

MINUTES

of the **Extraordinary Council Meeting of
Bayside Council**
held in the Botany Town Hall, Auditorium Level 1
Corner of Edward Street and Botany Road, Botany
on **Wednesday 9 October 2024 at 6:59 pm**

Present

Councillor Edward McDougall, Mayor
Councillor Heidi Lee Douglas, Deputy Mayor
Councillor Joe Awada
Councillor Liz Barlow
Councillor Ron Bezic
Councillor Jerome Boutelet
Councillor Janin Bredehoeft
Councillor Christina Curry
Councillor Fiona Douskou
Councillor Soraya Kassim
Councillor Scott Morrissey
Councillor Michael Nagi
Councillor Vicki Poulos
Councillor Chris Saravinovski
Councillor Peter Strong

Also present

Meredith Wallace, General Manager, General Manager
Colin Clissold, Director City Presentation
Debra Dawson, Director City Life
Peter Barber, Director City Futures
Richard Sheridan, Director City Performance
Fausto Sut, Manager Mayoral & Councillor Support
Helen Tola, Manager Governance & Risk
Louise Farrell, Manager City Projects (via audio-visual link)
Luke Phillips, Manager Finance (via audio-visual link)
Joe Logiacco, Manager Waste & Cleansing (via audio-visual link)
Bryce Spelta, Manager City Infrastructure (via audio-visual link)
Lorraine Olmedo, Manager Communications & Engagement
Christine Stamper, Manager Events, Arts & Design
Karen Barrass, Lead Governance
Hanna Evans, Executive Communications Officer
Corey Dale, Communications Support Officer
Anne Suann, Governance Officer
Nabin Bhattarai, IT Service Management Officer

1 Opening Meeting

The General Manager opened the meeting in the Botany Town Hall, Auditorium Level 1, Corner of Edward Street and Botany Road, Botany at 6:59 pm.

The General Manager stated that, in accordance with the provisions of Clause 1 of Schedule 7 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, she will chair the meeting and act as Returning Officer for the election of the positions of Mayor and Deputy Mayor. The elected Mayor will then assume the Chair for the remainder of the business.

The General Manager informed the meeting, including members of the public, that the meeting is being video recorded and live streamed to the community via Council's YouTube channel, in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice.

2 Acknowledgement of Country

The General Manager affirmed that Bayside Council acknowledges the traditional custodians: the Gadigal and Bidjigal people of the Eora nation, and pays respects to Elders past, present and emerging. The people of the Eora nation, their spirits and ancestors will always remain with our waterways and the land, our Mother Earth.

3 Opening Prayer

Reverend Brendon Lukin, from Wesley Uniting Church at Mascot, opened the meeting in Prayer.

4 Apologies, Leave of Absence & Attendance Via Audio-Visual Link

Apologies

There were no apologies received.

Leave of Absence

There were no applications for Leave of Absence received.

Attendance Via Audio-Visual Link

There were no Council members in attendance via audio-visual link.

5 Disclosures of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

6 Reports to Council

6.1 Election of the Mayor 2024 - Method of Voting

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 2024/165

Resolved on the motion of Councillors Nagi and Bezic

That the method of voting for Mayor be by open voting (ie show of hands).

6.2 Election of Mayor 2024

The Returning Officer advised that she had received two valid Nominations for the position of Mayor being:

- Councillor McDougall, nominated by Councillor Curry and seconded by Councillor Douglas (accepted and signed by Councillor McDougall)
- Councillor Nagi, nominated by Councillor Boutelet and seconded by Councillor Poulos (accepted and signed by Councillor Nagi)

The Returning Officer then confirmed that each Nominee accepted the Nomination.

The Returning Officer asked if there were any further Nominations for the position of Mayor. There were no further Nominations.

