



Shire of
Koorda

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MINUTES

Special Council Meeting

Held in Shire of Koorda Council Chambers

10 Haig Street, Koorda WA 6475

Monday 9 October 2023

Commencing 4.30pm

Meeting Purpose: To appoint a CEO Recruitment Committee and CEO Recruitment Consultant.

NOTICE OF MEETING

Dear Elected Members,

Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of Council of the Shire of Koorda will be held on Monday 9 October 2023 in the Shire of Koorda Council Chambers, 10 Haig Street, Koorda, commencing at 4.30pm.

The purpose of the meeting is to appoint a CEO Recruitment Committee and CEO Recruitment Consultant.

Lana Foote
Acting Chief Executive Officer
6 October 2023

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To be read aloud if any member of the public is present.

Signed



Lana Foote
Acting Chief Executive Officer

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**Shire of Koorda
Special Council Meeting
4.30pm, Monday, 9 October 2023**



1. Declaration of Opening

The Presiding person welcomes those in attendance and declares the meeting open at 4.30pm.

2. Record of Attendance, Apologies and Leave of Absence

Councillors:

Cr JM Stratford	President
Cr BG Cooper	Deputy President
Cr GL Boyne	
Cr GW Greaves	
Cr LC Smith	
Cr NJ Chandler	

Staff:

Miss C West	Administration Officer
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Members of the Public:

Mrs K Burrell	Councillor Elect
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Apologies:

Miss L Foote	Acting Chief Executive Officer
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Approved Leave of Absence:

3. Public Question Time

(Please note: Being a special meeting of Council, any questions must relate to the purpose of the meeting being to appoint a CEO Recruitment Committee and CEO Recruitment Consultant).

Nil.

4. Disclosure of Interest

Nil.

5. OFFICER'S REPORTS – GOVERNANCE & COMPLIANCE

4.31pm - SUSPEND STANDING ORDERS

Resolution 011023

Moved Cr GW Greaves

Seconded Cr NJ Chandler

That standing orders be suspended to discuss item 5.1 *Appointment of CEO Recruitment Consultant*.

CARRIED 6/0

FOR: Cr JM Stratford, Cr BG Cooper, Cr GW Greaves, Cr GL Boyne, Cr LC Smith and Cr NJ Chandler

4.53pm - RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

Resolution 021023

Moved Cr GW Greaves


Seconded Cr GL Boyne

That standing orders be resumed as per the attendance register.

CARRIED 6/0

FOR: Cr JM Stratford, Cr BG Cooper, Cr GW Greaves, Cr GL Boyne, Cr LC Smith and Cr NJ Chandler

5.1. Appointment of CEO Recruitment Consultant

Corporate and Community		
Date	6 October 2023	
Location	Not Applicable	
Responsible Officer	Cr Jannah Stratford, President	
Author	As above	
Legislation	Local Government Act 1995	
Disclosure of Interest	Nil	
Purpose of Report	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Executive Decision <input type="checkbox"/> Legislative Requirement <input type="checkbox"/> Information	
Attachments	CONFIDENTIAL - CEO Recruitment Consultant Proposals (sent under separate cover)	

Background:

Mr. Darren Simmons, CEO Shire of Koorda resigned on the 12th of July 2023, effective 11th of August 2023.

Following the resignation of a CEO, it is recommended that the Council consider the appointment of an external recruitment consultant to coordinate the recruitment process.

It is also noted in a separate report, the requirement for Council to establish a CEO Selection Committee/Panel.

Comment:

As per July Meeting of Council - confidential item *16.1 CEO Resignation* Council resolved:

5. *Engages WALGA to conduct an in-person CEO recruitment training session for Council.*
6. *Investigates potential consultants to assist with the recruitment process.*

On the 25th of August 6 Councillors completed the WALGA facilitated CEO Recruitment Training

The Shire President has requested quotes from CEO Recruitment Consultants providing the following scope of services within the request.

- Develop Terms of Reference for CEO Recruitment Committee and Selection Panel including criteria for the independent panel member.
- Assist in developing the draft position description.
- Assist in developing the selection and performance criteria.
- Assist in developing an employment contract for the position.
- Draft the advertisement.
- Facilitate the preliminary assessment of applications by the panel.
- Facilitate the final shortlisting of applicants for interviews.
- Assist in drafting the questions for interviews.
- Coordinate and attend interviews.
- Facilitate discussion to decide upon the preferred applicant.
- Conduct referee checks
- Drafting/writing reports for the council's consideration
- Communicate outcomes to unsuccessful candidates.
- Communicate with preferred applicant on contract matters.
- Assist in preparation of Key Performance Indicators to be considered by Council.

Quotes were received from six consultant agencies and forwarded to councillors under confidential cover – 'commercial in confidence'.

Consultation:

WALGA Chief Executive Officer Recruitment Guide.

