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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, 1 May 2025 at 10.03am.

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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	From 11.59am, Item 10
	Cr Christine Fletcher, QSO	
	Cr Lotu Fuli	
	Cr Shane Henderson	
	Cr Richard Hills	Until 5.38pm, Item 11
	Cr Mike Lee	From 10.08am, Item 4 Until 5.39pm, Item 11
	Cr Kerrin Leoni	
	Cr Daniel Newman, JP	
	Cr Greg Sayers	
	Cr Sharon Stewart, QSM	
	Cr Ken Turner	
	Cr Wayne Walker	
	Cr John Watson	Until 5.41pm, Item 11
	Cr Maurice Williamson	

### HE HUNGA ATU ANŌ I TAE MAI | IN ATTENDANCE

<u>Tātaki Auckland Unlimited</u>	
Nick Hill	Chief Executive
James Parkinson	Director Auckland Stadiums

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## 1 Ngā Tamōtanga | Apologies

Resolution number GB/2025/39

MOVED by Cr S Stewart, seconded by Cr A Baker:

**That the Governing Body:**

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

**Lateness**

**Cr A Filipaina**

**Early Departure**

**Cr A Dalton**

**Cr L Fuli**

**Cr R Hills – on council business**

**CARRIED**

Note: Subsequently, Cr Dalton did not leave early.

## Electronic Attendance

Resolution number GB/2025/40

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

**That the Governing Body:**

a) **whakaae / approve electronic attendance under Standing Order 3.3.3 for:**

- **Cr L Fuli (SO 3.3.3 a))**

**CARRIED**

## Te Mihi | Acknowledgement

Cr S Henderson acknowledged the recent passing of Janet Clews, an Auckland stalwart.

A moments silence was observed.

## 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/2025/41

MOVED by Deputy Mayor D Simpson, seconded by Cr K Leoni:

**That the Governing Body:**

a) **whakaū / confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting, held on [Thursday, 27 March 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.

*Cr M Lee entered the meeting at 10.08am.*

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

There was no local board input.

#### 6 Ngā Pakihi Autaia | Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

#### 7 **Petition: Andrew Body - Ballot carried out in the Onehunga Business Improvement district**

Andrew Body presented a petition to the Governing Body. A copy has been placed on the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment

##### Petition Prayer:

*“Auckland Council expanded the Onehunga business improvement district to include over 750 additional Onehunga BID affiliates, effective 1 July 2024, after it and Onehunga Business Association (OBA) conducted a ballot.*

*The ballot failed to comply with Requirement 23 of the BID Policy 2022.*

*In particular OBA failed to properly prepare and disclose the roll of eligible voters for the ballot, the ballot was not open for 20 working days and OBA failed to adequately inform eligible voters of the financial consequences of the expansion.*

*Auckland Council staff and OBA are not addressing this matter.*

*OBA lacks a community of purpose, does not have a coherent plan and has made and continues to make significant administrative and compliance errors that contravene Auckland Council’s BID Policy 2022.”*

Resolution number GB/2025/42

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

##### **That the Governing Body:**

- a) **whakaae / accept the petition in relation a ballot carried out in the Onehunga Business Improvement district by Auckland Council and the Onehunga Business Association**
- b) **whakamihi / thank Andrew Body for attending the meeting**
- c) **tuku ki tangata kē / forward the petition to the chief executive for consideration.**

**CARRIED**

##### **Attachments**

- A 1 May 2025, Governing Body: Item 7 - Petition: Andrew Body - Ballot carried out in the Onehunga Business Improvement district, Original Petition

## 8 Status Update on Action Decisions from Governing Body 1 May 2025

Resolution number GB/2025/43

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

**That the Governing Body:**

- a) **tuhi ā-taipitopito / note the status of decisions made at the 1 May 2025 meeting.**

**CARRIED**

## 9 Chief Executive and Group Chief Financial Officer Update

The monthly dashboard for February 2024 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 A Baker left the meeting at 11.34am.*

*Cr D Newman left the meeting at 11.42am.*

*Cr A Baker returned to the meeting at 11.43am.*

Resolution number GB/2025/44

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 1 May 2025, Governing Body: Item 9 - Chief Executive and Group Chief Financial Officer Update, Monthly Dashboard

The meeting adjourned at 11.44am and reconvened at 11.51am.

## 10 Presentation from Eden Park Trust Board

A PowerPoint presentation was given with a video available at the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TKYDWrvjEVU>

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

*Cr A Filipaina entered the meeting at 11.59am.*

*Cr M Lee left the meeting at 12.04pm.*

*Cr D Newman returned to the meeting at 12.12pm.*

*Cr K Turner left the meeting at 12.13pm.*

*Cr K Turner returned to the meeting at 12.25pm.*

*Cr M Lee returned to the meeting at 12.29pm.*

*Cr G Sayers left the meeting at 12.40pm.*

*Cr G Sayers returned to the meeting at 12.55pm.*

Resolution number GB/2025/45

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

**That the Governing Body:**

- a) **whakamihi / thank the representatives of the Eden Park Trust Board for their attendance and the information provided on their performance and financial projections.**

**CARRIED**

**Attachments**

- A 1 May 2025, Governing Body: Item 10 - Presentation from Eden Park Trust Board, Presentation

The meeting adjourned at 1.09pm and reconvened at 1.40pm.

