

MINUTES

Chief Executive Officer Selection Panel Meeting Tuesday 23 September 2025



Minutes of Chief Executive Officer Selection Panel held at:

Time: 4:30 pm

Date: Tuesday 23 September 2025

Location: Level 1, Conference Room - Civic Centre
10 Watson Terrace, Mount Gambier

PRESENT: Mayor Lynette Martin (OAM)
Cr Max Bruins
Cr Josh Lynagh
Cr Paul Jenner
Cr Frank Morello
Cr Jason Virgo

IN Cr Sonya Meziniec
ATTENDANCE: Cr Mark Lovett

OFFICERS IN General Manager Corporate and Regulatory Services - Mrs J Fetherstonhaugh
ATTENDANCE:

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE BOANDIK PEOPLES AS THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS OF THE LAND WHERE WE MEET TODAY. WE RESPECT THEIR SPIRITUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LAND AND RECOGNISE THE DEEP FEELINGS OF ATTACHMENT OUR FIRST NATIONS PEOPLES HAVE WITH THE LAND.

2 APOLOGIES

Nil

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Nil

4 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

5 REPORTS

Nil

6 URGENT MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

7 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

7.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECRUITMENT

RESOLUTION CEOSP 2025/01

Moved: Cr Frank Morello
Seconded: Cr Josh Lynagh

CONSIDERATION FOR EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Pursuant to section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999* the Chief Executive Officer Selection Panel orders that all members of the public, except the Members of the Chief Executive Officer Selection Panel, Cr Sonya Meziniec, Cr Mark Lovett and General Manager Corporate and Regulatory Services, Mrs Jane Fetherstonhaugh be excluded from attendance at the meeting for the receipt and consideration in confidence of Chief Executive Officer Recruitment.

The Chief Executive Officer Selection Panel is satisfied that, pursuant to section 90(3) (a), (b), (d) and (g) of the Act, the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to the Agenda Item is:

- (a) information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead).
- (b) information the disclosure of which -
 - (i) could reasonably be expected to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting, or proposing to conduct, business, or to prejudice the commercial position of the council; and
 - (ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.
- (d) Commercial information of a confidential nature (not being a trade secret) the disclosure of which -
 - (i) could reasonably be expected to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information, or to confer a commercial advantage on a third party; and
 - (ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.
- (g) matters that must be considered in confidence in order to ensure that the council does not breach any law, order or direction of a court or tribunal constituted by law, any duty of confidence, or other legal obligation or duty.

The Chief Executive Officer Selection Panel is satisfied that the principle that the meeting be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in the circumstances because the information to be discussed includes information concerning the personal employment affairs of applicants for the position of Chief Executive Officer provided on a confidential basis and thus creating a duty of confidence on the Committee and Council.

Further, the subject matter also includes information regarding the selection process, the disclosure of which could reasonably be considered could confer an advantage on third parties or applicant(s) to the Chief Executive Officer position.

CARRIED

Cr Mark Lovett joined the meeting at 4.39pm

RESOLUTION CEOSP 2025/03

Moved: Cr Paul Jenner

Seconded: Cr Jason Virgo

CONSIDERATION FOR KEEPING ITEMS CONFIDENTIAL

1. In accordance with Sections 91(7) and 91(9) of the *Local Government Act 1999* the Chief Executive Office Selection Panel orders that the report Chief Executive Officer Recruitment and its attachments, resolution/s and minutes arising from the report, having been considered by the Chief Executive Office Selection Panel in confidence under:
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be kept confidential and not available for public inspection until further order of Chief Executive Office Selection Panel, to be reviewed at least once in every 12 month period.
2. Further that Chief Executive Office Selection Panel delegates the power to review, revoke, but not extend the confidential order to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the provisions of Section 91(9)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1999*.

CARRIED

8 MEETING CLOSE

The meeting closed at 4.55pm.

The minutes of this meeting confirmed at the Chief Executive Officer Selection Panel Meeting held on

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PRESIDING MEMBER