The Returning Officer proceeded to conduct the Election of the Mayor by way of open voting (ie show of hands) in the following order:

- Councillor McDougall (received 9 votes)
For: Councillors Curry, Morrissey, Strong, Kassim, Saravinovski, Bredehoeft, Awada, Douglas and McDougall
- Councillor Nagi (received 6 votes)
For: Councillors Bezic, Boutelet, Nagi, Douskou, Barlow and Poulos

At the conclusion of voting the Returning Officer declared Councillor McDougall elected as the Mayor of Bayside Council, 9 votes to 6 votes, to September 2026.

The General Manager congratulated the Mayor, Councillor McDougall.

6.3 Election Deputy Mayor 2024 - Terms and Method of Voting

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 2024/166

Resolved on the motion of Councillors Curry and Morrissey

- 1 That a Councillor be elected to the position of Deputy Mayor of Bayside Council for the same period as the Mayoral term to September 2026.
- 2 That the method of voting for Deputy Mayor be by open voting (ie show of hands).

6.4 Election of Deputy Mayor 2024

The Returning Officer advised that she had received two valid Nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor being:

- Councillor Barlow, nominated by Councillor Nagi and seconded by Councillor Poulos (accepted and signed by Councillor Barlow)
- Councillor Douglas, nominated by Councillor McDougall and seconded by Councillor Bredehoeft (accepted and signed by Councillor Douglas)

The Returning Officer then confirmed that each Nominee accepted the Nomination.

The Returning Officer asked if there were any further Nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor. There were no further Nominations.

The Returning Officer proceeded to conduct the election of the Deputy Mayor by way of open voting (ie show of hands) in the following order:

- Councillor Barlow (received 6 votes)
For: Councillors Bezic, Boutelet, Nagi, Douskou, Barlow and Poulos
- Councillor Douglas (received 9 votes)
For: Councillors Curry, Morrissey, Strong, Kassim, Saravinovski, Bredehoeft, Awada, Douglas and McDougall

At the conclusion of voting the Returning Officer declared Councillor Douglas elected as the Deputy Mayor of Bayside Council, 9 votes to 6 votes, for the same period as the Mayoral term to September 2026.

The General Manager congratulated the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Douglas.

The General Manager vacated the Chair.

The Mayor, Councillor McDougall, assumed the Chair.

6.5 Oath / Affirmation of Office

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 2024/167

Resolved on the motion of Councillors Nagi and Awada

That Council notes that the Councillors elected in the September 2024 Local Government Elections have taken their Oath/Affirmation prior to this meeting.

6.6 Casual Councillor Vacancy (Countback Method)

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 2024/168

Resolved on the motion of Councillors Morrissey and Douglas

That Council, pursuant to section 291A(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1993 (the Act)*, Bayside Council declares that casual vacancies occurring in the office of a councillor within 18 months after the last ordinary election of councillors for the Council on 14 September 2024, are to be filled by a countback of votes cast at that election for the office in accordance with section 291A of the Act and directs the General Manager to notify the Electoral Commissioner for NSW of the Council's decision within 7 days of the decision.

6.7 Statutory, Council and External Appointments

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 2024/169

Resolved on the motion of Councillors Kassim and Morrissey

That the Statutory, Council and External Appointment report be deferred until the Council Meeting of 23 October 2024 and that the General Manager be given delegated authority to nominate Councillor representatives for the Audit Risk & Improvement Committee and the Sydney Eastern City Planning Panel (SECPP) meetings being held in October 2024.

6.8 2024 LGNSW Annual Conference Attendance

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 2024/170

Resolved on the motion of Councillors Curry and Morrissey

- 1 That Councillors Curry and Bredehoeft (and any other interested Councillors to advise the General Manager) attend the LGNSW Annual Conference to be held in Tamworth from Sunday 17 November 2024 to Tuesday 19 November 2024.
- 2 That Council meets the cost of attendance by Councillors at the Conference in accordance with Council's Councillor Expenses and Facilities policy.

The Mayor closed the meeting at 7:21 pm.

Councillor Edward McDougall
Mayor

Meredith Wallace
General Manager