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## Tira Hautū / Governing Body

# OPEN MINUTES

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Minutes of a meeting of the Governing Body held in the Reception Lounge, Auckland Town Hall, 301-305 Queen Street, Auckland on Thursday, 27 March 2025 at 10.06am.

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### TE HUNGA KUA TAE MAI | PRESENT

<b>Mayor</b>	Wayne Brown	
<b>Deputy Mayor</b>	Cr Desley Simpson, JP	
<b>Councillors</b>	Cr Andrew Baker	
	Cr Josephine Bartley	
	Cr Angela Dalton	
	Cr Chris Darby	
	Cr Julie Fairey	
	Cr Alf Filipaina, MNZM	
	Cr Christine Fletcher, QSO	
	Cr Lotu Fuli	From 10.23am, Item 11
	Cr Shane Henderson	
	Cr Richard Hills	
	Cr Mike Lee	
	Cr Kerrin Leoni	From 10.09am, Item 5.1
	Cr Daniel Newman, JP	
	Cr Greg Sayers	Until 5.21pm
	Cr Sharon Stewart, QSM	
	Cr Ken Turner	
	Cr Wayne Walker	
	Cr John Watson	
	Cr Maurice Williamson	

### TE HUNGA KĀORE I TAE MAI | ABSENT

Cr Ken Turner

### TE HUNGA ĀPITI KUA TAE MAI | ALSO PRESENT

Jan Robinson, Acting Chair	Papakura Local Board
Kelvin Heatt	Papakura Local Board

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## 1 Ngā Tamōtanga | Apologies

Resolution number GB/2025/20

MOVED by Deputy Mayor D Simpson, seconded by Cr G Sayers:

**That the Governing Body:**

a) **whakaae / accept the apologies from:**

**Absence**

**Cr K Turner**

**Lateness**

**Cr L Fuli**

**CARRIED**

## 2 Te Whakapuaki i te Whai Pānga | Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

## 3 Te Whakaū i ngā Āmiki | Confirmation of Minutes

Resolution number GB/2025/21

MOVED by Deputy Mayor D Simpson, seconded by Cr A Dalton:

**That the Governing Body:**

a) **whakaū / confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting, held on [Thursday, 27 February 2025](#), including the confidential section, as a true and correct record.**

**CARRIED**

## 4 Ngā Kōrero a te Marea | Public Input

There was no public input.

## 5 Ngā Kōrero a te Poari ā-Rohe Pātata | Local Board Input

### 5.1 Local Board Input: Papakura Local Board - Level Crossing Programme – Accelerating the removal of the Takaanini and Glen Innes priority group

Jan Robinson – Acting Chairperson and Kelvin Hieatt – Board Member addressed the Governing Body.

*Cr K Leoni entered the meeting at 10.09am.*

Resolution number GB/2025/22

MOVED by Mayor W Brown, seconded by Cr D Newman:

**That the Governing Body:**

a) **whiwhi / receive Papakura Local Board input regarding “Level Crossing Programme – Accelerating the removal of the Takaanini and Glen Innes priority group” and whakamihi / thank the local board for their attendance.**

**CARRIED**

Note: The chairperson accorded precedence to Item 11 – Level Crossing programme – Accelerating the removal of the Takaanini and Glen Innes priority group, at this time.

## 11 Level Crossing programme – Accelerating the removal of the Takaanini and Glen Innes priority group

*Cr W Walker left the meeting at 10.17am.*

*Cr L Fuli entered the meeting at 10.23am.*

Note: the following was moved as chair's recommendations.

