



CANBERRA REGION
JOINT ORGANISATION

Board Meeting Minutes

2 June 2023



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ATTENDEES	
Bega Valley Shire Council	Mayor Russell Fitzpatrick (Chair) Mr Anthony McMahon
Eurobodalla Shire Council	Mr Warwick Winn Mayor Mathew Hatcher
Goulburn Mulwaree Council	Mayor Peter Walker
Hilltops Council	Mayor Margaret Roles
Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council	Mayor Kenrick Winchester Ms Kate Monaghan
Snowy Monaro Regional Council	Mayor Narelle Davis Mr Peter Bascomb
Snowy Valleys Council	Mayor Ian Chaffey
Upper Lachlan Shire Council	Ms Alex Waldron
Wingecarribee Shire Council	Mr. Viv May (PSM) Ms Lisa Miscamble
Yass Valley Council	Mayor Allan McGrath Mr Chris Berry
Wagga Wagga City Council	Mayor Dallas Tout Mr Peter Thompson
Canberra Region Joint Organisation	Mr Warwick Bennett Ms Suzanne Gearing Ms Hayley Chapman Ms Jennifer Lang
GUESTS	
NSW Government	Anna Wyllie, Regional NSW James McTavish, Office NSW Cross Border Louise Taylor, Office of Local Government

1. Opening Meeting

The Chairperson, Mayor Russell Fitzpatrick opened the meeting at 9am.

2. Welcome & Acknowledgement of Country

The Chairperson, Mayor Russell Fitzpatrick welcomed members and guests and made an acknowledgment of country.

3. Apologies

The Chairperson, Mayor Russell Fitzpatrick called for apologies. The following apologies have been received:

- Mr Aaron Johansson, Goulburn Mulwaree Council,
- Mr Anthony O'Reilly, Hilltops Council,
- Ms Rebecca Ryan, Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Council
- Mr Ken Gouldthorp, Snowy Valleys Council,
- Mayor Pam Kensit, Upper Lachlan Shire Council,
- Dr David Clapham, ACT Government,
- Ms Emma Watts, Office of NSW Cross Boarder Commission,
- Ms Heidi Stratford, NSW Reconstruction Authority,
- Mr Noel McCann, Canberra Airport,

CRJO resolved to accept any apology and may grant leave of absence.

4. Disclosure of Interest

With reference to Chapter 14 Local Government Act 1993, and CRJO's Code of Conduct, Councillors are required to declare any conflicts of interest in the matters under consideration by CRJO at this meeting.

5. Notice of Rescission

Pursuant to Clause 372 of the Local Government Act 1993 a voting representative may lodge a notice to rescind a motion for the CRJO's consideration.

6. Notice of Motions

Pursuant to Clause 10.2 of the Code of Meeting Practice a voting representative may lodge a notice of motion for the CRJOs consideration

7. Urgent Business

The Chairperson will call for any Additional Business pursuant to Clause 9.3 of the Code of Meeting Practice. Any additional business to be discussed requires a Board resolution or a ruling by the Chairperson that the matter is of great urgency.

The CRJO Board may resolve to accept any late item, information or urgent business to be discussed and/or determined at this meeting.

RESOLUTION 23/06 – 01

Moved: Cr Kenrick Winchester

Seconded: Cr Allan McGrath

At the end of the meeting the CRJO Board hold discussions on the Emergency Services Levy and Audit Fees.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION 23/06 – 01.1

Moved: Cr Peter Walker

Seconded: Cr Allan McGrath

That the CEO to provide the regional information on the significant increases for member Councils into this region in the payments for the Emergency Services Levy to LGNSW, Regional Cities and Country Mayors with the purpose of obtaining sector wide support for submissions to Government

CARRIED

RESOLUTION 23/06 – 01.2

Moved: Cr Narelle Davis

Seconded: Cr Matthew Hatcher

That the CEO to provide the regional information on the significant increases for member Councils into this region for the 2022/23 Audit Fees to LGNSW, Regional Cities and Country Mayors with the purpose of obtaining sector wide support for submissions to Government

CARRIED

8. Presentations

Nil

9. Confirmation of Minutes

9.1. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

RESOLUTION 23/06 – 03

Moved: Cr Kenrick Winchester

Seconded: Cr Peter Walker

That the CRJO Board Meeting Minutes from 24 February 2023 and the Minutes from the GMAG Workshop 28 April 2023 be confirmed.

