



State Council Minutes

Special Meeting

30 March 2022

NOTICE OF MEETING

Special meeting of the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) State Council via Microsoft Teams on **Wednesday, 30 March 2022** commenced at **4:00pm**.

1. ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1.1. Attendance

Members	WALGA President – Chair WALGA Deputy President, Central Metropolitan Zone Central Metropolitan Zone East Metropolitan Zone East Metropolitan Zone Goldfields Esperance Country Zone Gascoyne Country Zone Great Eastern Country Zone Great Southern Country Zone Kimberley Country Zone Murchison Country Zone Northern Country Zone North Metropolitan Zone North Metropolitan Zone North Metropolitan Zone Peel Country Zone South East Metropolitan Zone South East Metropolitan Zone South Metropolitan Zone South Metropolitan Zone South Metropolitan Zone South West Country Zone	President Cr Karen Chappel JP Cr Paul Kelly Cr Helen Sadler Cr Catherine Ehrhardt Cr John Daw President Cr Laurene Bonza President Cr Eddie Smith (Deputy) President Cr Tony Sachse (Deputy) President Cr Chris Pavlovich Cr Chris Mitchell JP Cr Les Price President Cr Moira Girando (Deputy) Cr Frank Cvitan JP Mayor Mark Irwin Cr Russ Fishwick JP President Cr Michelle Rich Cr Melissa Northcott (Deputy) Mayor Ruth Butterfield Cr Cliff Collinson (Deputy) Mayor Carol Adams OAM Mayor Logan Howlett JP President Cr Tony Dean
Secretariat	Chief Executive Officer EM Governance & Organisational Services EM Infrastructure Acting EM Strategy, Policy & Planning Principal Special Projects and Acting EM Communications Manager Strategy & Association Governance Chief Financial Officer Principal, Policy and Advocacy Executive Officer Governance	Mr Nick Sloan Mr Tony Brown Mr Ian Duncan Ms Nicole Matthews Ms Narelle Cant Mr Tim Lane Mr Rick Murray Ms Kelly McManus Ms Kathy Robertson
Observers	Deputy State Councillor, Avon-Midland Country Zone	President Cr Rosemary Madacsi

1.2. Apologies

State Councillor, Central Country Zone	President Cr Phillip Blight
State Councillor, Gascoyne Country Zone	President Cr Cheryl Cowell
State Councillor, Great Eastern Country Zone	President Cr Stephen Strange
State Councillor, South East Metropolitan Zone	Cr Carl Celedin
State Councillor, South Metropolitan Zone	Cr Doug Thompson

Absent

State Councillor, Avon-Midland Country Zone	Cr Ken Seymour
State Councillor, Pilbara Country Zone	Mayor Peter Long

1.3. Announcements

1.3.1. Acknowledgement of Country

WALGA acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which people are remotely participating in this meeting and pays respect to their Elders past, present and emerging.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

3. MATTER FOR DECISION

3.1. Appointments to State Council Committees and Policy Forums (01-004-07-0001)

By Nick Sloan, Chief Executive Officer

Executive Summary

- The Corporate Governance Charter provides for the establishment of Policy Teams, delegated Committees and Policy Forums.
- State Council made appointments to the Finance and Services Committee and the four Policy Teams at its 1 December 2021 meeting. Appointments to the remaining Committees and Policy Forums was referred back to the Secretariat.
- Nominations from State Councillors for the positions available were opened on Monday, 14 March and closed at 5:00pm on Monday, 21 March.
- The purpose of this item is for State Council to confirm all appointments to the Committees and Policy Forums listed below, as well as confirm amendments to the Corporate Governance Charter in relation to membership of the Honours Panel and Selection Committee.

Background

Pursuant to the [Corporate Governance Charter](#), State Council has established several Committees with delegated powers. Clause 19 of the Corporate Governance Charter outlines the membership and terms of reference of the Committees.

At the 1 December meeting of State Council, appointments were made to the Finance and Services Committee and the four Policy Teams. However, State Council resolved to refer appointments to the above Committees back to the Secretariat in liaison with the then Acting WALGA President, Cr Karen Chappel, for consideration.

The appointments will be confirmed at this special meeting of State Council.

