



# MINUTES

## Extraordinary Council Meeting

**15 October 2024**



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**MINUTES OF GOULBURN MULWAREE COUNCIL  
EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CIVIC CENTRE, 184 - 194 BOURKE STREET,  
GOULBURN  
ON TUESDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2024 AT 2:00 PM**

**PRESENT:** Cr Nina Dillon, Cr Caitlin Flint, Cr Bob Kirk, Cr Liz McKeon, Cr Christopher O'Mahony, Cr Michael Prevedello, Cr Jason Shepherd, Cr Keith Smith, Cr Daniel Strickland

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Aaron Johansson (Chief Executive Officer), Scott Martin (Director Planning & Environment), Brendan Hollands (Director Corporate and Community Services), George Angelis (Director Assets & Operations), Marina Hollands (Director Utilities) & Amy Croker (Office Manager to Mayor and Chief Executive Officer).

**1 OPENING MEETING**

Aaron Johansson (Chief Executive Officer) opened the meeting 2pm. The Chief Executive Officer advised that the meeting would be webcast live.

**2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

Aaron Johansson (Chief Executive Officer) made the following acknowledgement.

"I would like to Acknowledge and pay our respects to the Aboriginal elders both past and present as well as emerging leaders, and Acknowledge the traditional custodians of the Land on which we meet today."

**3 APOLOGIES**

Nil

**4 APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS**

Nil

**5 ATTENDANCE BY AUDIO VISUAL LINK**

Nil

**6 COUNCILLORS DECLARATION AND/OR PRAYER**

THE OPENING PRAYER WAS READ BY MICHAEL PREVEDELLO.

**7 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

Nil

## **8 REPORTS TO COUNCIL FOR DETERMINATION**

### **8.1 COUNCILLORS OATH AND/OR AFFIRMATION**

The Local Government Act 1993 requires Councillors to take an oath of office or make an affirmation of office prior to undertaking their role.

Cr Nina Dillon took the oath of office

Cr Caitlin Flint took the affirmation of office

Cr Bob Kirk took the affirmation of office

Cr Liz McKeon took the affirmation of office

Cr Christopher O'Mahony took the affirmation of office

Cr Michael Prevedello took the oath of office

Cr Jason Shepherd took the oath of office

Cr Keith Smith took the oath of office

Cr Daniel Strickland took the oath of office

### **8.2 RETURNING OFFICER**

#### **RESOLUTION 2024/170**

**Moved: Cr Christopher O'Mahony**

**Seconded: Cr Jason Shepherd**

**That the report of the Chief Executive Officer on the Returning Officer for the Mayor and Deputy Mayor Elections be received.**

**CARRIED**

### 8.3 ELECTION OF MAYOR

#### RESOLUTION 2024/171

Moved: Cr Caitlin Flint

Seconded: Cr Christopher O'Mahony

That

1. The report from the Chief Executive Officer on the election of the Mayor be received.
2. Council elects the Mayor for the period from 15<sup>th</sup> October 2024 until the next Mayoral election in September 2026.
3. Following the close of nominations for the position of Mayor the method of electing the Mayor was determined to be by open voting in accordance with Schedule 7 Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.

**CARRIED**

The Chief Executive Officer as Returning Officer called for nominations for the position of Mayor for the Goulburn Mulwaree Council for the period 15<sup>th</sup> October 2024 until the next Mayoral election in September 2026.

There were 3 nominations for Mayor.

- Cr Nina Dillon
- Cr Bob Kirk
- Cr Liz McKeon

The Chief Executive Officer closed nominations.

It was resolved that the Mayoral election be conducted by Open Voting.

The order of voting was drawn as follows:

- Cr Nina Dillon
- Cr Bob Kirk
- Cr Liz McKeon

The Chief Executive Officer then conducted the election by open vote with the results as follows:

- Cr Nina Dillon                      3 votes
- Cr Bob Kirk                         3 votes
- Cr Liz McKeon                      3 votes

As a result of the tie in the number of votes, a lot was drawn to exclude one of the candidates. Candidate Cr Kirk was drawn and excluded.