CARRIED

10. Chair's Minute

Pursuant to Clause 9.6 of the Code of Meeting Practice the Chairperson, without notice, may put to the meeting a minute on any matter or topic that is within the jurisdiction of the CRJO.

11. Reports to Joint Organisation

11.1. Appointment of CRJO Chief Executive

RESOLUTION 23/06 – 04

Moved: Cr Narelle Davis

Seconded: Cr Kenrick Winchester

That:

- 1. The report from Mayor Fitzpatrick on the recruitment of a Chief Executive be received.**
- 2. The Canberra Region Joint Organisation Board appoint a "Chief Executive Working Party" to undertake the process of recruiting a Chief Executive without the authority of making the final appointment.**
- 3. The Working party to have delegated authority to:**
 - Appoint a recruitment specialist to administer the process,**
 - Undertake interviews of suitable candidates,**
 - Make a recommendation to the 22 September 2023 CRJO Board Meeting on the preferred candidate with the recommended contract conditions and total remuneration package.**
- 4. The Chair of GMAG provide recommendation to the CRJO Board on the appropriate working party members and the Chief Executive Working Party consist of:**
 - The Chair of the Board**
 - The Chair of GMAG**
 - The Deputy Chair of the Board**
 - One other General Manager decided within the GMAG forum**



CARRIED

11.2. CRJO Board Meeting State Government Ministers

RESOLUTION 23/06 – 05

Moved: Cr Kenrick Winchester

Seconded: Cr Mathew Hatcher

That the CRJO Board Meeting with State Government Ministers report be received and the chair of the Board and Chief Executive be authorised to amend the questions following on from member's feedback.

CARRIED

11.3. CRJO Operations Update – June 2023

RESOLUTION 23/06 – 05

Moved: Cr Kenrick Winchester

Seconded: Cr Mathew Hatcher

That the CRJO Operations Update for June 2023 be received.

CARRIED

11.4. Revenue Policy

RESOLUTION 23/06 – 06

Moved: Cr Allan McGrath

Seconded: Cr Peter Walker

That that the Canberra Region Joint Organisation Board endorse the Revenue Policy for 2023/24.

CARRIED

11.5. 2023/2024 & Next Three Years Budget

RESOLUTION 23/06 – 07

Moved: Cr Kenrick Winchester

Seconded: Cr Narelle Davis

That the Canberra Region Joint Organisation Board endorse the 2023/24 and following three years Budget.

CARRIED

11.6. Financial Statements

RESOLUTION 23/06 – 08

Moved: Cr Kenrick Winchester

Seconded: Cr Mathew Hatcher

That Board receive the CRJO Finance Report and note the financial position of the Organisation at 30 April 2023.

CARRIED

11.7. External Audit Report

RESOLUTION 23/06 – 09

Moved: Cr Kenrick Winchester

Seconded: Cr Mathew Hatcher

That the CRJO Board note the CRJO Financial Statement and Letter of Representation.

CARRIED

11.8. State Government Update June 2023

Updates were provided by the following State Government Representatives:

- Anna Wyllie, Regional NSW,
- James McTavish, Office of NSW Cross Boarder Commission,
- Louise Taylor, NSW Office of Local Government.

12. Confidential Matters

The CRJO Board must resolve to move into Closed Session to deal with any items under s10 Local Government Act 1993.

13. Close

The Chairperson, Mayor Russell Fitzpatrick closed the meeting at 10.18am.