Resolution number GB/2025/23

MOVED by Mayor W Brown, seconded by Cr D Newman:

**That the Governing Body:**

- a) **whakaae / approve the acceleration of the programme to remove level crossings at Takaanini and Glen Innes, and bring forward the \$550 million of capital budget included in the long-term plan to commence in 2025/2026**
- b) **tuhi tīpoka / note that clause a) is subject to New Zealand Transport Agency approving the first \$200 million of co-funding announced by central government at their April 2025 board meeting**
- c) **tuhi tīpoka / note this bring forward will increase debt requirements, peaking at \$196 million in 2027/2028 before reducing in later years**
- d) **tuhi tīpoka / note that the flow-on operating costs will require a funding solution**
- e) **tono / request Auckland Transport to consider options to mitigate the flow-on operating costs, and that these are presented to the Budget Committee through the annual plan process**
- f) **tono / request that Auckland Transport report back to TRIC at the earliest reasonable time on opportunities to improve affordability, value for money and timely delivery through accelerated property acquisition, standardisation & procurement, identification of development opportunities, and the subsequent divestment of any surplus land parcels not required for development.**
- g) **tono / request that Auckland Transport works with Auckland Council to consider how the property acquisition process contributes to urban design and urban development opportunities in Takaanini.**
- h) **tuhi tīpoka / note that any future work relating to the wider Level Crossing programme should take the same approach as detailed in clause f).**

**CARRIED**

## 6 Ngā Pakihi Autaia | Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

## 7 Status Update on Action Decisions from Governing Body 27 February 2025

*Cr D Newman left the meeting at 10.31am.*

Resolution number GB/2025/24

MOVED by Deputy Mayor D Simpson, seconded by Cr A Filipaina:

**That the Governing Body:**

- a) **tuhi ā-taipitopito / note the status of decisions made at the 27 February 2025 meeting.**

**CARRIED**

## 8 Chief Executive and Group Chief Financial Officer Update

The Monthly Performance Reporting Dashboard had been circulated prior to the meeting. A copy has been placed on the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment.

*Cr D Newman returned to the meeting at 10.35am.*

*Cr W Walker returned to the meeting at 10.46am.*

*Cr G Sayers left the meeting at 10.47am.*

*Cr G Sayers returned to the meeting at 11.22am.*

*Cr D Newman left the meeting at 11.39am.*

*Cr J Bartley left the meeting at 11.42am.*

*Cr D Newman returned to the meeting at 11.55am.*

Resolution number GB/2025/25

MOVED by Mayor W Brown, seconded by Cr C Fletcher:

**That the Governing Body:**

- a) **whiwhi / receive the information provided in this report, in the monthly financial dashboard circulated prior to the meeting and the verbal updates by the Chief Executive and Group Chief Financial Officer.**

**CARRIED**

### Attachments

- A 27 March 2025, Governing Body: Item 8 - Chief Executive and Group Chief Financial Officer Update, Monthly Performance Reporting Dashboard

## 9 Auckland Regional Amenities Funding Board 2025-2026 Funding Plan and Levy

Resolution number GB/2025/26

MOVED by Deputy Mayor D Simpson, seconded by Cr A Dalton:

**That the Governing Body:**

- a) **whakaae / approve the Auckland Regional Amenities Funding Board's recommended levy of \$18,550,654 for 2025-2026**
- b) **whakaae / agree that the Auckland Regional Amenities Funding Board's remuneration for 2025-2026 remain the same as 2024-2025, being \$221,850.**

**CARRIED**

10 **2025/2026 levy request from Museum of Transport and Technology and potential three-year funding agreement**

Cr J Bartley returned to the meeting at 1.05pm.

Note: the motion was put in parts.

Resolution number GB/2025/27

MOVED by Deputy Mayor D Simpson, seconded by Cr S Stewart:

**That the Governing Body:**

- a) **whakaae / approve the Museum of Transport and Technology's levy request for 2025/2026 of \$19,658,362.**

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
Cr A Baker	Mayor W Brown	Cr M Lee
Cr J Bartley	Cr S Stewart	
Cr A Dalton	Cr M Williamson	
Cr C Darby		
Cr J Fairey		
Cr A Filipaina		
Cr C Fletcher		
Cr L Fuli		
Cr S Henderson		
Cr R Hills		
Cr K Leoni		
Cr D Newman		
Cr G Sayers		
Deputy Mayor D Simpson		
Cr W Walker		
Cr J Watson		

The motion was declared **CARRIED** by 16 votes to 3.

