martin),  
Seconded by Councillor Noon –

THAT COUNCIL:

16. Appoints Cr Elliott as the Deputy Chair of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee from 17 January 2023 for a period of a year.

Carried unanimously

It was then –

Moved by Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Martin),  
Seconded by Councillor Giles –

17. That the Finance and Governance Committee Terms of Reference be updated to include the following “ monitor the City of Adelaide’s performance though the receipt of assurance reports on programs, projects and services” .
18. That the Finance and Governance Committee Terms of Reference be updated to include the following “To monitor and report on the performance of Council owned subsidiaries, against their respective charters with which they have been established”.

Carried unanimously

The Lord Mayor then called for nominations to the position of Chair of the City Finance and Governance Committee from 17 January 2023 for a period of a year.

Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Martin) nominated Councillor Siebentritt, who accepted the nomination.

Councillor Couros nominated Councillor Davis, who accepted the nomination.

There being two nominees for one position, a ballot was conducted resulting in Councillor Siebentritt being the successful nominee.

Councillor Siebentritt declared a material conflict of interest in part 20 of Item 4.1 [Governance Structure], pursuant to Section 75 of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)*, as he was the successful nominee for appointment to a position with remuneration, withdrew his Chair and left the Colonel Light at 6.15 pm.

It was then –

Moved by Councillor Noon,  
Seconded by Councillor Li –

THAT COUNCIL:

20. Appoints Cr Siebentritt as the Chair of the City Finance and Governance Committee from 17 January 2023 for a period of a year.

Carried

Councillor Siebentritt re-entered the Colonel Light Room at 6.16 pm.

The Lord Mayor then called for nominations to the position of Deputy Chair of the City Finance and Governance Committee from 17 January 2023 for a period of a year.

Councillor Snape nominated Councillor Li, who accepted the nomination.

Councillor Couros nominated Councillor Davis, who accepted the nomination.

There being two nominees for one position, a ballot was conducted resulting in Councillor Li being the successful nominee.

It was then –

Moved by Councillor Davis,  
Seconded by Councillor Snape –

THAT COUNCIL:

21. Appoints Cr Li as the Deputy Chair of the City Finance and Governance Committee from 17 January 2023 for a period of a year.

Carried

The Lord Mayor then called for nominations to the position of Chair of the City Community Services and Culture Committee from 17 January 2023 for a period of a year.

Councillor Noon nominated Councillor Giles, who accepted the nomination.

Councillor Davis self nominated.

There being two nominees for one position, a ballot was conducted resulting in Councillor Giles being the successful nominee.

Councillor Giles declared a material conflict of interest in part 23 of Item 4.1 [Governance Structure], pursuant to Section 75 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA), as she was the successful nominee for appointment to a position with remuneration, withdrew her Chair and left the Colonel Light at 6.21 pm.

It was then –

Moved by Councillor Davis,  
Seconded by Councillor Snape –

THAT COUNCIL:

23. Appoints Cr Giles as the Chair of the City Community Services and Culture Committee from 17 January 2023 for a period of a year.

Carried

Councillor Giles re-entered the Colonel Light Room at 6.21 pm.

The Lord Mayor then called for nominations to the position of Deputy Chair of the City Community Services and Culture Committee from 17 January 2023 for a period of a year.

Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Martin) nominated Councillor Snape, who accepted the nomination.

Councillor Davis self nominated.

There being two nominees for one position, a ballot was conducted resulting in a tied vote. Therefore both names were put into the ballot box, Councillor Snape's name was withdrawn, Councillor Davis as the successful nominee.

It was then –

Moved by Councillor Giles,  
Seconded by Councillor Snape –

THAT COUNCIL:

25. Adopts the Terms of Reference (as contained as Attachment C to Item 4.1 on the Agenda of the Special Council meeting held on 17 January 2023), and authorises the amendment of these documents to reflect the resolution of Council.
26. Authorise the CEO to make any necessary or desirable typographical or syntactical revisions to the Terms of Reference for the adopted committee structure.

Carried

It was then –

Moved by Councillor Noon,  
Seconded by Councillor Couros –

THAT COUNCIL:

24. Appoints Cr Davis as the Deputy Chair of the City Community Services and Culture Committee from 17 January 2023 for a period of a year.

Carried

It was then –

Moved by Councillor Giles,  
Seconded by Councillor Snape –

THAT COUNCIL:

25. Adopts the Terms of Reference (as contained as Attachment C to Item 4.1 on the Agenda of the Special Council meeting held on 17 January 2023), and authorises the amendment of these documents to reflect the resolution of Council.
26. Authorise the CEO to make any necessary or desirable typographical or syntactical revisions to the Terms of Reference for the adopted committee structure.

Carried

**4.2 Item 4.2 - Additional nominees to panel for appointment to Adelaide Festival Centre Trust**

Moved by Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Martin),  
Seconded by Councillor Noon -

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the approval of Cr Snape as the nominee for consideration for appointment to the Adelaide Festival Centre Trust as determined by Council on 13 December 2022.

Carried

The Lord Mayor then called for nominations for consideration for appointment by the Governor to the Adelaide Festival Centre Trust.

Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Martin) nominated Councillor Giles, who accepted the nomination.

Councillor Snape nominated Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Martin), who accepted the nomination.

Councillor Abrahamzadeh nominated Councillor Couros, who accepted the nomination.

Councillor Couros nominated Councillor Davis, who accepted the nomination.

There being 4 nominations for 2 positions, a ballot was conducted, resulting in Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Martin) and Councillor Giles being the successful nominees.

Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Martin) and Councillor Giles declared a material conflict of interest in Item 4.2 [Additional nominees to panel for appointment to Adelaide Festival Centre Trust], pursuant to Section 75 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA), as they were the successful nominees for appointment to a position with remuneration, withdrew their Chairs and left the Colonel Light at 6.33 pm.

It was then –

Moved by Councillor Snape,  
Seconded by Councillor Noon –

THAT COUNCIL:

2. Approves the nomination of the following Council Members for consideration for appointment by the Governor to the Adelaide Festival Centre Trust
  - Cr Giles
  - Deputy Lord Mayor, Cr Martin

Carried

Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Martin) and Councillor Giles re-entered the Colonel Light Room at 6.33 pm.

**Closure**

The meeting closed at 6.33 pm



COUNCIL

Special Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, 17 January 2023, at 5.31 pm

Clare Mockler,  
Chief Executive Officer

Dr Jane Lomax-Smith  
Lord Mayor