

Council representative on AEDA Board Selection Panel

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Council

Strategic Alignment - Our Economy

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek appointment by Council of a Council Member to the Adelaide Economic Development Agency (AEDA) Board Member selection panel for the period 13 May to 16 June 2026 inclusive.

In accordance with Clauses 4.4.1.3 (a) and (b) of the AEDA Charter, the Chair and Board Member selection panels shall include two Council Members.

Council at its meeting on 28 May 2024 appointed Councillor Mary Couros and Councillor Janet Giles to the AEDA Board selection panel (the panel) for the remainder of the 2022-2026 Council term.

The term of office of the current Board Member/Chairperson concludes on 30 June 2026. An expression of interest process is currently underway to progress appointment of a Board Member/Chairperson from 1 July 2026.

Councillor Giles has been granted a leave of absence from Council for the period 13 May to 16 June 2026. To meet the terms of clause 4.4.1.3(a) of the AEDA Charter, an alternate Council Member is sought to join Councillor Couros as a member of the panel for this recruitment process.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL

1. Appoints Councillor _____ to the Adelaide Economic Development Agency Board Selection Panel for the period 13 May to 16 June 2026.
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IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2024-2028 Strategic Plan	Strategic Alignment – Our Economy
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
25/26 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Proposed 26/27 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
25/26 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

Background

1. The Adelaide Economic Development Agency (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' excludes 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. Council at its meeting on 28 May 2024 appointed Councillor Mary Couros and Councillor Janet Giles to the AEDA Board Member selection panel for the remainder of the 2022-2026 Council term.

AEDA Board Member and Chairperson Recruitment

5. The term of office of the current AEDA Board Member/Chairperson concludes on 30 June 2026. An expression of interest process is currently underway to progress appointment of a Board Member/Chairperson from 1 July 2026.
6. Councillor Giles has been granted a leave of absence from Council for the period 13 May to 16 June 2026. To meet the terms of clause 4.4.1.3(a) of the AEDA Charter, an alternate Council Member is sought to join Councillor Couros as a member of the panel for this recruitment process.
7. While the AEDA Charter is silent with regard to alternate or proxy Council Members being appointed for the panel, the Administration believes appointment of an alternate Council Member appointed by Council to the panel during Councillor Giles' leave of absence will fulfil the panel membership requirement in clause 4.4.1.3(a).
8. Council is asked to consider and appoint a Council Member to the panel for the period 13 May to 16 June 2026 to progress the recruitment during that time of a Board Member/Chairperson for the AEDA Board.

DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Link 1 – Adelaide Economic Development Agency Charter 2023

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

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