

External Appointments

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Council**

Strategic Alignment - Our Corporation

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report seeks to appoint Council Members to the vacant positions of:

- Adelaide Airport Consultative Committee (Member and Proxy Member)
- Adelaide Botanic High School Council
- Adelaide High School Governing Council
- Australia Day Council of South Australia
- Business Events Adelaide Board (Member and Proxy Member)
- Royal South Australia Regiment Council Inc
- Capital City Committee (Deputy Member)

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 Jing Li, David Elliott, Carmel Noon and Simon Hou being removed from the office of Councillor of the Central Ward of the City of Adelaide.

Due to the Court Orders, multiple external appointments became vacant.

At its meeting held on 14 April 2025, Council resolved that it requests Administration ensure coverage for external bodies until the first meeting attended by newly sworn in Central Ward Councillors

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes that the term of appointment for the External Appointments listed below will be from 24 September 2025 until the Conclusion of the Council term in November 2026.
 - 1.1. Adelaide Airport Consultative Committee (Member and Proxy Member)
 - 1.2. Adelaide Botanic High School Council
 - 1.3. Adelaide High School Governing Council
 - 1.4. Australia Day Council of South Australia
 - 1.5. Business Events Adelaide Board (Member and Proxy Member)
 - 1.6. Royal South Australia Regiment Council Inc
 - 1.7. Capital City Committee (Deputy Member)
2. Notes that the method of appointing Council Members to the External Appointments 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 an External Appointment.
- 2.3. In the event of only one nomination to the office, the candidate is appointed to the External Appointment, 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. The Chief Executive Officer as Returning Officer is authorised to declare the successful candidate appointed to the External Appointment.

IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2024-2028 Strategic Plan	Strategic Alignment – Our Corporation Enable effective governance, risk management, accountability and transparency at all times in decision making.
Policy	Not as a result of this report
Consultation	Not as a result of this report
Resource	Not as a result of this report
Risk / Legal / Legislative	Members considering nominating for an appointment should note that, as Board Members, they will need to consider how to manage future conflicts of interest that arise from Council decisions relating to that body.
Opportunities	Appointments to outside bodies provide an opportunity for Council Members to contribute to discussion and decision making on a broad range of matters relevant to the City of Adelaide.
25/26 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
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

Court of Disputed Returns Outcome

1. 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 Jing Li, David Elliott, Carmel Noon and Simon Hou being removed from the office of Councillor of the Central Ward of the City of Adelaide.
2. In accordance with the decision of the Court, the following external Council Representative positions became vacant:
 - 2.1 Adelaide Airport Consultative Committee (Member and Proxy Member)
 - 2.2 Adelaide Botanic High School Council
 - 2.3 Adelaide High School Governing Council
 - 2.4 Australia Day Council of South Australia
 - 2.5 Business Events Adelaide Board (Member and Proxy Member)
 - 2.6 Royal South Australia Regiment Council Inc
 - 2.7 Capital City Committee (Deputy Member)
3. No remuneration is payable for the positions.

Adelaide Airport Consultative Committee

4. The Adelaide Airport Consultative Committee is a forum where any issue relating to the operations of the airport and their potential effects on the local community can be raised.
5. The next meeting is scheduled to be held at 9.00 am – 10.30 on 13 November 2025, noting the dates of the meetings are subject to change. Future dates are still to be determined. Meetings are held at the Airport Management Centre.
6. There is opportunity to appoint one representative and one proxy representative.

Adelaide Botanic High School Council

7. The role of the Adelaide Botanic High School Council is to provide advice to the Principal with the goal of strengthening and supporting public education in the community.
8. Two meetings per school term are held, generally on a weeknight at 6.30 pm – 8.00 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 15 September 2025. Future dates are still to be determined.
9. The appointment of one representative is sought.

Adelaide High School Governing Council

10. The Adelaide High School Governing Council works in partnership with staff at the school to ensure its effective governance and management.
11. At this time, it is proposed that meetings are held on a Wednesday at 6.00 pm – 7.30 pm 10 September, 22 October and 26 November. Meetings are held at the Adelaide High School.
12. The appointment of one representative is sought.

Australia Day Council of South Australia

13. The Australia Day Council of South Australia (ADCSA) Board oversees the activities of the ADCSA, an independent, non-profit membership-based association that provides support to Councils and organising committees for Australia Day events.
14. The ADCSA Constitution provides Council with the optional opportunity to appoint a City of Adelaide representative to the ADCSA.
15. Meetings are generally held every six weeks on a Wednesday commencing at 5.30pm at the ADCSA offices.
16. No remuneration is payable for the position.

Business Events Adelaide Board

17. The role of Business Events Adelaide is to attract and win business events for South Australia. Such events are valued and proven short and long-term economic drivers for the state. The Board is made up of experienced and seasoned non-executive directors committed to growing the business events sector.

18. The Board generally meets 5-6 times per year with meetings running for approximately 1 hour. Meetings are held at 74 Pirie Street, Adelaide.
19. The appointment of one representative and one proxy representative is sought.

Royal South Australia Regiment Council Inc

20. The role of the Royal South Australia Regiment Council Inc is to look after the heritage of the various South Australian infantry battalions and to support the current day 10/27 Royal South Australia Regiment.
21. The Council meets four times per year. Meetings are generally held at Keswick Barracks on a Thursday commencing 6.00 pm and run for up to 1.5 hours.
22. The appointment of one representative is sought.

Capital City Committee

23. The Capital City Committee is established by the *City of Adelaide Act 1998* (CoA Act) as an intergovernmental body to enhance and promote the development of the City of Adelaide as the capital city of the State.
24. City of Adelaide representation on the Capital City Committee is required under the CoA Act.
25. The Capital City Committee must meet at least four times a year. The next meeting is scheduled for 19 November 2025, noting the dates of meetings are subject to change. No dates are proposed at this time for 2026.
26. The appointment of one deputy representative is sought.

Process for nomination and appointment

27. In accordance with section 51 (8) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) and the Code of Practice for Council Meeting Procedures (Ballot Process):
 - 27.1. 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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ATTACHMENTS

Nil

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