
Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting 12 January 2022

Meeting commenced at 6:02pm

Present:

Steve Christou	Councillor
Diane Colman	Councillor
Greg Cummings	Councillor
Glenn Elmore	Councillor
Sabrin Farooqui	Councillor
Paul Garrard	Councillor
Ola Hamed	Councillor
Kun Huang	Councillor
Helen Hughes	Councillor
Mohamad Hussein	Councillor
Lisa Lake	Councillor
Joseph Rahme	Councillor
Suman Saha	Councillor
Eddy Sarkis	Councillor
Michael Zaiter	Councillor
Peter Fitzgerald	General Manager
Melissa Attia	Director Community & Organisation Development (Via Web Conferencing)
Daniel Cavallo	Director Environment & Planning (Via Web Conferencing)
Pav Kuzmanovski	Director Finance & Commercial Services
Brendan Govers	Director City Services

Also in Attendance:

Charlie Ayoub	Executive Manager General Manager's Unit
Colin McFadzean	General Counsel
Jessica Saliba	Senior Coordinator Governance & Civic Events
Monica Shenouda	Acting Senior Governance & Civic Events Officer

The General Manager, Peter Fitzgerald declared the meeting open at 6:02pm. The General Manager noted that the meeting was being held under strict Covid-19 safe protocols, and that Councillors and their guests in attendance were encouraged to wear their face masks when not formally addressing the Chamber and it was requested that all attendees sign in via Council's QR Code.

The General Manager acknowledged the presence of Julia Finn MP, Member for Granville and Councillors Michelle Garrard and Dan Siviero from City of Parramatta Council in the gallery.

Opening Prayer

The opening prayer was read by Pastor Sam Abalo, from Holyroyd Combined Churches.

Acknowledgement of Country

The General Manager, Peter Fitzgerald read out the following Acknowledgement of Country:

"I would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of this land – the Darug People, and pay my respects to their elders past, present and emerging."

National Anthem

At this point in the meeting the General Manager, Peter Fitzgerald asked all of those in attendance to stand for the playing of the Australian National Anthem.

Notice of Live Streaming of Council Meeting

The General Manager advised that the Council meeting was being streamed live on Council's website and the recording of the proceedings of the Council Meeting were not permitted without the prior approval of Council.

Apologies

Nil.

Declarations of Pecuniary & Non Pecuniary Conflicts of Interest

Nil.

Min. 001 EC01/22-1 Commencement of Council Term – Oath of Office

Moved: Sarkis

Seconded: Elmore

"That Council notes that all Councillors have now undertaken an Oath/Affirmation of Office, in accordance with Section 233A of the Local Government Act 1993."

The Motion on being Put was declared CARRIED.

Min. 002 EC01/22-2 Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor

Moved: Hamed

Seconded: Hussein

“That:

1. Council elects a deputy mayor to hold office until 28 September 2022;
2. Council hold a further election for deputy mayor on 28 September 2022;
3. The person elected to the office of deputy mayor on 28 September 2022 hold that office until the date in September 2023 when an election of the mayor is held;
4. The election of mayor and deputy mayor be by open voting by a show of hands;
5. Council now elect a mayor for the ensuing term to no later than midnight 30 September 2023; and
6. Council now elect a deputy mayor for the ensuing term to 28 September 2022.”

The Motion on being Put was declared CARRIED.

The General Manager was the Returning Officer for the election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

The General Manager advised that he has received (2) compliant nominations for the position of Mayor.

The General Manager advised that has received nominations for the position of Mayor for Councillor Lake and Councillor Sarkis.

The General Manager asked all Councillors who support Councillor Lake being the first nomination received, for the position of Mayor to raise their hands.

Councillors Colman, Cummings, Elmore, Farooqui, Hamed, Huang, Hussein, Lake and Saha voted for Councillor Lake. A total of 9 votes were recorded.

The General Manager asked all Councillors who support Councillor Sarkis being the second nomination received, for the position of Mayor to raise their hands.

Councillors Christou, Garrard, Hughes, Rahme, Sarkis and Zaiter voted for Councillor Sarkis. A total of 6 votes were recorded.

The General Manager declared that Councillor Lake is elected as Mayor.

The General Manager then advised that he has received (2) compliant nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor for Councillor Huang and Councillor Rahme.

The General Manager asked all Councillors who support Councillor Huang being the first nomination received, for the position of Deputy Mayor to raise their hands.

Councillors Colman, Cummings, Elmore, Farooqui, Hamed, Huang, Hussein, Lake and Saha voted for Councillor Huang. A total of 9 votes were recorded.

The General Manager asked all Councillors who support Councillor Rahme being the second nomination received for the position of Deputy Mayor, to raise their hands.

Councillors Christou, Garrard, Hughes, Rahme, Sarkis and Zaiter voted for Councillor Rahme. A total of 6 votes were recorded.

The General Manager declared that Councillor Huang is elected as Deputy Mayor.

At this point in the meeting, the General Manager handed the meeting proceedings over to the Mayor, Councillor Lake as Chairperson.

