

MINUTES

Finance and Governance Committee

Monday, 10 November 2025

6:00 PM

Waratah Room

Georges River Civic Centre

Hurstville



PRESENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor, Councillor Elise Borg, Councillor Christina Jamieson (Chairperson), Councillor Gerard Hayes, Councillor Leon Pun, Councillor Thomas Gao, and Deputy Mayor, Councillor Sam Stratikopoulos.

COUNCIL STAFF

Director Business and Corporate Services - Danielle Parker, Chief Audit Executive – Steven Baker, Chief Finance Officer – Scott Henwood, Head of Corporate Governance and Risk – Renata Sala, Head of Strategic Property – Bernard Morabito, General Counsel – James Fan, Executive Services Officer – Nickie Paraskevopoulos, Executive Assistant – Ally Chand (Minutes) and Technology Business Support Officer – Brendan Thorpe.

OPENING

The Chairperson, Councillor Christina Jamieson, opened the meeting at 6.01pm.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chairperson, Councillor Jamieson acknowledged the Bidjigal people of the Eora Nation, who are the Traditional Custodians of all lands, waters and sky in the Georges River area. I pay my respect to Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who live, work and meet on these lands.

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

MOTION: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos

That a leave of absence be accepted for Councillor Peter Mahoney.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Hayes, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Pun, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos, The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Gao

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

REQUEST TO ATTEND VIA AUDIO VISUAL LINK

MOTION: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Hayes

That Councillor Gao and Councillor Pun be granted permission to attend the meeting via audio visual link.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Hayes, Councillor Jamieson, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos, The Mayor, Councillor Borg

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

NOTICE OF WEBCASTING

The Chairperson, Councillor Jamieson advised staff and the public that the meeting is being recorded for minute-taking purposes and is also webcast live on Council's website, in accordance with section 5 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice. This recording will be made available on Council's Website.

CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

Council's Code of Meeting Practice prohibits the electronic recording of meetings without the express permission of Council.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest made.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no registered speakers.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

FIN041-25 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Finance and Governance Committee Meeting held on 13 October 2025
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos, The Mayor, Councillor Borg

That the Minutes of the Finance and Governance Committee Meeting held on 13 October 2025, be confirmed.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Hayes, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Pun, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos, The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Gao

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FIN042-25 Code of Conduct Complaints Statistics 2025
(Report by Chief Audit Executive)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos

That the Finance and Governance Committee receives and notes the report on the Code of Conduct Complaints Statistics for the period 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Hayes, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Pun, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos, The Mayor, Councillor Borg

Against the Motion: Councillor Gao (abstained)

On being put to the Meeting, voting on this Motion was five (5) votes FOR and one (1) vote AGAINST. The Motion was CARRIED.

FIN043-25 Investment Report as at 30 September 2025
(Report by Senior Financial Accountant - Reporting)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos, The Mayor, Councillor Borg

That the Investment Report as at 30 September 2025 be received and noted by Council.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Hayes, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Pun, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos, The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Gao

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

FIN044-25 Quarterly Budget Review Report for Period Ending 30 September 2025
(Report by Head of Financial Planning and Analysis)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos, The Mayor, Councillor Borg

- (a) That Council receives and notes the contents of this report in relation to the Quarterly Budget Review for the period ending 30 September 2025.
- (b) That Council adopt the proposed amendments to the 2025/26 Budget as outlined in the attachment.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Hayes, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Pun, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos, The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Gao

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

FIN045-25 Quarterly Commercial Property Portfolio Report for Period Ending 30 September 2025
(Report by Senior Property Officer)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Hayes

That Council receive and note the contents of this report in relation to the Quarterly Commercial Property Portfolio, for the period ending 30 September 2025

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Hayes, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Pun, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos, The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Gao

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

FIN046-25 Property Matter - Disposal of Surplus Property - 62 Ocean Street Kogarah
(Report by Head of Strategic Property)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Hayes, The Mayor, Councillor Borg

- (a) That the land described as Lots 101 and 102 in DP773963 and Lot 2 in DP1016103, located at 62 Ocean Street, Kogarah be sold by way of public auction in accordance with the terms and conditions as generally detailed within this report.
- (b) That the General Manager be authorised to set the reserve price for auction purposes as

detailed in (confidential) Attachment 2 to this report.

- (c) That should the property fail to sell at auction, the property be listed for private treaty sale at the reserve price.
- (d) That the General Manager, in accordance with Section 377(h) of the Local Government Act 1993, be authorised to execute the Contract for Sale, Transfer Document and all other documentation, to affect the disposal of Lots 101 and 102 in DP773963 and Lot 2 in DP1016103 being 62 Ocean Street, Kogarah.
- (e) That income from the proceeds of sale be placed in Council's Childcare Asset Reserve for investment in future childcare facilities and assets.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Hayes, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Pun, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos, The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Gao

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

FIN047-25 Draft Councillor Induction and Professional Development Policy (Report by Manager Office of the General Manager)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Hayes

- (a) That Council endorse the attached draft Councillor Induction and Professional Development Policy to proceed to public exhibition for a period of 60 days inviting community comment.
- (b) That Council receive a further report following the public exhibition period outlining community comment received.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Hayes, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Pun, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos, The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Gao

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

FIN048-25 Strategic Risks 2025/26 (Report by Chief Governance and Risk Officer)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos

- (a) That the Council endorse the Strategic Risks Statements outlined in Attachment 1 for 2025/26.
- (b) That the Council receive and notes the JLT Public Sector Risk Report 2025 contained in Attachment 2.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Hayes, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Pun, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stratikopoulos, The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Gao

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 6.14pm.



Chairperson