The order of the secondary voting was drawn as follows:

- Cr Nina Dillon
- Cr Liz McKeon

A secondary vote was conducted with the results as follows:

- Cr Nina Dillon                      6 votes
- Cr Liz McKeon                      3 votes

**Following the voting the Chief Executive Officer, as returning Officer declared Cr Nina Dillon as Mayor for the period 15<sup>th</sup> October 2024 until the next Mayoral election in September 2026.**

## 8.4 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

### RESOLUTION 2024/172

Moved: Cr Jason Shepherd

Seconded: Cr Keith Smith

That:

1. The report of the Chief Executive Officer on the election of the Deputy Mayor be received.
2. Council elects a Deputy Mayor for the period from 15<sup>th</sup> October 2024 until the next Deputy Mayoral election in September 2026
3. Following the close of nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor the method of electing the Deputy Mayor was determined to be by open voting in accordance with Schedule 7 Local Government (General) Regulation 2005

**CARRIED**

The Chief Executive Officer as Returning Officer called for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor for the Goulburn Mulwaree Council for the period 15<sup>th</sup> October 2024 until the next Deputy Mayoral election in September 2026.

There were 3 nominations for Deputy Mayor.

- Cr Caitlin Flint
- Cr Christopher O'Mahony
- Cr Daniel Strickland

The Chief Executive Officer closed nominations.

It was resolved that the Deputy Mayoral election be conducted by Open Voting.

The order of voting was drawn as follows:

- Cr Daniel Strickland
- Cr Caitlin Flint
- Cr Christopher O'Mahony

The Chief Executive Officer then conducted the election by open vote with the results as follows:

- Cr Daniel Strickland                      3 votes
- Cr Caitlin Flint                              5 votes
- Cr Christopher O'Mahony                1 vote

**Following the voting the Chief Executive Officer, as returning Officer declared Cr Caitlin Flint as Deputy Mayor for the period 15<sup>th</sup> October 2024 until the next Deputy Mayoral election in September 2026.**

The meeting took a recess at 2.25pm

The meeting resumed at 2.31pm

**8.5 POTENTIAL OF BY-ELECTION IN THE EVENT OF CASUAL VACANCY****RESOLUTION 2024/173****Moved: Cr Bob Kirk****Seconded: Cr Michael Prevedello****That**

- 1. The report of the Chief Executive Officer regarding the potential of a By-Election in the event of a Casual Vacancy be received.**
- 2. Pursuant to Section 291A(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act), Goulburn Mulwaree Council (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 Chief Executive Officer to notify the NSW Electoral Commission of the Council's decision within 7 days of the decision.**

**CARRIED****8.6 DISCLOSURES BY COUNCILLORS AND DESIGNATED PERSONS - ANNUAL RETURN 2023-2024****RESOLUTION 2024/174****Moved: Cr Michael Prevedello****Seconded: Cr Christopher O'Mahony****That**

- 1. The report from the Business Manager Governance on Disclosures by Councillors and Designated Persons Annual Return 2023-2024 be received.**
- 2. The Register of Disclosures by Councillors and Designated Persons Annual Return 2023-2024, as tabled, be noted.**

**CARRIED****8.7 AUDIT RISK & IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE NON-VOTING COUNCILLOR MEMBER****RESOLUTION 2024/175****Moved: Cr Liz McKeon****Seconded: Cr Michael Prevedello****That**

- 1. The report of the Chief Executive Officer on the Audit Risk & Improvement Committee Non-Voting Councillor Member be received.**
- 2. Cr Christopher O'Mahony be nominated as Councils non-voting Councillor member on the Goulburn Mulwaree Council Audit Risk & Improvement Committee.**

**CARRIED**



## 8.8 COUNCIL MEETING DATES

### RESOLUTION 2024/176

Moved: Cr Caitlin Flint

Seconded: Cr Keith Smith

1. That the report from the Chief Executive Officer on Council Meeting dates be received.
2. All Council Meetings be held at 6pm in the Council Chambers on the third Tuesday of each month with the exception of January and November where an ordinary meeting be held on the fourth Tuesday of the month.
3. The Code of Meeting Practice be updated and re-presented to Council prior to the end of 2024 for full review.

CARRIED

## 8.9 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW (LGNSW) 2024 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

### RESOLUTION 2024/177

Moved: Cr Caitlin Flint

Seconded: Cr Jason Shepherd

That

1. The report of the Chief Executive Officer on the Local Government NSW (LGNSW) 2024 Annual Conference be received.
2. The Council nominates the following two voting delegates, in addition to the Mayor, to attend the 2024 Annual Conference of LGNSW at the Tamworth Regional Entertainment and Conference Centre:
  - Cr Christopher O'Mahony
  - Cr Caitlin Flint

CARRIED

## 9 CLOSED SESSION

Council must resolve to move into Closed Session to deal with any items under s10 *Local Government Act 1993*.

There were no closed session reports for determination.

## 10 CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

The Meeting closed at 2.51pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 22 October 2024.

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Cr Nina Dillon  
Mayor

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Aaron Johansson  
Chief Executive Officer