The relevant Committees requiring appointments to be made at this meeting are:

- CEO Performance Review Committee
- Honours Panel
- Selection Committee
- Local Government House Trust (LGHT)
- Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC)
- Governance Review Steering Committee
- Mining Communities Policy Forum
- State Road Funds to Local Government Advisory Committee (SAC)

Changes to the Corporate Governance Charter

The [Corporate Governance Charter](#) details the terms of reference and membership of each of the State Council Committees with delegated powers. Currently, the membership for the Selection Committee (clause 19(iv)) and the Honours Panel (clause 19 (v)) includes only one Metropolitan State

Councillor and one Country State Councillor. It is proposed that the membership is increased for both Committees to two Metropolitan State Councillors and two Country State Councillors.

By increasing the membership of these Committees it provides greater opportunities for State Councillors to be involved in the Honours and Selection processes. Increased membership also makes it easier to achieve quorum, which gives the Committee more flexibility.

Nominations Received

Nominations for each of the Committees/Policy Forums were called from State Councillors. Nominations closed at 5:00pm on Monday, 21 March. The nominations received for the Committee requiring election were included as part of the Agenda.

CEO Performance Review Committee

Metropolitan State Councillor (2 positions)

- Cr Helen Sadler
- Cr John Daw

Country State Councillors (2 positions)

- President Cr Stephen Strange
- President Cr Michelle Rich

Honours Panel

Metropolitan State Councillor (2 positions)

- Cr Russ Fishwick
- Mayor Carol Adams

Country State Councillors (2 positions)

- Cr Les Price
- Cr Tony Dean

Selection Committee

Metropolitan State Councillor (2 positions)

- Mayor Logan Howlett
- Cr Doug Thompson

Country State Councillors (2 positions)

- Cr Les Price
- Cr Moira Girando*

State Road Funds to Local Government Advisory Committee (SAC)

State Councillor (1 position)

- Cr Helen Sadler

Local Government House Trust (LGHT)

Metropolitan State Councillor (1 position)

- Mayor Mark Irwin

Country State Councillors (1 position)

- Cr Chris Mitchell
- Cr Phil Blight

Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC)

State Councillor (4 positions)

- Cr Doug Thompson
- Cr Les Price
- Cr Chris Mitchell
- Mayor Ruth Butterfield

Governance Review Steering Committee

Metropolitan State Councillor (1 position)

- Mayor Carol Adams

Country State Councillors (1 position)

- Cr Phil Blight

Mining Communities Policy Forum

State Councillor (1 position)

- President Cr Laurene Bonza

*The Northern Country Zone will confirm their State Council representative on 26 April 2022.

Amendments to the Corporate Governance Charter

RECOMMENDATION 1

Moved: Mayor Carol Adams
Seconded: Cr Russ Fishwick

That the Corporate Governance Charter be amended as follows:

1.1 Membership of the Selection Committee in clause 19(iv) be amended to read:

Membership of the Selection Committee is to include:

- *WALGA Deputy President – Chair;*
- *Two State Councillors from the Metropolitan Constituency;*
- *Two State Councillors from the Country Constituency;*
- *Local Government Professionals WA Representative; and*
- *Independent Member with significant experience in recruitment and selection.*

1.2 Membership of the Honours Panel in clause 19(v) be amended to read:

Membership to the Honours Panel is to include:

- *WALGA Deputy President – Chair;*
- *Two State Councillors from the Metropolitan Constituency;*
- *Two State Councillors from the Country Constituency;*
- *One non-executive member representing the country interests;*
- *One non-executive member representing the metropolitan interests;*
- *A representative of the Department of Local Government; and*
- *The WALGA Chief Executive Officer.*

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Appointments to the CEO Performance Review Committee

RECOMMENDATION 2

2.1 Metropolitan State Councillor (2 positions)

Moved: Mayor Carol Adams
Seconded: Cr Russ Fishwick

That the following Metropolitan State Councillors be appointed to the CEO Performance Review Committee:

- Cr Helen Sadler
- Cr John Daw

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2.2 Country State Councillor (2 positions)

Moved: Mayor Carol Adams
Seconded: Cr Russ Fishwick

That the following Country State Councillors be appointed to the CEO Performance Review Committee:

- **President Cr Stephen Strange**
- **President Cr Michelle Rich**

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Appointments to the Honours Panel