Cr R Hills, Cr D Newman, Cr G Sayers and Cr W Walker were not present.

Note: The chairperson accorded precedence to Item 12 – Western Springs Stadium expression of interest process - consultation on options, at this time.

**12 Western Springs Stadium expression of interest process - consultation on options**

A document from Western Springs Speedway Association 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.

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

That the Governing Body:

- a) whiwhi / receive Tātaki Auckland Unlimited's report relating to the expression of interest process on for the future use of Western Springs Stadium (Attachment A of the agenda report), noting that the Tātaki Auckland Unlimited Board has resolved to:
- i) request that council seek public feedback on all three options;
  - ii) agree that its currently preferred option is Auckland Arena (Option 1);
  - iii) require the development of a business case and agreement to contract terms before any final implementation of a decision by Tātaki Auckland Unlimited.
- b) whakaae / agree to consult the public on the three identified options for the future use of the Western Springs Stadium: Auckland Arena, Western Springs Bowl and Neither Option.
- c) whakaae / agree to the proposed communication and engagement plan for the consultation process, noting:
- i) public consultation will run from 19 May to 15 June 2025
  - ii) general feedback can be provided through the AK Have Your Say website
  - iii) Regional Organisations and Interest Groups (ROIGs) will be invited to speak directly to the Governing Body on 30 May and 9 June 2025

- iv) mana whenua and local boards will be invited to submit feedback through this process and their views will be reflected in the subsequent Governing Body report in July 2025
- v) a summary of the findings will be analysed and provided as part of the final recommendations brought back to governing body in July 2025
- d) tuhi / note that, following consultation, the Governing Body intends to adopt a preferred option for Western Springs Stadium
- e) tuhi / note that any final implementation of a decision by Tātaki Auckland Unlimited will be subject to a business case, due diligence and agreement of commercial terms.

*Cr W Walker returned to the meeting at 1.40pm.*

*Cr G Sayers returned to the meeting at 1.42pm.*

*Cr D Newman returned to the meeting at 1.47pm.*

*Cr R Hills returned to the meeting at 1.51pm.*

*Cr J Fairey left the meeting at 1.56pm.*

*Cr C Fletcher left the meeting at 2.00pm.*

*Cr L Fuli left the meeting and joined via electronic link at 3.22pm.*

MOVED by Cr K Turner, seconded by Cr W Walker, an amendment by way of addition, adding new clause a) ii):

- a) whiwhi / receive Tātaki Auckland Unlimited's report relating to the expression of interest process on for the future use of Western Springs Stadium (Attachment A of the agenda report), noting that the Tātaki Auckland Unlimited Board has resolved to:
  - ii) request that the description of option 3 contained in the consultation document include the retention of Ponsonby Rugby Club, Concerts/Festivals and the possibility of the renewal of speedway and ask staff to prepare an enhanced option 3 that includes these aspects prior to any consultation taking place.

Meeting adjourned at 2.27pm and reconvened at 3.36pm.

*Cr J Fairey returned to the meeting at 3.36pm.*

*Cr C Fletcher returned to the meeting at 3.36pm.*

### Electronic Attendance

Resolution number GB/2025/46

MOVED by Mayor W Brown, seconded by Cr G Sayers:

#### That the Governing Body:

- a) **whakaae / approve electronic attendance under Standing Order 3.3.3 for:**
  - **Cr D Newman (SO 3.3.3 a))**
  - **Cr A Dalton (SO 3.3.3 a))**
  - **Cr R Hills (SO 3.3.3 a))**

**CARRIED**

Questions commenced on the amendment.

Note: During questions on the amendment, it was agreed that the addition should be a new clause c) instead of a new sub-clause a) ii).

MOVED by Cr K Turner, seconded by Cr W Walker, an amendment by way of addition adding new clause c):

- c) request that the description of option 3 contained in the consultation document include the retention of Ponsonby Rugby Club, Concerts/Festivals and the possibility of the renewal of speedway and ask staff to prepare an enhanced option 3 that includes these aspects prior to any consultation taking place.

The meeting adjourned at 4.03pm and reconvened at 4.06pm.

At 4.07pm, it was:

### Extension of Meeting Time

Resolution number GB/2025/47

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

**That the Governing Body:**

- a) **whakaae / agree under Standing Order 1.1.3 that an extension of time be granted, until the business of the agenda is complete.**

**CARRIED**

Questions continued on the amendment.

