

# Council representatives on AEDA Board Selection Panel

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City Finance and Governance Committee

Strategic Alignment - Our Economy

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is asked to note the amendments made to the Adelaide Economic Development Agency (AEDA) Charter which includes reducing the number of Council Members appointed to the AEDA Board Selection Panel from three to two, and to appoint two Councillors to the selection panel for the remainder of the 2022-2026 Council Term.

In April 2023 Council resolved for the AEDA and Adelaide Central Market Authority (ACMA) Charters to be reviewed internally for consistency where applicable. As a result the AEDA Charter clause relating to the number of Council Members on the Board Selection Panel was changed to require two Council Members not three, as per Council's 28 November 2023 resolution.

The AEDA Charter outlines the process for the appointment of Board Members and requires a selection panel comprising Council's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or delegate, the Council's senior manager in charge of human resources, the Chairperson and two Council Members.

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## RECOMMENDATION

The following recommendation will be presented to Council on 28 May 2024 for consideration

THAT THE CITY FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the amendments to the Adelaide Economic Development Agency Charter relating to Item 12 Recommendation 2 on the Agenda for Council Meeting held 28 November 2023, approved by Council and subsequently published in the South Australian Government Gazette on 30 November 2023. This includes reducing the number of Council Members appointed to the Adelaide Economic Development Agency Board Selection Panel from three to two.
2. Appoints Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ and Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ to the Adelaide Economic Development Agency Board Selection Panel for the remainder of the 2022-2026 Council term.

## IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2024-2028 Strategic Plan	<a href="#">Strategic Alignment – Our Economy</a>
Policy	The Adelaide Economic Development Agency Charter (2023) outlines the appointment of, role and term of members of the AEDA Board as well as the process of appointment.
Consultation	Not as a result of this report
Resource	Not as a result of this report
Risk / Legal / Legislative	Appointment of Councillors to the AEDA Board Selection Panel is required for compliance with the AEDA Charter.
Opportunities	Not as a result of this report
23/24 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Proposed 24/25 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset	Not as a result of this report
23/24 Budget Reconsideration (if applicable)	Not as a result of this report
Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)	Not as a result of this report
Other Funding Sources	Not as a result of this report

## DISCUSSION

1. The AEDA Charter states that the appointment of Board Members to the AEDA Board requires a Board Member Selection Panel (the Panel) conducting an expression of interest process and making recommendations to Council for approval and appointment.
2. The Charter further specifies that the Panel comprise Council's CEO or delegate, the Council's senior manager in charge of human resources, the Chairperson and two Council Members.
3. The clauses relevant to the appointment of Board Members in the AEDA Charter (2023) [\[Link 1\]](#) are:
  - 3.1. Clause 4.4.1.3 "up to another seven Board Members must be appointed by the Council following an expression of interest process as follows:" (Noting that 'up to seven Board Members' includes the Lord Mayor as Council's representative and an Advisory Committee Representative)
  - 3.2. Clause 4.4.1.3 (a) "one Board Member with board leadership experience will be nominated by a Board Member selection panel, comprising the Council's CEO or delegate, the Council's senior manager in charge of human resources, and two Council Members appointed by resolution of Council, to be a Board Member and Chairperson, and"
  - 3.3. Clause 4.4.1.3 (b) "up to six Board Members with an appropriate range of skills and experience, including at least three Board Members who are business owners within the City of Adelaide, with at least one being a small business owner, will be nominated by a Board Member selection panel comprising the Council's CEO or delegate, the Council's senior manager in charge of human resources, the Chairperson and two Council Members."
  - 3.4. Clause 4.4.1.3 (c) "all nominations pursuant to sub paragraphs (a) and (b) will be recommended to the Council by the Board Member selection panel, for Council endorsement."
4. On 26 April 2023 Council considered a report on the Panel and '*appointed Councillor Couros, Councillor Giles and Councillor Noon to the Adelaide Economic Development Agency Board Member selection panel for the 2022-2026 Council term*' [\[Link 2\]](#).
5. In April 2023 Council resolved for the AEDA and Adelaide Central Market Authority (ACMA) Charters to be reviewed internally for consistency where applicable. An outcome of the review was that the AEDA Charter was made consistent with the ACMA Charter regarding the number of Council Members on the Board Member Selection Panels. The AEDA Charter required three Council Members on the panel and the ACMA Charter required two.
6. Council considered the findings of the internal review and on 28 November 2023 Council resolved to '*approve the amendments to the Charter of the Adelaide Economic Development Agency as set out in Attachment B to 7.2 on the Agenda for the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 21 November 2023*' [\[Link 3\]](#). Attachment B included the reduction from three Council Members on the AEDA Board Selection Panel to two.
7. As a result, Council is asked to note the amendments to the Adelaide Economic Development Agency Charter in relation to Item 7.2 as resolved by Council on 28 November 2023 and subsequently published in the South Australian Government Gazette on 30 November 2023, which includes reducing Council Members appointed to the Adelaide Economic Development Agency Board Selection Panel from three to two.
8. Council is asked to consider and appoint two Council Members to the Panel for the remainder of the 2022-2026 Council Term.
9. The Panel will be convened in June 2024 to begin the expression of interest process to recruit for the upcoming term of office of Matthew Poblocki whose one-year term on the AEDA Board concludes 30 June 2024.

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## DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

**Link 1** – Adelaide Economic Development Agency Charter 2023

**Link 2** – Council representative on AEDA Board Selection Panel – Council Report – 26 April 2023

**Link 3** – Review of ACMA and AEDA Charters – Council Report – Council Report – 28 November 2023

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# ATTACHMENTS

Nil

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END REPORT