**CARRIED**

Resolution number GB/2025/28

MOVED by Deputy Mayor D Simpson, seconded by Cr S Stewart:

**That the Governing Body:**

- b) **whakaae / approve in principle council entering into a three-year funding agreement with the Museum of Transport and Technology for 2025/2026 to 2027/2028, reflecting the terms and conditions set out in paragraph 37 of this report, subject to final approval by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor**
- c) **tuhi tīpoka / note that if approved, the 2025/2026 levy will form the year one funding amount of a proposed three-year funding agreement between council and Museum of Transport and Technology, with funding amounts for the 2026/2027 and 2027/2028 financial years to not exceed the amounts provided for in the Long-term Plan 2024-2034.**
- d) **taupata / delegate to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor the authority to approve and sign the final version of the agreement.**
- e) **tuhi tīpoka / note that if a three-year funding agreement between the council and the Museum of Technology and Transport for 2025/2026 to 2027/2028 cannot be reached, the annual levy approval process will continue to apply.**

**CARRIED**

At 1.27pm, it was:

### Electronic Attendance

Resolution number GB/2025/29

MOVED by Mayor W Brown, seconded by Cr W Walker:

- a) **whakaae / approve electronic attendance under Standing Order 3.3.3 for:**
- **Cr D Newman 3.3.3 b)**

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 1.28pm and reconvened at 2.04pm.

Cr D Newman rejoined the meeting via electronic link at 2.04pm.

Note: Item 11. Level Crossing programme – Accelerating the removal of the Takaanini and Glen Innes priority group was taken after Item 5.1: Local Board Input: Papakura Local Board - Level Crossing Programme – Accelerating the removal of the Takaanini and Glen Innes priority group.

### 12 Referred from the Audit and Risk Committee - Health, Safety and Wellbeing Q2 FY25 Update

Resolution number GB/2025/30

MOVED by Cr W Walker, seconded by Cr J Fairey:

**That the Governing Body:**

- a) **tuhi ā-taipitopito / note the Health, Safety and Wellbeing Q2 FY25 Update**
- b) **tuhi ā-taipitopito / note the additional assurance regarding the improvements in council's management of health and safety.**

**CARRIED**

### 13 Stadium network investment objectives

A PowerPoint presentation was given. A copy has been placed on the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment.

Resolution number GB/2025/31

MOVED by Mayor W Brown, seconded by Cr A Baker:

**That the Governing Body:**

- a) **whai / adopt the stadium network investment objectives in Attachment A, to guide future planning and advice on Auckland's stadium network**
- b) **tuhi tīpoka / note the indicative work programme for council to develop a stadium network investment plan to inform the Long-Term Plan 2027–2037, with a progress update at the end of August 2025.**

**CARRIED**

### Attachments

- A 27 March 2025, Governing Body: Item 13 - Stadium network investment objectives, Presentation

The meeting adjourned at 3.30pm and reconvened at 3.41pm.

Councillor G Sayers was not present.

At 3.41pm it was:

### Extension of Meeting Time

Resolution number GB/2025/32

MOVED by Cr W Walker, seconded by Cr C Fletcher:

That the Governing Body:

- a) **whakaae / agree under standing order 1.1.3 that an extension of time until 6pm be granted to allow the business of the meeting to be completed.**

**CARRIED**

## 14 Main stadium feasibility studies

*Cr G Sayers returned to the meeting at 3.54pm.*

A PowerPoint presentation was given. A copy has been placed on the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment.

Note: the following was moved as chair's recommendations.