RECOMMENDATION 3

3.1 Metropolitan State Councillor (2 positions)

Moved: Mayor Carol Adams
Seconded: Cr Russ Fishwick

That the following Metropolitan State Councillors be appointed to the Honours Panel:

- **Cr Russ Fishwick**
- **Mayor Carol Adams**

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3.2 Country State Councillor (2 positions)

Moved: Mayor Carol Adams
Seconded: Cr Russ Fishwick

That the following Country State Councillors be appointed to the Honours Panel:

- **Cr Les Price**
- **Cr Tony Dean**

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Appointments to the Selection Committee

RECOMMENDATION 4

4.1 Metropolitan State Councillor (2 positions)

Moved: Mayor Carol Adams
Seconded: Cr Russ Fishwick

That the following Metropolitan State Councillors be appointed to the Selection Committee:

- **Mayor Logan Howlett**
- **Cr Doug Thompson**

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4.2 Country State Councillor (2 positions)

Moved: Mayor Carol Adams
Seconded: Cr Russ Fishwick

That the following Country State Councillors be appointed to the Selection Committee:

- Cr Les Price
- the Northern Country Zone representative

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Appointments to the Local Government House Trust (LGHT)

RECOMMENDATION 5

5.1 Metropolitan State Councillor (1 position)

Moved: Mayor Carol Adams
Seconded: Cr Russ Fishwick

That Mayor Mark Irwin be appointed to the Metropolitan State Councillor position on the Local Government House Trust.

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5.2 Country State Councillor (1 position)

As more than one nomination was received for this position, a voting process was carried out via a BoardEffect survey to decide the appointment. Nominations received for this position are below (in order of receipt):

Cr Chris Mitchell

Please comment on why you are interested in this Committee:	
I am currently the country State Councillor on the LGHT having been appointed approx. 2 years ago. I have a very good understanding of the Trust and the direction it is being managed.	
Having been on State Council for a number of years and represented WALGA on numerous Committees I have a good understanding of good governance and sound management.	
I believe I am able to bring a well balanced viewpoint to the Trust in line with WALGA's Strategic direction.	
Positions held:	
-	Broome Shire Kimberley Zone rep since 2012, held dep chair and chair Positions.
-	State Council Infrastructure sub-committee
WALGA:	
-	DFES Capital Grants committees
-	Rural and Remote Education Advisory Council – Ministerial appointee held for 10 years
-	Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) – non metro member
Qualifications:	
-	Diploma of Local Government
-	GAICD
-	Dip. of Business – Frontline Management
-	Advanced Dip. of Management
-	WALGA Life Member

Cr Phil Blight

Please comment on why you are interested in this Committee:

This Committee is an undervalued necessity for WALGA.

Moved: Cr Les Price
Seconded: Cr Frank Cvitan

That Cr Chris Mitchell be appointed to the Country State Councillor position on the Local Government House Trust.

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Appointments to the Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC)

RECOMMENDATION 6

State Councillor (4 positions)

Moved: Mayor Carol Adams
Seconded: Cr Russ Fishwick

That the following State Councillors be appointed to the Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC):

- Cr Doug Thompson
- Cr Les Price
- Cr Chris Mitchell
- Mayor Ruth Butterfield

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Appointments to the Governance Review Steering Committee

RECOMMENDATION 7

7.1 Metropolitan State Councillor (1 position)

Moved: Mayor Carol Adams
Seconded: Cr Russ Fishwick

That Mayor Carol Adams be appointed to the Metropolitan State Councillor position on the Governance Review Steering Committee.

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7.2 Country State Councillor (1 position)

Moved: Mayor Carol Adams
Seconded: Cr Russ Fishwick

That Cr Phil Blight be appointed to the Country State Councillor position on the Governance Review Steering Committee.

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Appointment to the Mining Communities Policy Forum

RECOMMENDATION 8

State Councillor (1 position)

Moved: Mayor Carol Adams
Seconded: Cr Russ Fishwick

That President Cr Laurene Bonza be appointed to the State Councillor position on the Mining Communities Policy Forum.

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Appointment to the State Road Funds to Local Government Advisory Committee

RECOMMENDATION 9

Metropolitan State Councillor (1 position)

Moved: Mayor Carol Adams
Seconded: Cr Russ Fishwick

That Cr Helen Sadler be appointed to the Metropolitan State Councillor position on the State Road Funds to Local Government Advisory Committee.

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4. CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at **4:15pm**.