Councillor Rahme left the meeting at 7:05pm and returned to the meeting at 7:09pm during the consideration of this item.

Min. 003 EC01/22-3 Decision on Council Opt in for Countback Elections

Motion

Moved: Sarkis

Seconded: Christou

“That Council do not opt in for the use of Countback Elections in the event of a vacancy in Councillor Office.”

Amendment

Moved: Colman

Seconded: Farooqui

“That pursuant to Section 291A(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 1993 (the Act), Cumberland 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 4 December 2021 are to be filled by a countback of votes cast at that election for the office in accordance with Section 291A of the Act and directs the General Manager to notify the NSW Electoral Commission of the Council’s decision within 7 days of the decision.”

The Amendment on being Put was declared CARRIED.

Councillor(s) For the Amendment: Councillors Colman, Elmore, Farooqui, Hamed, Huang, Hussein, Lake and Saha.

Councillor(s) Against the Amendment: Councillors Christou, Cummings, Garrard, Hughes, Sarkis and Zaiter.

The Amendment then became the Motion. The Motion (as amended) on being put was declared CARRIED to become the resolution of Council.

Councillor(s) For the Motion: Councillors Colman, Elmore, Farooqui, Hamed, Huang, Hussein, Lake and Saha.

Councillor(s) Against the Motion: Councillors Christou, Cummings, Garrard, Hughes, Sarkis and Zaiter.

Councillor Rahme left the meeting at 7:15pm and returned to the meeting at 7:17pm following the consideration of this item.

Note of Condolences

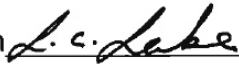
At this point in the meeting the Mayor, Councillor Lake advised the Chamber of the passing of the former Mayor of Holroyd City Council Mr Bob Devlin and the former General Manager of Holroyd City Council Merv Ismay, and offered Councils condolences to their families on behalf of Council. A minutes silence was observed in memory of Mr Devlin and Mr Ismay.

Councillor Christou left the meeting at 7:21pm and returned to the meeting at 7:23pm.

Councillor Rahme left the meeting at 7:25pm and did not return to the meeting.

The Mayor, Councillor Lake closed the meeting at 7:27pm.

Chairperson



General Manager





CUMBERLAND
CITY COUNCIL

Oath of Office

This certificate testifies that on Monday 10 January 2022

Steve Christou

Has taken the following oath as a Councillor of Cumberland Council:

"I swear that I will undertake the duties of the office of councillor in the best interests of the people of Cumberland and the Cumberland Council and that I will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the Local Government Act 1993 or any other Act to the best of my ability and judgment."



Steve Christou
COUNCILLOR
CUMBERLAND COUNCIL



Peter J Fitzgerald
GENERAL MANAGER
CUMBERLAND COUNCIL

CUMBERLAND
CITY COUNCIL

Oath of Office

This certificate testifies that on Wednesday 12 January 2022

Diane Colman

Has taken the following oath as a Councillor of Cumberland Council:

"I swear that I will undertake the duties of the office of councillor in the best interests of the people of Cumberland and the Cumberland Council and that I will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the Local Government Act 1993 or any other Act to the best of my ability and judgment."



Diane Colman
COUNCILLOR
CUMBERLAND COUNCIL



Peter J Fitzgerald
GENERAL MANAGER
CUMBERLAND COUNCIL




Affirmation of Office

This certificate testifies that on Wednesday 22 December 2021

Gregory John Cummings

Has taken the following affirmation as a Councillor of
Cumberland Council:

*"I solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm that
I will undertake the duties of the office of councillor in the best interests
of the people of Cumberland and the Cumberland Council
and that I will faithfully and impartially carry out the
functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me
under the Local Government Act 1993 or any other Act
to the best of my ability and judgment."*



Gregory John Cummings
COUNCILLOR
CUMBERLAND COUNCIL



Peter J Fitzgerald
GENERAL MANAGER
CUMBERLAND COUNCIL



Affirmation of Office

This certificate testifies that on Friday 24 December 2021

Glenn Elmore

Has taken the following affirmation as a Councillor of
Cumberland Council:

*"I solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm that
I will undertake the duties of the office of councillor in the best interests
of the people of Cumberland and the Cumberland Council
and that I will faithfully and impartially carry out the
functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me
under the Local Government Act 1993 or any other Act
to the best of my ability and judgment."*



Glenn Elmore
COUNCILLOR
CUMBERLAND COUNCIL



Peter J Fitzgerald
GENERAL MANAGER
CUMBERLAND COUNCIL



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Affirmation of Office

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Sabrin Farooqui

Has taken the following affirmation as a Councillor of
Cumberland Council:

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Sabrin Farooqui
COUNCILLOR
CUMBERLAND COUNCIL



Peter J Fitzgerald
GENERAL MANAGER
CUMBERLAND COUNCIL

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Oath of Office

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Paul Garrard

Has taken the following oath as a Councillor of Cumberland Council:

"I swear that I will undertake the duties of the office of councillor in the best interests of the people of Cumberland and the Cumberland Council and that I will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the Local Government Act 1993 or any other Act to the best of my ability and judgment."



