



**GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL**

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**TUESDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2025**

**MINUTES**

**Meeting was held in the Council Chambers,  
Corner Hawthorn & Glen Eira Roads, Caulfield  
at 5:00 PM**

Present

Councillor Arabella Daniel  
Councillor Margaret Esakoff  
Councillor Jane Karlake  
Councillor Sam Parasol  
Councillor Luca Ragni  
Councillor Kay Rimbaldo  
Councillor Kimberley Young  
Councillor Li Zhang  
Councillor Simone Zmood

Council Officers Present

Chief Executive Officer, Lucy Roffey  
Director Customer and Corporate Affairs, Kellie Vise  
Director Sustainability, Assets and Leisure, Niall McDonough  
Director Community Wellbeing, Jane Price  
Director Planning and Place, Rosa Zouzoulas  
Chief Financial Officer, John Vastianos  
Manager Legal, Risk and Governance, Diana Vaynrib  
Coordinator Councillor Business, Karling Colomiere  
Councillor Business Officer, Kylie Webster  
Councillor Business Officer, Mary Lennon

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**1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Chair (CEO) read the acknowledgement.

Glen Eira City Council acknowledges the Boon Wurrung/Bunurong and Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung peoples of the Kulin Nation as Traditional Owners and Custodians, and pays respect to their Elders past and present. We acknowledge and uphold Traditional Owner's continuing relationship to the land and waterways. Council extends its respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

**2. APOLOGIES**

Nil

**3. REMINDER TO DECLARE ANY CONFLICTS OF INTEREST IN ANY ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

Councillors were reminded of the requirement for disclosure of conflicts of interest in relation to items listed for consideration on the Agenda, or any item that was considered at this meeting, in accordance with Section 130(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020* and Rule 85 of the Glen Eira City Council Governance Rules. Councillors were then invited to indicate any such conflict of interest.

**Procedural Motion**

**Moved Cr Esakoff:**

**Seconded: Cr Daniel**

That Council:

1. where meetings are held in-person, can continue the meeting if the livestream of the meeting fails;
2. considers the meeting to be adjourned for 10 minutes from the commencement of any technical problem where a Councillor is participating virtually; and
3. where a Councillor is participating virtually and the meeting cannot be resumed within 30 minutes from the commencement of the technical problem, the meeting is to be reconvened on Thursday 20 November 2025 at 4:00pm.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**4. OFFICER REPORTS (AS LISTED)**

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**4.1 TERM OF OFFICE FOR THE MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR**

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**Moved: Cr Rimbaldo****Seconded: Cr Esakoff**

That Council:

1. determines that the Mayor be elected to serve a one-year term; and
2. establishes an office of the deputy Mayor to align with the length of the mayoral term.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**4.2 ELECTION OF THE MAYOR 2025**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council elects a Mayor for Glen Eira City Council for the term as determined by Council commencing 18 November 2025.

*Nominations:*

Nomination 1 - Cr Young has nominated herself.

Nomination 2 - Cr Karlake has nominated herself.

Nomination 3 - Cr Parasol has nominated Cr Zmood.

*Voting:*

Nomination 1 – Crs Rimbaldo, Young (2).

Nomination 2 – Crs Ragni, Karlake (2).

Nomination 3 – Crs Daniel, Esakoff, Parasol, Zhang, Zmood (5).

**Cr Zmood has been declared as the Glen Eira City Council Mayor for the 2025/2026 Council year.**

*Mayor, Cr Zmood has assumed the role of the Chair to conduct the remaining items of the Special Council Meeting.*

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**4.3 ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR 2025**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council elects a Deputy Mayor for Glen Eira City Council for the term as determined by Council commencing 18 November 2025.

*Nominations:*

Nomination 1 - Cr Zmood has nominated Cr Zhang

Nomination 2 - Cr Young has nominated herself

*Voting:*

Nomination 1 – Crs Daniel, Esakoff, Karlake, Parasol, Zmood, Zhang (6)

Nomination 2 – Crs Ragni, Rimbaldo, Young (3)

**Cr Zhang has been declared as the Glen Eira City Council Deputy Mayor for the 2025/2026 Council year.**

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*Mayor, Cr Zmood spoke to her election as Mayor for the 2025/2026 Council year.*

*Cr Zhang spoke to her election as Deputy Mayor for the 2025/2026 Council year.*

*All Councillors spoke, offering congratulations to the new Mayor and Deputy Mayor.*

**5. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 5.56pm.

Confirmed this 25 November 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting