Election of LGFA Board Members

Tuesday, 27 October 2026
Council

Strategic Alignment - Our Corporation

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Anthony Spartalis, Chief Operating Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Chief Executive Officer of the Local Government Finance Authority of South Australia (LGFA) has written to the Chief Executive Officer (Link 1) regarding Elections for the positions of Representative Members on the LGFA Board of Trustees requesting that Council casts its vote. Seven nominations have been received for two positions, and the election will be conducted by postal ballot.

The nominees are (in alphabetical order):

- Chris Cowley (Chief Executive Officer, Town of Gawler)
- Samantha Grieve (Manager Finance and Procurement, City of Port Adelaide Enfield)
- Grant Piggott (Business & Financial Management Consultant and Councillor, City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters)
- Michael Sedgman (Chief Executive Officer, City of Adelaide)
- John Smedley (Self Employed Corporate/Property Finance Specialist and Councillor, City of Holdfast Bay).
- John Woodward (Program Manager, Non-Executive Director Alinta Energy and Councillor, City of West Torrens)
- Simon Zbierski (Manager Finance, City of Campbelltown)

Council at its meeting on 25 August 2026 endorsed the nomination of its Chief Executive Officer, Michael Sedgman, to the LGFA as a Board Member.

The completed ballot form must be received by the LGFA by 5:00pm on Friday 20 November 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the report.
2. Resolves to cast one of its votes for the Chief Executive Officer, Michael Sedgman (Council's nominee).
3. Casts a second vote for one further Board Member from the following nominees (listed in alphabetical order):
   - 3.1. Chris Cowley
   - 3.2. Samantha Grieve
   - 3.3. Grant Piggott
   - 3.4. John Smedley
   - 3.5. John Woodward

3.6. Simon Zbierski

4. Approves that the ballot paper be marked in accordance with Council's resolution to vote for up to two representative positions on the Local Government Finance Authority Board.

IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2024-2028 Strategic Plan	Strategic Alignment – Our Corporation
Policy	Not as a result of this report
Consultation	In preparation for voting, Council Members have been advised of the election and provided with candidate information.
Resource	Not as a result of this report
Risk / Legal / Legislative	Not as a result of this report
Opportunities	Participation in the election of LGFA Board Members provides an opportunity for Council to contribute to decision making on matters relevant to the Local Government sector.
26/27 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Proposed 27/28 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
26/27 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. Council at its meeting on 25 August 2026 resolved:

   "That Council:

   1. Notes the call for nominations for the Local Government Finance Authority of South Australia Board.

   2. Endorses the nomination of its Chief Executive Officer, Michael Sedgman, to the Local Government Finance Authority of South Australia as a Board Member."

2. The Chief Executive Officer of the Local Government Finance Authority of South Australia (LGFA) has advised that nominations have been received from the following candidates for two representative Board Member positions on the LGFA Board of Trustees:

   2.1. Chris Cowley (Chief Executive Officer, Town of Gawler)

   2.2. Samantha Grieve (Manager Finance and Procurement, City of Port Adelaide Enfield)

   2.3. Grant Piggott (Business & Financial Management Consultant and Councillor, City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters)

   2.4. Michael Sedgman (Chief Executive Officer, City of Adelaide)

   2.5. John Smedley (Self Employed Corporate/Property Finance Specialist and Councillor, City of Holdfast Bay).

   2.6. John Woodward (Program Manager, Non-Executive Director Alinta Energy and Councillor, City of West Torrens)

   2.7. Simon Zbierski (Manager Finance, City of Campbelltown)

3. A copy of each of the candidates' profiles can be viewed at Link 2.

4. It is suggested that Council cast one of its votes for Michael Sedgman (Council's nominee).

5. Casting of the vote by Council must be conducted as follows:

   5.1. Council must by resolution determine which candidates (being not more than two) they wish to elect.

   5.2. The Lord Mayor (or the person chairing the Council meeting) shall mark the ballot paper in their own handwriting with an "x" next to the two candidates that the Council wishes to be elected.

   5.3. The marked ballot paper must then be inserted into the small white envelope labelled "Confidential Ballot Paper". The sealed envelope must then be placed in the middle-sized envelope addressed to the Returning Officer. Council's name must be recorded on the envelope along with the signature of the Lord Mayor (or person chairing the Council meeting). The second envelope must then be placed in the large A4 envelope and delivered to the Chief Executive Officer of the LGFA.

6. The completed ballot paper must be delivered to the LGFA by 5.00pm on Friday 20 November 2026.

DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Link 1 – Correspondence from the LGFA Chief Executive Officer – Elections for the positions of Representative Members of the Board of Trustees

Link 2 – LGFA Board Nomination Resumes 2026

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

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