



Merri-bek
City Council

Minutes of the Special Council Meeting

ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Held in Bunjil (Council Chamber), Merri-bek Civic Centre,
90 Bell Street, Coburg
on Friday 27 March 2026

This Special Meeting was convened following Council’s resolution on 26 March 2026 to conduct a new election for the position of Deputy Mayor. Council was unable to give the notice required under the Governance Rules, and these circumstances are recorded accordingly in these Minutes.

The Mayor opened the meeting at 6.04 pm and stated the Council meeting is being held on the traditional country of the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung people and acknowledged them as Traditional Owners. The Mayor paid respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging, and the Elders from other communities who may be here today.

Present	Time In	Time Out
Cr Nat Abboud, Mayor	6.04 pm	6.08 pm
Cr Sue Bolton	6.04 pm	6.08 pm
Cr Helen Davidson	6.04 pm	6.08 pm
Cr Liz Irvin	6.04 pm	6.08 pm
Cr Chris Miles	6.04 pm	6.08 pm
Cr Helen Politis	6.04 pm	6.08 pm
Cr Adam Pulford	6.04 pm	6.08 pm
Cr Ella Svensson	6.04 pm	6.08 pm
Cr Katerine Theodosis	6.04 pm	6.08 pm
Cr Oscar Yildiz JP	6.04 pm	6.08 pm

Officers

Acting Chief Executive Officer – Sue Vujcevic
Manager Governance and Strategy – Yvonne Callanan

Apologies

Nil.

Disclosures of Conflicts of Interest

Nil.

Election of Deputy Mayor

The Acting Chief Executive Officer, in accordance with section 25 of the *Local Government Act 2020* and the Governance Rules, invited nominations for the office of the Deputy Mayor for the term ending 18 November 2026.

Cr Abboud nominated Cr Davidson, seconded by Cr Theodosis.

Cr Davidson accepted the nomination

As there was only one nomination for the office of Deputy Mayor, the Acting Chief Executive Officer declared Cr Davidson duly elected as Deputy Mayor for the remainder of 2025-2026 Deputy Mayoral year.

Meeting Close

The Council meeting closed at 6.09 pm.

Confirmed

Cr Nat Abboud
MAYOR