



CITY FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes

for the Special meeting on

Tuesday, 9 December 2025

in the Colonel Light Room, Adelaide Town Hall

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Bold.
Aspirational.
Innovative.

Present – The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Dr Jane Lomax-Smith
Councillor Dr Siebentritt (Chair)
Councillor Maher (Deputy Chair)
Councillors Abrahamzadeh, Cabada, Couros, Davis, Freeman, Giles, Martin and Noon

1 Acknowledgement of Country

Councillor Martin entered the Colonel Light Room at 5.30 pm.

The Chair stated:

‘Council acknowledges that we are meeting on traditional Country of the Kaurna people of the Adelaide Plains and pays respect to Elders past and present. We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land. We acknowledge that they are of continuing importance to the Kaurna people living today.

And we also extend that respect to other Aboriginal Language Groups and other First Nations who are present today.’

2 Apologies and Leave of Absence

Leave of Absence:

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape

3 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Councillor Cabada declared a general conflict of interest in Item 5.1 [2026/27 BP&B – Base position and AEDA funding], pursuant to Section 74 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) as he a member of the Adelaide Economic Development Agency Advisory Committee, but as the item was a workshop with no decision making, he would stay in the room and participate in the discussion.

4 Deputations

Nil

5 Workshops

5.1 2026/27 BP&P - Base position and AEDA funding

Lord Mayor declared a general conflict of interest in Item 5.1 [2026/27 BP&B – Base position and AEDA funding], pursuant to Section 74 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) as she a member of the Adelaide Economic Development Agency Board, but as the item was a workshop with no decision making, she would stay in the room and participate in the discussion.

Discussion Facilitators:

Anthony Spartalis, Chief Operating Officer

Precis of Topic:

To provide Council Members with a base budget position (Long Term Financial Plan) and to discuss the Adelaide Economic Development Agency allocation.

Discussion ensued, during which:

- Undertaking – 2026/27 BP&P - Base position and AEDA funding

In response to a query from Councillor Martin, an undertaking was given to look at the forecast growth in rate revenue and give Council Members an estimate of the impact in 26/27.

- Lord Mayor left the Colonel Light Room at 5.47 pm and re-entered at 5.48 pm.
- Councillor Maher left the Colonel Light Room at 6.13 pm and re-entered at 6.14 pm.
- Councillor Abrahamzadeh entered the Colonel Light Room at 6.18 pm.

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- Lord Mayor and Councillor Martin left the meeting at 6.21 pm.

Closure

The meeting closed at 6.22 pm

Councillor Dr Siebentritt
City Finance and Governance Committee Chair

Documents Attached:

Nil