

# Appointment to the Adelaide High School Governing Council

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**Council**

Strategic Alignment - Our Corporation

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek the appointment of a Council Member representative to the Adelaide High School Governing Council following Councillor Freeman's resignation from the position, effective 1 January 2026.

The Council Member representative appointment will commence on 2 January 2026 until the conclusion of the Council term in November 2026.

## RECOMMENDATION

### THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the resignation of Councillor Freeman as the Council Member representative on the Adelaide High School Governing Council, effective 1 January 2026.
2. Notes that the term of appointment of a new Council Member representative on the Adelaide High School Governing Council will be from 2 January 2026 until the conclusion of the Council term in November 2026.
3. Notes that the method of appointing a Council Member to the Adelaide High School Governing Council will be undertaken in accordance with the Code of Practice for Council Meeting Procedures as follows:
  - 3.1. 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.
  - 3.2. The Chief Executive Officer as Returning Officer is authorised to declare the successful candidate appointed to the Adelaide High School Governing Council.
  - 3.3. In the event of only one nomination to the office, the candidate is appointed to the Adelaide High School Governing Council, announced by the Returning Officer.
  - 3.4. In the event of there being more nominations than required, an election by voting ballot of Council Members present will be undertaken.
  - 3.5. If the votes for two or more candidates for the relevant position are equal, a revote by ballot between tied candidates will be undertaken.
  - 3.6. 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.
  - 3.7. The Chief Executive Officer as Returning Officer is authorised to declare the successful candidate appointed to the Adelaide High School Governing Council.

# IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2024-2028 Strategic Plan	<p><b>Strategic Alignment – Our Corporation</b></p> <p>Enable effective governance, risk management, accountability and transparency at all times in decision making.</p>
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

1. At its meeting held on 24 September 2025, Council appointed Councillor Freeman as the Council Member representative on the Adelaide High School Governing Council.
2. Councillor Freeman has advised of her resignation from the position, effective 1 January 2026.
3. The Adelaide High School Governing Council works in partnership with staff at the school to ensure its effective governance and management.
4. Meetings are generally held twice per school term on a Wednesday commencing at 6.00pm. Meetings are held at the Adelaide High School.
5. At this time, the 2026 meeting schedule is still to be determined.
6. This report seeks the appointment of a Council Member representative for the period commencing 2 January 2026 until the conclusion of the Council term in November 2026.
7. No remuneration is payable for the position.
8. In accordance with section 51 (8) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) and the Code of Practice for Council Meeting Procedures (Ballot Process):
  - 8.1. 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.
  - 8.2. The Chief Executive Officer as Returning Officer is authorised to declare the successful candidate appointed to the Adelaide High School Governing Council.
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## ATTACHMENTS

Nil

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