Statutory Implications:

Local Government Act 1995

Section 5.39A. Model standards for CEO recruitment, performance and termination

(1) Regulations must prescribe model standards for local governments in relation to the following —

- (a) the recruitment of CEOs;*
- (b) the review of the performance of CEOs;*
- (c) the termination of the employment of CEOs.*

(2) Regulations may amend the model standards

Policy Implications:

Shire of Koorda "F - Purchasing Policy V1.0" to be followed.

Strategic Implications:

Shire of Koorda Integrated Strategic Plan 2022

4.1. Open and Transparent Leadership

4.1.1. Ensure the use of resources is effective, efficient and reported regularly.

Financial Implications:

Funding for the recruitment process will be identified in the mid-year budget review process.

Voting Requirements: Simple Majority Absolute Majority

Officer Recommendation
RESOLUTION 031023

Moved Cr GW Greaves

Seconded Cr BG Cooper

That Council;


- 1. Appoints consultant Lydia Highfield at \$6850.00 (exc GST) to support Council with CEO Recruitment; and**
- 2. Notes there may be additional costs for incidentals such as pre-employment testing, travel, accommodation.**

CARRIED 6/0

FOR: Cr JM Stratford, Cr BG Cooper, Cr GW Greaves, Cr GL Boyne, Cr LC Smith and Cr NJ Chandler

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5.2. Establishment of CEO Recruitment Committee/Panel

Corporate and Community		
Date	6 October 2023	
Location	Not Applicable	
Responsible Officer	Cr Jannah Stratford, President	
Author	As above	
Legislation	<i>Local Government Act 1995</i>	
Disclosure of Interest	Nil	
Purpose of Report	<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Decision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Legislative Requirement <input type="checkbox"/> Information	
Attachments	CEO Recruitment Standard and Guidelines Model Standards for CEO Recruitment, Performance and Termination	

Background:

Local governments are required to establish a Selection Panel ('the Panel') to conduct and facilitate CEO recruitment and selection process. The Panel is a requirement of the Model Standards and must comprise of Elected Members and include at least one independent person.

The independent person cannot be a current elected member, human resources consultant or a staff member of the local Government. Examples of who the independent person could be include:

- Prominent and highly regarded members of the community including past Elected members and CEO's
- Respected and experienced former Elected Members and current and former CEO's from other Local Governments; and
- Experienced board members with AICD accreditation and qualifications.

Comment:

It is noted that the CEO Recruitment Committee/Panel will not appoint a new CEO. The Panel is responsible for assessing applicants and making recommendations to the Council regarding the most suitable applicant or applicants. The role of an independent panel member is to bring an impartial perspective to the process.

As per previous agenda item, a CEO Recruitment Consultant is to be engaged to assist with the CEO recruitment process.

The Consultant will be preparing a 'Terms of Reference' for the Panel which will include;

- the roles and responsibilities of the panel members,
- the composition of the panel
- duration of term
- the criteria for appointment of the independent panel member; and
- the requirement of panel members to sign a confidentiality agreement.

Consultation:

WALGA Chief Executive Officer Recruitment Guide.

Statutory Implications:

Local Government Act 1995

Section 5.39A. Model standards for CEO recruitment, performance and termination

- (1) *Regulations must prescribe model standards for local governments in relation to the following —*
- (a) *the recruitment of CEOs;*
 - (b) *the review of the performance of CEOs;*
 - (c) *the termination of the employment of CEOs.*
- (2) *Regulations may amend the model standards*

Local Government Act 1995

Section 5.8. Establishment of committees

A local government may establish* committees of 3 or more persons to assist the council and to exercise the powers and discharge the duties of the local government that can be delegated to committees.

* Absolute majority required.

Policy Implications:

Nil.

Strategic Implications:

Shire of Koorda Integrated Strategic Plan 2022

4.1. Open and Transparent Leadership

4.1.1. Ensure the use of resources is effective, efficient and reported regularly.

Financial Implications:

Any funding for the recruitment process in relation to the Independent Panel member will be identified in the mid-year budget review process.

Voting Requirements: Simple Majority Absolute Majority

Officer Recommendation
RESOLUTION 041023

Moved Cr GL Boyne

Seconded Cr NJ Chandler

That Council, by Absolute Majority;

1. Establishes the CEO Recruitment Committee, comprising of the following members;

- i. Cr NJ Chandler**
- ii. Cr GL Boyne**
- iii. Cr GW Greaves**
- iv. Cr JM Stratford**

2. Authorises Shire President and Deputy Shire President to appoint the Independent Person to the CEO Recruitment Committee/Panel.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 6/0

FOR: Cr JM Stratford, Cr BG Cooper, Cr GW Greaves, Cr GL Boyne, Cr LC Smith and Cr NJ Chandler

6. Closure

The Presiding Person thanked those present for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 5.08pm.

Signed: Stratford.

Presiding Person at the meeting at which the minutes were confirmed.

Date: 18 October 2023