MOVED by Mayor W Brown, seconded by Cr S Henderson:

That the Governing Body:

- a) whiwhi / receive the feasibility studies provided by Eden Park Trust (Eden Park 2.1.) and Te Tōangaroa Consortium (Te Tōangaroa/Quay Park) for a new building or upgraded main stadium, which were provided to council at the proponent's own cost and at the invitation of the Governing Body;
- b) whiwhi / receive council's review of the feasibility studies, which concludes that:
- i) Neither proponent has demonstrated that their proposal is feasible without significant public funding;
  - ii) Eden Park 2.1 is technically feasible, but is not currently financially feasible because it relies on significant public funding;
  - iii) Eden Park 2.1 can be progressed in stages and there may be merit in progressing the case for government support for early stages;
  - iv) Te Tōangaroa has not demonstrated that their proposal is technically or commercially feasible at this stage and has suggested it needs more time to do so.
- f) whiwhi / receive council's review of the current state of the network, which notes the status quo is that Eden Park is the region's largest nationally significant stadium and notes several challenges affecting the stadium network.
- g) endorse, in principle, a staged redevelopment of Eden Park as the best and most feasible option for providing Auckland with a fit-for-purpose main stadium in the future, subject to:



- i) completion of a business case for Stage 1 (at their own cost) that establishes a robust case for government support and confirmation of central government support;
  - ii) noting there are no plans for council to provide funding towards Eden Park's redevelopment;
  - iii) all parties working together to satisfactorily address challenges with the status quo (including Eden Park's financial obligations to council, and ensuring funding, ownership structure and governance arrangements based on returning the best public value for Auckland and New Zealand);
- h) request that the Chief Executive engage with Eden Park and the Government to constructively address challenges with the status quo and enable adequate consideration of Eden Park's development plans based on returning the best public value for Auckland and New Zealand, and bring any recommendations back to Governing Body;
- i) thank all parties for their engagement in the process to-date.

*Cr G Sayers left the meeting at 4.43pm.*

### Electronic Attendance

Resolution number GB/2025/33

MOVED by Mayor W Brown, seconded by Cr W Walker:

**That the Governing Body:**

- a) **whakaae / approve electronic attendance under Standing Order 3.3.3 for:**
- **Cr G Sayers (SO 3.3.3 b))**

**CARRIED**

Discussion on the motion continued.

*Cr G Sayers rejoined the meeting via electronic link at 4.46pm.*

Resolution number GB/2025/34

MOVED by Mayor W Brown, seconded by Cr S Henderson:

**That the Governing Body:**

- a) **whiwhi / receive the feasibility studies provided by Eden Park Trust (Eden Park 2.1.) and Te Tōangaroa Consortium (Te Tōangaroa/Quay Park) for a new building or upgraded main stadium, which were provided to council at the proponent's own cost and at the invitation of the Governing Body;**
- b) **whiwhi / receive council's review of the feasibility studies, which concludes that:**
- i) **Neither proponent has demonstrated that their proposal is feasible without significant public funding;**
  - ii) **Eden Park 2.1 is technically feasible, but is not currently financially feasible because it relies on significant public funding;**
  - iii) **Eden Park 2.1 can be progressed in stages and there may be merit in progressing the case for government support for early stages;**
  - iv) **Te Tōangaroa has not demonstrated that their proposal is technically or commercially feasible at this stage and has suggested it needs more time to do so.**

- c) **whiwhi / receive council's review of the current state of the network, which notes the status quo is that Eden Park is the region's largest nationally significant stadium and notes several challenges affecting the stadium network.**
- d) **endorse, in principle, a staged redevelopment of Eden Park as the best and most feasible option for providing Auckland with a fit-for-purpose main stadium in the future, subject to:**
  - i) **completion of a business case for Stage 1 (at their own cost) that establishes a robust case for government support and confirmation of central government support;**
  - ii) **noting there are no plans for council to provide funding towards Eden Park's redevelopment;**
  - iii) **all parties working together to satisfactorily address challenges with the status quo (including Eden Park's financial obligations to council, and ensuring funding, ownership structure and governance arrangements based on returning the best public value for Auckland and New Zealand);**
- e) **request that the Chief Executive engage with Eden Park and the Government to constructively address challenges with the status quo and enable adequate consideration of Eden Park's development plans based on returning the best public value for Auckland and New Zealand, and bring any recommendations back to Governing Body;**
- f) **thank all parties for their engagement in the process to-date.**

