

Minutes

Youth Council Meeting

Monday 4 March 2024 at 6:00 pm

Council Chamber at Civic Centre,   
25 Ferres Boulevard, South Morang

Youth Councillors

Angelica Banquil

Dean Connelly-Carpenter

Bavleen Kaur

Mustafa Khraim

Zachary Melvaine

Angela Rolevska

Masina Salesa

Esha Serai

Tanya Sharma

Sandy Tran

Emily Tricarico

Kaynat Virk

Sophie Winter

Officers

Jacinta Stevens Executive Manager Office of Council & CEO

Bobbie-Lea Bright Unit Manager Governance

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**1 Opening**

**1.1 Meeting Opening and Introductions**

The Executive Manager Office of Council & CEO opened the meeting at 6:03pm.

“Welcome to this Youth Council Meeting of 4 March 2024 which is being held in person in the Council Chamber at Civic Centre, 25 Ferres Boulevard, South Morang.

I would like to introduce the Youth Councillors in attendance today:

Angelica Banquil

Dean Connelly-Carpenter

Bavleen Kaur

Mustafa Khraim

Zachary Melvaine

Angela Rolevska

Masina Salesa

Tanya Sharma

Sandy Tran

Emily Tricarico

Kaynat Virk

Sophie Winter

We also have the following officers in attendance:

Bobbie-Lea Bright, Unit Manager Governance.”

**1.2 Apologies**

Esha Serai

**1.3 Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners Statement**

The Executive Manager Office of Council & CEO read the following statement:

*“On behalf of Council, I recognise the rich Aboriginal heritage of this country and acknowledge the Wurundjeri Willum Clan and Taungurung People as the Traditional Owners of lands within the City of Whittlesea.*

*I would also like to personally acknowledge Elders past, present and emerging.”*

**2 Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

No Declarations

**3 Officers' Reports**

4.1 Youth Mayoral Election 2024/2025

**3.1 Youth Mayoral Election 2024-2025**

**Director/Executive Manager:** Executive Manager Office of Council & CEO

**Report Author:** Councillor Support Officer

**In Attendance:** Unit Manager Governance

# Executive Summary

The election of the Youth Mayor will be conducted in accordance with the City of Whittlesea Youth Council Terms of Reference (TOR).

Section 7 of the TOR prescribes that the Youth Council will receive nominations for and vote on a Youth Mayor at the second meeting of the term.

Elections will be, by the show of hands with nominations submitted via an Expression of Interest form prior to the meeting.

The term of the Youth Mayor is for one year.

# Officers’ Recommendation

**THAT the Youth Council conducts the 2024-2025 election via show of hands for the position of Youth Mayor for a term of one year.**

# Nominations

Youth Councillor Zachary Melvaine

Youth Councillor Kaynat Virk

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| **NOMINEE 1** | |
| ***Nomination 1:*** | Youth Councillor Zachary Melvaine |
| ***Seconded by :*** | *Youth Councillor Bavleen Kaur* |

Youth Councillor Zachary Melvaine was invited to make two minute statement as to why they would like to be elected Youth Mayor.

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| **NOMINEE 2** | |
| ***Nomination 2:*** | Youth Councillor Kaynat Virk |
| ***Seconded by :*** | *Youth Councillor Angela Rolevska* |

Youth Councillor Kaynat Virk was invited to make two minute statement as to why they would like to be elected Youth Mayor.

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| **VOTING – ROUND 1** | |
| **Youth Councillor Zachary Melvaine** | 6 VOTES |
| **Youth Councillor Kaynat Virk** | 6 VOTES |

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| **VOTING – ROUND 2** | |
| **Youth Councillor Zachary Melvaine** | 6 VOTES |
| **Youth Councillor Kaynat Virk** | 6 VOTES |

The Executive Manager Office of Council & CEO adjourned the meeting at 6:13pm. All Youth Councillors left the room.

Meeting resumed at 6:21pm.

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| **VOTING – ROUND 3** | |
| **Youth Councillor Zachary Melvaine** | 6 VOTES |
| **Youth Councillor Kaynat Virk** | 6 VOTES |

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| **VOTING – ROUND 4** | |
| **Youth Councillor Zachary Melvaine** | 6 VOTES |
| **Youth Councillor Kaynat Virk** | 6 VOTES |

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| **VOTING – ROUND 5** | |
| **Youth Councillor Zachary Melvaine** | 7 VOTES |
| **Youth Councillor Kaynat Virk** | 5 VOTES |

# Results of the Election were:

Youth Councillor Zachary Melvaine: 7 Votes

Youth Councillor Kaynat Virk: 5 votes

**The Executive Manager Office of Council & CEO declared Youth Councillor Zachary Melvaine as the Youth Mayor for the 2024-2025 year.**

4.2 Deputy Youth Mayor Election 2024/2025

**3.2 Deputy Youth Mayor Election 2024-2025**

**Director/Executive Manager:** Executive Manager Office of Council & CEO

**Report Author:** Councillor Support Officer

**In Attendance:** Unit Manager Governance

# Executive Summary

The election of the Deputy Youth Mayor will be conducted in accordance with the City of Whittlesea Youth Council Terms of Reference (TOR).

Section 7 of the TOR prescribes that the Youth Council will receive nominations for and vote on a Deputy Youth Mayor at the second meeting of the term.

Elections will be, by the show of hands with nominations submitted via an Expression of Interest form prior to the meeting.

The term of the Deputy Youth Mayor is for one year and is identical to the term of the Youth Mayor.

# Officers’ Recommendation

**THAT the Youth Council conducts the 2024-2025 election via show of hands for the position of Deputy Youth Mayor for a term of one year.**

# Deputy Youth Mayor Results

**As there was only one nomination received for the role of Deputy Youth Mayor, the Executive Manager Office of Council & CEO declared Youth Councillor Kaynat Virk as the Deputy Youth Mayor for the 2024-2025 year.**

4.3 Youth Mayor, Deputy Youth Mayor and Youth Councillor Addresses

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**Director/Executive Manager:** Executive Manager Office of Council & CEO

**Report Author:** Councillor Support Officer

**In Attendance:** Unit Manager Governance

# Executive Summary

The Executive Manager Office of Council & CEO will invite the newly elected Youth Mayor and Deputy Youth Mayor to present a two-minute address.

Youth Councillors will then be invited to make a two-minute response to the Youth Mayor and Deputy Youth Mayor’s address.

# youth councillors who spoke

Youth Mayor Zachary Melvaine

Youth Councillor Angela Rolevska

Youth Councillor Mustafa Khraim

Deputy Youth Mayor Kaynat Virk

The Executive Manager Office of Council & CEO invited the new elected Youth Mayor to join her in the Youth Mayor seat and take over the chairing of the meeting.

**4 Closure**

Prior to closing the meeting, the Youth Mayor invited everyone for light refreshments in the Fountain View Room.

There being no further business the Youth Mayor closed the Youth Council Meeting at 7:06pm.

Confirmed this 8th day of April 2024.

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Jacinta Stevens

Executive Manager Office of Council & CEO