Paul Garrard
COUNCILLOR
CUMBERLAND COUNCIL



Peter J Fitzgerald
GENERAL MANAGER
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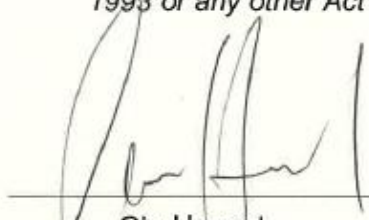
Oath of Office

This certificate testifies that on Wednesday 12 January 2022

Ola Hamed

Has taken the following oath as a Councillor of Cumberland Council:

"I swear that I will undertake the duties of the office of councillor in the best interests of the people of Cumberland and the Cumberland Council and that I will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the Local Government Act 1993 or any other Act to the best of my ability and judgment."


Ola Hamed
COUNCILLOR
CUMBERLAND COUNCIL
Peter J Fitzgerald
GENERAL MANAGER
CUMBERLAND COUNCIL



Affirmation of Office

This certificate testifies that on Wednesday 12 January 2022

Kun Huang

Has taken the following affirmation as a Councillor of
Cumberland Council:

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I will undertake the duties of the office of councillor in the best interests
of the people of Cumberland and the Cumberland Council
and that I will faithfully and impartially carry out the
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under the Local Government Act 1993 or any other Act
to the best of my ability and judgment."*



Kun Huang
COUNCILLOR
CUMBERLAND COUNCIL



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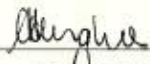
Oath of Office

This certificate testifies that on Monday 10 January 2022

Helen Hughes

Has taken the following oath as a Councillor of Cumberland Council:

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Helen Hughes
COUNCILLOR
CUMBERLAND COUNCIL



Peter J Fitzgerald
GENERAL MANAGER
CUMBERLAND COUNCIL




Oath of Office

This certificate testifies that on Wednesday 12 January 2022

Mohamad Hussein

Has taken the following oath as a Councillor of Cumberland Council:

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Mohamad Hussein
COUNCILLOR
CUMBERLAND COUNCIL



Peter J Fitzgerald
GENERAL MANAGER
CUMBERLAND COUNCIL



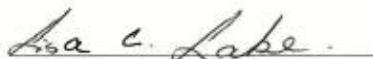
Affirmation of Office

This certificate testifies that on Thursday 6 January 2022

Lisa Gabrielle Lake

Has taken the following affirmation as a Councillor of
Cumberland Council:

*"I solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm that
I will undertake the duties of the office of councillor in the best interests
of the people of Cumberland and the Cumberland Council
and that I will faithfully and impartially carry out the
functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me
under the Local Government Act 1993 or any other Act
to the best of my ability and judgment."*



Lisa Gabrielle Lake
COUNCILLOR
CUMBERLAND COUNCIL



Peter J Fitzgerald
GENERAL MANAGER
CUMBERLAND COUNCIL

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Oath of Office

This certificate testifies that on Wednesday 12 January 2022

Joseph Rahme

Has taken the following oath as a Councillor of Cumberland Council:

"I swear that I will undertake the duties of the office of councillor in the best interests of the people of Cumberland and the Cumberland Council and that I will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the Local Government Act 1993 or any other Act to the best of my ability and judgment."



Joseph Rahme
COUNCILLOR
CUMBERLAND COUNCIL



Peter J Fitzgerald
GENERAL MANAGER
CUMBERLAND COUNCIL



Oath of Office

This certificate testifies that on Wednesday 12 January 2022

Suman Saha

Has taken the following oath (in English and Sanskrit) as a Councillor of
Cumberland Council:

*"I swear that I will undertake the duties of the office of councillor in the
best interests of the people of Cumberland and the Cumberland Council
and that I will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers,
authorities and discretions vested in me under the Local Government Act
1993 or any other Act to the best of my ability and judgment."*



Suman Saha
COUNCILLOR
CUMBERLAND COUNCIL



Peter J Fitzgerald
GENERAL MANAGER
CUMBERLAND COUNCIL



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Oath of Office

This certificate testifies that on Monday 10 January 2022

Eddy Sarkis

Has taken the following oath as a Councillor of Cumberland Council:

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Eddy Sarkis
COUNCILLOR
CUMBERLAND COUNCIL



Peter J Fitzgerald
GENERAL MANAGER
CUMBERLAND COUNCIL



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Oath of Office

This certificate testifies that on Friday 24 December 2021

Michael Zaiter

Has taken the following oath as a Councillor of Cumberland Council:

"I swear that I will undertake the duties of the office of councillor in the best interests of the people of Cumberland and the Cumberland Council and that I will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the Local Government Act 1993 or any other Act to the best of my ability and judgment."



Michael Zaiter
COUNCILLOR
CUMBERLAND COUNCIL



Peter J Fitzgerald
GENERAL MANAGER
CUMBERLAND COUNCIL