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

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Cr S Henderson		
Cr R Hills		
Cr K Leoni		
Cr D Newman		
Cr G Sayers		
Deputy Mayor D Simpson		
Cr S Stewart		
Cr W Walker		
Cr J Watson		
Cr M Williamson		

The motion was declared **CARRIED** by 17 votes to 2.

**CARRIED**

Note: Cr Darby requested his support for clause f) be noted.

#### **Attachments**

- A 27 March 2025, Governing Body: Item 14 - Main stadium feasibility studies, Presentation

**15 Summary of Governing Body and Committee information memoranda and briefings (including the Forward Work Programme) - 27 March 2025**

Resolution number GB/2025/35

MOVED by Mayor W Brown, seconded by Cr W Walker:

**That the Governing Body:**

- a) **whiwhi / receive the Summary of Governing Body information memoranda and briefings (including the Forward Work Programme) – 27 March 2025.**

**CARRIED**

**16 Summary of Confidential Decisions and related information released into Open**

Resolution number GB/2025/36

MOVED by Mayor W Brown, seconded by Cr W Walker:

**That the Governing Body:**

- a) **tuhi ā-taipitopito / note the confidential decision and related information that is now publicly available:**
  - i) **CONFIDENTIAL: Funding and supplier recommendation for Te Hā Noa - Victoria Street Linear Park**

**CARRIED**

**17 Te Whakaaro ki ngā Take Pūtea e Autaia ana | Consideration of Extraordinary Items**

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

**18 Te Mōtini ā-Tukanga hei Kaupare i te Marea | Procedural motion to exclude the public**

Resolution number GB/2025/37

MOVED by Cr W Walker, seconded by Cr M Williamson:

**That the Governing Body:**

- a) **whakaae / agree to exclude the public from the following part(s) of the proceedings of this meeting.**

**The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution follows.**

**This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public, as follows:**

**C1 CONFIDENTIAL: Maungawhau and Karanga-a-Hape station precinct : acquisition & disposal of properties**

Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Particular interest(s) protected (where applicable)	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
<p>The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.</p>	<p>s7(2)(b)(ii) - The withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.</p> <p>s7(2)(g) - The withholding of the information is necessary to maintain legal professional privilege.</p> <p>s7(2)(h) - The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.</p> <p>The report seeks decisions that also need to be agreed by the Minister of Transport and Minister of Finance as the other sponsors of this work, and by the City Rail Link Limited Board. This report needs to be confidential to enable them to provide their decisions before being public.</p> <p>The report contains information necessary to be withheld to enable the local authority to carry out commercial negotiations related to the sale of properties.</p>	<p>s48(1)(a)</p> <p>The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.</p>

The text of these resolutions is made available to the public who are present at the meeting and form part of the minutes of the meeting.

**CARRIED**

5.21pm The public was excluded.

Resolutions in relation to the confidential items are recorded in the confidential section of these minutes and are not publicly available.

5.50pm The public was re-admitted.

**RESTATEMENTS**

It was resolved while the public was excluded:

**C1 CONFIDENTIAL: Maungawhau and Karanga-a-Hape station precinct : acquisition & disposal of properties**

Resolution number GB/2025/38

MOVED by Mayor W Brown, seconded by Deputy Mayor D Simpson:

- f) whakaae / agree that the decisions, report and any attachments remain confidential until the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

5.50pm

The chairperson thanked members for their attendance and attention to business and declared the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD  
AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY HELD  
ON

**DATE:**.....

**CHAIRPERSON:**.....