

# MINUTES

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## Council Meeting

Monday, 14 October 2024

6:00 PM

Dragon Room

Civic Centre

Hurstville

UNCONFIRMED



GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

## **PRESENT**

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Councillor Matthew Allison, Councillor Ashvini Ambihaipahar, Councillor Elaina Anzellotti, Councillor Tom Arthur, Councillor Elise Borg, Councillor Oliver Dimoski, Councillor Thomas Gao, Councillor Christina Jamieson, Councillor Kathryn Landsberry, Councillor Nancy Liu, Councillor Peter Mahoney, Councillor Natalie Mort, Councillor Leon Pun, Councillor Sam Stratikopoulos, and Councillor Ben Wang.

### **COUNCIL STAFF**

General Manager – David Tuxford, Director Assets and Infrastructure – Andrew Latta, Director Environment and Planning – Joseph Hill, Director Community and Culture – Kristie Dodd, Director Business and Corporate Services – Danielle Parker, Manager, Office of the General Manager – Vicki McKinley, Executive Services Officer – Nickie Paras, General Counsel - James Fan, A/Executive Manager City Futures – Catherine James, Head of Technology – Garuthman De Silva and Technology Services Officer – Chris Stojanovski.

### **OPENING**

The General Manager, David Tuxford, opened the meeting at 6:00pm.

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

The General Manager David Tuxford 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**

There were no apologies or requests for leave of absence.

### **NOTICE OF LIVE STREAMING OF COUNCIL MEETING**

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The order of business is as shown in the agenda.

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### **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of interest made.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

There were no speakers for tonight's meeting.

## FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

### **CCL068-24 Oath or Affirmation of Office by Councillors** (Report by Executive Services Officer)

An Oath or Affirmation of Office was taken in accordance with Section 233A of *The Local Government Act (1993)*.

The following Councillors undertook the Oath of Office:

Councillor Elaina Anzellotti  
Councillor Elise Borg  
Councillor Christina Jamieson  
Councillor Natalie Mort  
Councillor Ben Wang  
Councillor Peter Mahoney  
Councillor Oliver Dimoski  
Councillor Ashvini Ambihaipahar  
Councillor Sam Stratikopoulos

The following Councillors undertook the Affirmation of Office:

Councillor Tom Arthur  
Councillor Nancy Liu  
Councillor Kathryn Landsberry  
Councillor Leon Pun  
Councillor Thomas Gao  
Councillor Matthew Allison

### **CCL069-24 Election of Mayor** (Report by Executive Services Officer)

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Borg, Councillor Stratikopoulos

- (a) That the method of voting be open, by way of show of hands, for the election of the Mayor.
- (b) That letters be forwarded to the Office of Local Government and the Chief Executive of LGNSW advising the appointment of the Mayor.

#### **Record of Voting**

For the Motion: Councillor Allison, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Borg, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

The General Manager, as Returning Officer, undertook the election of the Mayor.

The General Manager, as Returning Officer, advised that he had received one (1) nomination for the Office of the Mayor, as follows:

#### **Councillor Borg**

Nominated by Councillor Mort and Councillor Stratikopoulos

Councillor Borg accepted the nomination.

As a result of the vote, the General Manager declared Councillor Borg elected to the Office of the Mayor of Georges River Council unopposed until September 2026.

**Record of Voting**

For the Motion: Councillor Allison, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Borg, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

**CCL070-24 Election of Deputy Mayor**  
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Borg, Councillor Liu

- (a) That the method of voting be open, by way of show of hands, for the election of the Deputy Mayor.
- (b) That the term for the Deputy Mayor be for a period of 12 months until September 2025.
- (b) That letters be forwarded to the Office of Local Government and the CEO of LGNSW advising of the election of the Deputy Mayor.

**Record of Voting**

For the Motion: Councillor Allison, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

The General Manager, as Returning Officer, undertook the election of the Deputy Mayor.

The General Manager, as Returning Officer, advised that he had received one (1) nomination for the Office of the Deputy Mayor, as follows:

**Councillor Liu**

Nominated by Councillor Stratikopoulos and Mayor Councillor Borg

Councillor Liu accepted the nomination.

As a result of the vote, the General Manager declared Councillor Liu elected to the Office of the Deputy Mayor of Georges River Council unopposed until September 2025.

**Record of Voting**

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Borg, Councillor Allison, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

## **CCL071-24 Appointment of Councillor Representatives to Georges River Council Standing Committees**

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Stratikopoulos, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu

That Council appoint the following Chairpersons and Councillors to each of the Standing Committees of Council for the period until September 2025:

### Assets and Infrastructure Committee

Chairperson – Councillor Ashvini Ambihaipahar

Councillor Members: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu  
Councillor Mort  
Councillor Dimoski  
Councillor Gao  
Councillor Anzellotti  
Councillor Pun  
Councillor Stratikopoulos  
Councillor Wang

### Community and Culture Committee

Chairperson – Councillor Kathryn Landsberry

Councillor Members: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu  
Councillor Mort  
Councillor Allison  
Councillor Dimoski  
Councillor Arthur  
Councillor Anzellotti  
Councillor Gao  
Councillor Wang

### Environment and Planning Committee

Chairperson – Councillor Mahoney

Councillor Members: Councillor Jamieson  
Councillor Allison  
Councillor Landsberry  
Councillor Arthur

### Finance and Governance Committee

Chairperson – Councillor Jamieson

Councillor Members: Councillor Mahoney  
Councillor Stratikopoulos  
Councillor Pun  
Councillor Ambihaipahar

### Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Borg, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Allison, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

CARRIED.