*Cr D Newman left the meeting and joined via electronic link at 4.10pm.*

MOVED by Cr K Turner, seconded by Cr W Walker, an amendment by way of addition, adding new clause c):

- c) request that the description of option 3 contained in the consultation document include the retention of Ponsonby Rugby Club, Concerts/Festivals and the possibility of the renewal of speedway and ask staff to prepare an enhanced option 3 that includes these aspects prior to any consultation taking place.

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

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

The motion was declared **LOST** by 9 votes to 12.



MOVED by Cr M Lee, seconded by Cr J Watson, an amendment by way of addition, adding new clause e):

- e) tono / request that implementation of decisions agreed as an outcome of clauses a), b), c) and d) be paused pending the outcome of the judicial review proceeding currently before the High Court and the consultation dates referred to in clause c) be adjusted as required.

The meeting adjourned at 4.57pm and reconvened at 5.03pm.

Questions commenced on the amendment.

Debate commenced on the amendment.

MOVED by Cr M Lee, seconded by Cr J Watson, an amendment by way of addition adding new clause e):

- e) tono / request that implementation of decisions agreed as an outcome of clauses a), b), c) and d) be paused pending the outcome of the judicial review proceeding currently before the High Court and the consultation dates referred to in clause c) be adjusted as required.

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

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

The motion was declared LOST by 6 votes to 15.

The chairperson allowed further questions on the original motion.

Debate on the original motion commenced.

The original motion was put.

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

**That the Governing Body:**

- a) **whiwhi / receive Tātaki Auckland Unlimited's report relating to the expression of interest process on for the future use of Western Springs Stadium (Attachment A of the agenda report), noting that the Tātaki Auckland Unlimited Board has resolved to:**
  - i) **request that council seek public feedback on all three options;**

- ii) agree that its currently preferred option is Auckland Arena (Option 1);
  - iii) require the development of a business case and agreement to contract terms before any final implementation of a decision by Tātaki Auckland Unlimited.
- b) whakaae / agree to consult the public on the three identified options for the future use of the Western Springs Stadium: Auckland Arena, Western Springs Bowl and Neither Option.
- c) whakaae / agree to the proposed communication and engagement plan for the consultation process, noting:
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  - iv) mana whenua and local boards will be invited to submit feedback through this process and their views will be reflected in the subsequent Governing Body report in July 2025
  - v) a summary of the findings will be analysed and provided as part of the final recommendations brought back to governing body in July 2025
- d) tuhi / note that, following consultation, the Governing Body intends to adopt a preferred option for Western Springs Stadium
- e) tuhi / note that any final implementation of a decision by Tātaki Auckland Unlimited will be subject to a business case, due diligence and agreement of commercial terms.

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

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

The motion was declared CARRIED by 14 votes to 7.

#### **Attachments**

- A 1 May 2025, Governing Body: item 12 - Western Springs Stadium expression of interest process - consultation on options, Proposal from Western Springs Speedway Association

## 11 Opportunities to make further capital contribution to the Auckland Future Fund

*Cr R Hills retired from the meeting at 5.38pm.  
Cr M Lee retired from the meeting at 5.39pm.  
Cr J Watson retired from the meeting at 5.41pm.  
Cr S Stewart left the meeting at 5.41pm.  
Cr S Stewart returned to the meeting at 5.54pm.*

Resolution number GB/2025/48

MOVED by Cr C Fletcher, seconded by Cr G Sayers:

**That the Governing Body:**

- a) **tono / request the Board of Directors of Port of Auckland Limited consider paying Auckland Council a special dividend equivalent to the net proceeds from the sale of Marsden Maritime Holdings Limited shares**
- b) **whakaae / approve that those proceeds be transferred to the Auckland Future Fund if the Board of Directors of Port of Auckland Limited resolve to pay Auckland Council a special dividend equivalent to the net proceeds from the sale of Marsden Maritime Holdings Limited shares and delegate the Auckland Council Chief Executive to effect that transfer as a capital contribution to the Auckland Future Fund in a manner consistent with the terms of the Auckland Future Fund Trust Deed and this report**
- c) **tuhi tīpoka / note that council staff will continue to look for opportunities to further capitalise the Auckland Future Fund, with advice to the new Governing Body following the local government election in October 2025.**

**CARRIED**

Note: The following councillors requested their dissenting votes be recorded:

- Cr C Darby
- Cr A Filipaina

Note: Item 12 – Western Springs Stadium expression of interest process - consultation on options, was considered prior to Item 11 – Opportunities to make further capital contribution to the Auckland Future Fund

## 13 Summary of Governing Body and Committee information memoranda and briefings (including the Forward Work Programme) - 1 May 2025

Resolution number GB/2025/49

MOVED by Cr S Henderson, 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) – 1 May 2025.**

**CARRIED**

## 14 Te Whakaaro ki ngā Take Pūtea e Autaia ana | Consideration of Extraordinary Items

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

5.56 pm

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:**.....