



Merri-bek
City Council

Minutes of the Special Council Meeting

Swearing in of Councillors

Held in Bunjil (Council Chamber), Merri-bek Civic Centre,
90 Bell Street, Coburg on Monday 18 November 2024

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WELCOME TO COUNTRY

A Traditional Welcome to Country was conducted by Wurundjeri Elder, Uncle Andrew Gardiner.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY OF ELECTED CANDIDATES

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020*, a person elected to be a Councillor must take the oath or affirmation of office in the manner prescribed by the regulations.

The oath or affirmation of office must be administered by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), dated and signed before the CEO, and recorded in the minutes of the Council meeting.

The oath or affirmation of office contains a declaration that Councillors will abide by the Model Councillor Code of Conduct and uphold the standards of conduct set out in the Model Councillor Code of Conduct.

The office of a Councillor becomes vacant if a person elected to be a Councillor does not take the oath or affirmation of office within 3 months after the day on which the person was declared elected.

The Chief Executive Officer, Cathy Henderson, invited each Councillor to take the oath or affirmation of office, immediately prior to the commencement of the Special Council meeting.

- Cr Nat Abboud made and signed the affirmation of office which was witnessed by Cathy Henderson, Chief Executive Officer.
- Cr Sue Bolton made and signed the affirmation of office which was witnessed by Cathy Henderson, Chief Executive Officer.
- Cr Helen Davidson made and signed the oath of office which was witnessed by Cathy Henderson, Chief Executive Officer.
- Cr Liz Irvin made and signed the affirmation of office which was witnessed by Cathy Henderson, Chief Executive Officer.
- Cr Jay Iwasaki made and signed the affirmation of office which was witnessed by Cathy Henderson, Chief Executive Officer.
- Cr Chris Miles made and signed the oath of office which was witnessed by Cathy Henderson, Chief Executive Officer.
- Cr Helen Politis made and signed the oath of office which was witnessed by Cathy Henderson, Chief Executive Officer.
- Cr Adam Pulford made and signed the affirmation of office which was witnessed by Cathy Henderson, Chief Executive Officer.
- Cr Ella Svensson made and signed the affirmation of office which was witnessed by Cathy Henderson, Chief Executive Officer.
- Cr Katerine Theodosis made and signed the oath of office which was witnessed by Cathy Henderson, Chief Executive Officer.
- Cr Oscar Yildiz made and signed the oath of office which was witnessed by Cathy Henderson, Chief Executive Officer.

The Chief Executive Office congratulated all Councillors.

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Chief Executive Officer opened the meeting at 7.18 pm and stated the Special Council meeting is being held on the traditional country of the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung people and acknowledged them as Traditional Owners. The Chief Executive Officer 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	7.18 pm	8.03 pm
Cr Sue Bolton	7.18 pm	8.03 pm
Cr Helen Davidson	7.18 pm	8.03 pm
Cr Liz Irvin	7.18 pm	8.03 pm
Cr Jay Iwasaki	7.18 pm	8.03 pm
Cr Chris Miles	7.18 pm	8.03 pm
Cr Helen Politis	7.18 pm	8.03 pm
Cr Adam Pulford	7.18 pm	8.03 pm
Cr Ella Svensson	7.18 pm	8.03 pm
Cr Katherine Theodosios	7.18 pm	8.03 pm
Cr Oscar Yildiz JP	7.18 pm	8.03 pm

Officers

Chief Executive Officer – Cathy Henderson
Manager Governance and Strategy – Yvonne Callanan
Unit Manager Governance – Troy Delia

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON

The Chief Executive Officer invited nominations for a temporary Chairperson.

Cr Yildiz nominated Cr Davidson.

There being no further nominations, the Chief Executive Officer declared Cr Davidson temporary Chairperson.

7.19 pm Cr Davidson assumed the Chair.

APOLOGIES

Nil

COUNCIL RECEIVES THE DECLARATIONS OF OFFICE

Resolution

Cr Yildiz moved, Cr Pulford seconded -

That Council receives and notes the executed declarations of office from each of the duly elected Councillors.

Carried

COUNCILLORS ADDRESS THE MEETING

The temporary Chairperson, Cr Davidson invited each Councillor to address the meeting.

Cr Yildiz addressed the meeting.

Cr Theodosios addressed the meeting.

Cr Svensson addressed the meeting.

Cr Pulford addressed the meeting.

Cr Politis addressed the meeting.

Cr Miles addressed the meeting.

Cr Iwasaki addressed the meeting.

Cr Irvin addressed the meeting.

Cr Davidson addressed the meeting.

Cr Bolton addressed the meeting.

Cr Abboud addressed the meeting.

MEETING CLOSE

The Special Council meeting closed at 8.03 pm.

Confirmed

Cr Helen Davidson
MAYOR



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Affirmation of Office

I, Nat Abboud, solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community.

I will abide by the Model Councillor Code of Conduct and uphold the standards of conduct set out in the Model Councillor Code of Conduct.

I will faithfully and impartially carry out and exercise the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the Local Government Act 2020 or any other Act to the best of my skill and judgment.

18 November 2024

Witnessed by

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I, Sue Bolton, solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community.

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I, Helen Davidson, swear (or promise) by Almighty God that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community.

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I, Liz Irvin, solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community.

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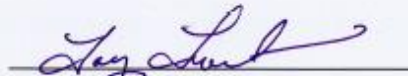
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I, Jay Iwasaki, solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community.

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I, Chris Miles, swear (or promise) by Almighty God that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community.

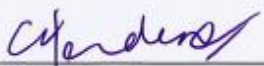
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I, Helen Politis, swear (or promise) by Almighty God that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community.

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I, Adam Pulford, solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community.

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I, Ella Svensson, solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community.

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I, Katerine Theodosis, swear (or promise) by Almighty God that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community.

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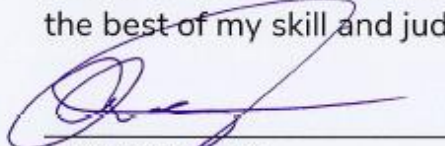
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I, Oscar Yildiz, swear (or promise) by Almighty God that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community.

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