

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

Esha Serai

Dean Connelly-Carpenter

Tanya Sharma

Bavleen Kaur

Sandy Tran

Mustafa Khraim

Emily Tricarico

Zachary Melvaine

Kaynat Virk

Angela Rolevska

Sophie Winter

Masina Salesa

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

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3 Officers' Reports

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

NOMINEE 1

Nomination 1:	Youth Councillor Zachary Melvaine
Seconded by :	<i>Youth Councillor Bavleen Kaur</i>

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

NOMINEE 2

Nomination 2:	Youth Councillor Kaynat Virk
Seconded by :	<i>Youth Councillor Angela Rolevska</i>

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

VOTING – ROUND 1

Youth Councillor Zachary Melvaine	6 VOTES
Youth Councillor Bavleen Kaur	6 VOTES

VOTING – ROUND 2

Youth Councillor Zachary Melvaine	6 VOTES
Youth Councillor Bavleen Kaur	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.

VOTING – ROUND 3

Youth Councillor Zachary Melvaine	6 VOTES
Youth Councillor Bavleen Kaur	6 VOTES

VOTING – ROUND 4

Youth Councillor Zachary Melvaine	6 VOTES
Youth Councillor Bavleen Kaur	6 VOTES

VOTING – ROUND 5

Youth Councillor Zachary Melvaine	7 VOTES
Youth Councillor Bavleen Kaur	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.

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.

3.3 Youth Mayor, Deputy Youth Mayor and Youth Councillor Addresses

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.

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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.

Zachary Melvaine
Youth Mayor

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