**CCL072-24 Appointment of Councillor Delegates to Advisory Committees, External Committees and Panels**  
(Report by Executive Services Officer)

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Mort

That Council determine the Councillor delegates to the following advisory committees, external committees and panels:

- (a) That Council appoint the following Councillor representatives to the Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC) until September 2025:  
Councillor Members: Mayor, Councillor Borg  
Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu  
Alternate Members: Councillor Mahoney and Councillor Jamieson
- (b) That Council appoint the following Councillor representatives to the Georges River Combined Councils Committee Advisory Committee (GRCCC) until September 2025  
Councillor Member: Councillor Allison  
Alternate Member: Councillor Mahoney
- (c) That Council appoint the following Councillor representatives to the NSW Public Libraries Association until September 2025:  
Councillor Member: Councillor Mort  
Alternate Member: Councillor Jamieson
- (d) That Council appoint the following Councillor representatives to the Sydney South Planning Panel for a period not exceeding three years:  
Councillor Member: Councillor Jamieson  
Councillor Stratikopoulos  
Alternate Member: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu  
Councillor Mort  
Councillor Mahoney  
Councillor Landsberry
- (e) That Council appoint the following Councillor representatives to the Canterbury Bankstown/Georges River Bushfire Management Committee until the end of the current term of Council:  
Councillor Chairperson: Councillor Mahoney  
Alternate Chairperson: Councillor Allison
- (f) That Council appoint the following Council representatives to the Traffic Advisory Committee (TAC) until September 2025:  
Councillor Member: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu  
Alternate Member: Councillor Jamieson
- (g) That Council appoint the following Councillor to the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee as a non-voting member, as recommended by the ARIC Chair until the end of the current term of Council:  
Councillor Member: Councillor Stratikopoulos
- (h) That Council appoint the following Councillor representatives to the Floodplain Risk

Management Committee until the end of the current term of Council:

Councillor Chairperson: Councillor Jamieson

Alternate Chairperson: Councillor Mahoney

- (i) That Council appoint the following Councillor representatives to the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee until September 2025:

Councillor Chairperson: Councillor Stratikopoulos

Councillor Member: Councillor Mort

Alternate Chairperson: Councillor Landsberry

- (j) That Council appoint the following Councillor representatives to the Beverley Park Golf Club Steering Committee until the end of the current term of Council:

Councillor Chairperson: Mayor, Councillor Borg

Councillor Members : Kogarah Bay Ward – Councillor Stratikopoulos  
Kogarah Bay Ward - Councillor Gao

### Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Borg, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Allison, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

### **CCL073-24 Countback votes in relation to Casual Vacancies in Georges River Local Government Area** (Report by Executive Services Officer)

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Liu

That pursuant to section 291A(1) (b) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act), Georges River Council declares that casual vacancies occurring in the office of a councillor, within 18 months after the last ordinary election of Councillors for the Council on 14 September 2024, are to be filled by a countback of votes cast at the last election for the office in accordance with section 291A of the Act and directs the General Manager to notify the NSW Electoral Commissioner within 7 days of the decision.

### Record of Voting

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Borg, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Allison, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

### **CCL074-24 Local Government NSW (LGNSW) 2024 Annual Conference - Voting**



**Delegates and Submission of Motions**

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Dimoski

(a) That the following Councillors be nominated as voting delegates to attend the Local Government NSW (LGNSW) Conference on 17-19 November 2024.

Councillor Borg  
Councillor Mort  
Councillor Mahoney  
Councillor Jamieson  
Councillor Stratikopoulos  
Councillor Liu  
Councillor Arthur  
Councillor Anzellotti  
Councillor Ambihaipahar  
Councillor Allison - (non-voting delegate)

(b) That Council note that the General Manager will nominate staff to attend the Conference.

**Record of Voting**

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Borg, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Allison, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

**CCL075-24 Local Government Remuneration Tribunal Determination - Mayor and Councillors Fees for 2024/2025**

(Report by Manager Office of the General Manager)

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Landsberry, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu

That there be no change on the remuneration of the Mayor Councillor Fees for the 2024/25 financial year.

**Record of Voting**

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Borg, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Allison, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

**COMMUNITY AND CULTURE****CCL076-24 Endorsement for Smoking Ceremony and Welcome to Country**  
(Report by Manager Community and Early Learning Services)



**RESOLVED:** Councillor Pun, Councillor Mahoney

That Council endorse the inclusion of a Smoking Ceremony and Welcome to Country at the first full Council meeting of the newly elected Council on Monday, 25 November 2024.

**Record of Voting**

For the Motion: Mayor, Councillor Borg, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liu, Councillor Allison, Councillor Ambihaipahar, Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Arthur, Councillor Dimoski, Councillor Gao, Councillor Jamieson, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Mort, Councillor Pun, Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Wang

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

**CONCLUSION**

The Meeting was closed at 6:38pm

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Chairperson

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