

MINUTES

Extraordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday, 09 June 2026

At the conclusion of the Committee Meetings

Dragon Room
Civic Centre
Hurstville

UNCONFIRMED



GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

PRESENT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Mayor, Councillor Elise Borg, Councillor Matthew Allison, Councillor Elaina Anzellotti, Councillor Tom Arthur, Councillor Oliver Dimoski, Councillor Gerard Hayes, Councillor Christina Jamieson, Councillor Kathryn Landsberry, Councillor Nancy Liu, Councillor Peter Mahoney, Councillor Natalie Mort, Councillor Leon Pun, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Sam Stratikopoulos, and Councillor Ben Wang.

COUNCIL STAFF

General Manager – David Tuxford, Director Assets and Infrastructure – Bryce Spelta, 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 – Marisa Severino, Executive Services Officer – Nickie Paras, Executive Assistant to General Manager – Sue Matthew, General Counsel - James Fan, Executive Manager City Futures – Kent Stroud, Chief Audit Executive – Steven Baker, Chief Information Officer – Brendan Scott, Head of Technology – Garuthman De Silva.

OPENING

The Mayor, Councillor Borg, opened the meeting at 8:07pm

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor, Councillor Borg 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

RESOLVED: Councillor Anzellotti, Councillor Hayes

That an apology be accepted and a leave of absence granted for Councillor Gao.

Record of Voting

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

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

REQUEST TO ATTEND VIA AUDIO VISUAL LINK

There were no requests to attend via Audio Visual Link.

NOTICE OF WEBCASTING

The Mayor, Councillor Borg 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.

NOTICES OF RESCISSION

NR001-26 Notice of Rescission - CCL125-25 Adoption of Georges River Council's Code of Meeting Practice 2025
(Report by The Mayor, Councillor Borg)

RESOLVED: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Jamieson

That the decision in respect of Item No. CCL125-25 from the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 8 December 2025 be rescinded in part.

The resolution proposed to be rescinded in part is as follows:

That Council:

- (b) Adopt the Draft Code of Meeting Practice 2025 (Attachment 2) for a six (6) month trial period, noting the below overview of a number of recommended amendments:
 - (i) Clause 3.7 The business paper of the Ordinary Council Meeting will be published at least eleven (11) days prior to the Ordinary Council Meeting being held.
 - (ii) Clause 3.10 Councillors are required to give notice of any business they wish to be considered by the Council at an Ordinary Council Meeting by 5:00pm, fourteen (14) business days before the meeting is held by Council (6 business days prior to publishing the business paper).
 - (iii) Clause 3.41-3.42 A Councillor may submit questions on an item of business at an Ordinary Council Meeting by 5.00pm the day after the public forum. (Note: this does not limit Councillors' ability to submit questions prior to this once the agenda has been published or ask questions on items during the meeting).
 - (iv) Clause 3.43 A supplementary business paper to be published by 5.00pm on the day of an Ordinary Council Meeting containing the Councillor questions and Council officer responses.
 - (v) As per the Model Code, a council may determine the rules under which public forums are to be conducted and when they are to be held, the following revisions have been made:
 - a) Clause 4.2 Council will conduct its public forum commencing at 6.00pm seven (7) days prior to an Ordinary Council Meeting for the purpose of hearing oral submissions from members of the public.
 - b) Clause 4.3 The Mayor, Deputy Mayor or their nominee will preside as chairperson at the forum with all Councillors invited to attend. In the absence of

the Mayor or Councillors, the General Manager will preside as chairperson.

- c) Clause 4.5 To speak at a public forum, applications must be received by 10.00am on the day on which the meeting is being held.
- d) Clause 4.15 Speakers at public forums must declare if they have an interest, state the nature of the interest and whether personal or business related, on any item they apply to speak on.
- e) Clause 4.18 A public forum should not be used to raise questions or complaints. Such matters should be forwarded in writing to the council where they will be responded to by appropriate council officers.
- (vi) Clause 18.1 Meetings of the Council and Committees of the Council are to conclude no later than 10.30pm to support the health and safety of Councillors and Council staff.
- (vii) Removed reference to a cap on Notice of Motions, Questions with Notice.
- (c) Adopt the proposed Council and Committee Meeting Schedule 2026 (Attachment 3).
- (g) The General Manager submit a report to Council in July 2026 evaluating the outcomes of the new Code of Meeting Practice after a 6 month trial period.

Record of Voting

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FORESHADOWED MOTION

RESOLVED: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort

That Council:

- (a) Note the *Local Government (General Amendment (Model Code of Meeting Practice) Regulation 2025* (Amendment Regulation) which prescribed the 2025 Model Code of Meeting Practice for Local Councils in NSW (2025 Model Meeting Code) has been disallowed by the NSW Legislative Council.
- (b) Note the disallowance of the Amendment Regulation means that the 2025 Model Meeting Code is no longer prescribed for the purposes of Section 360 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (LG Act) and the previous 2021 version of the Model Meeting Code now becomes the prescribed version.
- (c) Note at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 23 June 2025, Council adopted its Code of Meeting Practice including the mandatory clauses within the 2021 version of the Model Meeting Code.
- (d) Note that the Georges River Council Code of Meeting Practice adopted at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 23 June 2025 is reinstated.
- (e) Note the parts of the Council Resolution of the 8 December 2025 Meeting (CCL125-25) not rescinded as they are matters separate to the Code of Meeting Practice:

- (i) That Council adopt the revised Committee Meeting Terms of Reference for the:
 - a) Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting
 - b) Community and Culture Committee Meeting
 - c) Environment and Planning Committee Meeting
 - d) Finance and Governance Committee Meeting
- (ii) The membership of Council's Committee Meetings to include all Councillors and that meetings will be held consecutively on the second Monday of the month.
- (iii) The current Chairpersons of Council's Committee Meetings will remain in place until September 2026 as per Council Resolution CCL077-25.
- (f) That the General Manager review the Code of Meeting Practice within six months with a view to incorporating supplementary provisions or on the prescription of an updated Model Meeting Code by the NSW Government.
- (g) Further note:
 - (i) The provisions in Section 4 of the 2021 version of the Model Meeting Code stating that a Council may hold a public forum prior to each Ordinary Meeting of the Council for the purpose of hearing oral submissions from members of the public on items of business to be considered at the meeting.
 - (ii) That items of business refer to mayoral minutes, reports to council and notices of motion only, being items of business of Council.

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CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 8:25pm



Chairperson