

Appointment of Council Member to Reconciliation Committee

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Council

Strategic Alignment - Our Corporation

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to enable Council to appoint a Council Member to the Reconciliation Committee from 24 September 2025 until the conclusion of the Council term in November 2026.

On 11 April 2025, orders in relation to the matter of *Alexander Hyde v Electoral Commissioner of South Australia, Jing Li* were made by the Court of Disputed Returns and consequently, one council member position on the Reconciliation Committee became vacant.

At its meeting held on 22 April 2025, Council resolved to appoint Councillor Snape to the Reconciliation Committee from 23 April 2025 until the first meeting attended by newly sworn in Central Ward Councillors.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes that the term of appointment to the Reconciliation Committee will be from 24 September 2025 until the conclusion of the Council term in November 2026.
2. Notes that the method of appointing a Council Member to the Reconciliation Committee will be undertaken in accordance with the Code of Practice for Council Meeting Procedures as follows:
 - 2.1. The Presiding Member of the Meeting will call for nominations, which must be accepted or declined by the Council Member who is subject of the nomination.
 - 2.2. The Chief Executive Officer as Returning Officer is authorised to declare the successful candidate appointed to the Reconciliation Committee.
 - 2.3. In the event of only one nomination to the Committee, the candidate is appointed to the Reconciliation Committee, announced by the Returning Officer.
 - 2.4. In the event of there being more nominations than required, an election by voting ballot of Council Members present will be undertaken.
 - 2.5. If the votes for two or more candidates for the relevant position are equal, a revote by ballot between tied candidates will be undertaken.
 - 2.6. If the votes for two or more candidates for the position remain equal, lots must be drawn to determine which candidate or candidates will be excluded.
 - 2.7. Upon completion of the ballot process, the successful candidate is announced by the Returning Officer as appointed to the Reconciliation Committee.

IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2024-2028 Strategic Plan	Strategic Alignment – Our Corporation Support, promote and share Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and pay homage to the Kaurna people as traditional owners.
Policy	Council's Reconciliation Vision Statement (2012) Council's Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan 2024-2027
Consultation	Not as a result of this report
Resource	Not as a result of this report
Risk / Legal / Legislative	The Terms of Reference for the Reconciliation Committee state that three members of the Committee are to be Council Members.
Opportunities	The City of Adelaide Reconciliation Committee will engage collaboratively with peak Government and non-government reconciliation groups to advance reconciliation in the city and encourage and seek broad Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participation in Council activities and events.
25/26 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report. Council Members are not remunerated for their time and attendance for this Committee
Proposed 26/27 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset	Not as a result of this report
25/26 Budget Reconsideration (if applicable)	Not as a result of this report
Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)	Not as a result of this report
Other Funding Sources	Not as a result of this report

DISCUSSION

Background

1. At its meeting held on 13 December 2022, Council re-established the City of Adelaide Reconciliation Committee (the Committee) for the 2022-2026 Council term.
2. In addition, at the 13 December 2022 meeting Council resolved to appoint Councillors Elliott, Giles and Siebentritt to the Committee for the 2022-2026 municipal term of office.
3. The primary purpose of the Committee is to engage collaboratively with peak government and non-government reconciliation groups to advance reconciliation in the City of Adelaide and encourage and seek broad participation from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in Council activities and events.

Court of Disputed Returns Outcome

4. On 11 April 2025, in the matter of *Alexander Hyde v Electoral Commissioner of South Australia, Jing Li*, the Court of Disputed Returns made orders resulting in Councillor Elliott being removed from the office of Councillor of the Central Ward of the City of Adelaide which resulted in a vacancy on the Committee.
5. At its meeting held on 22 April 2025, Council resolved to appoint Councillor Snape to the Reconciliation Committee from 23 April 2025 until the first meeting attended by newly sworn in Central Ward Councillors.
6. This report seeks to appoint a Council Member to the Committee.

7. Membership, Role and Meeting Schedule

8. Membership of the Committee comprises the Lord Mayor (ex-officio), three Council members, three strategic agency representatives, one Kurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation representative with one proxy, three Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander community representatives with two proxies.
9. Councillors Giles and Siebentritt are appointed for the remainder of the council term.
10. The role of the Committee is to:
 - 10.1. Provide input to policy development and strategic advice to Council across areas likely to impact Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as requested by Council or resolved by the Committee;
 - 10.2. Promote and advocate a positive representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, facilitate reconciliation between city communities and contribute to the education and awareness of the city communities about the diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures; and
 - 10.3. Monitor the endorsed Stretch Reconciliation Action 2021-2024.
11. The [Reconciliation Committee Terms of Reference and Meeting Procedures](#) assist the Committee, Council, and the community in understanding the Committee's role and responsibilities.
12. The remaining 2025 meeting date for the Committee is:
 - 12.1. Wednesday 3 December 2025 at 2.30pm.
13. The 2026 meeting schedule will be considered at the December meeting.

Process for nomination and appointment

14. In accordance with section 51 (8) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* and the Code of Practice for Council Meeting Procedures (Ballot Process):
 - 14.1. The Presiding Member of the Meeting will call for nominations, which must be accepted or declined by the Council Member who is subject of the nomination.
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DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Link 1 – Reconciliation Committee Terms of Reference and Meeting Procedures

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

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