



MINUTES

Te Nehenehenui Co-Governance Forum Meeting

Tuesday, 9 September 2025

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Waikato Regional Council
Te Nehenehenui Co-Governance Forum Meeting
OPEN MINUTES

Date: Tuesday 9 September 2025, 1.32pm
Location: Council Chambers
Waikato Regional Council
Level 1, 160 Ward Street, Hamilton

Members Present: Cr Stuart Kneebone – Committee Co-Chair – Waikato Regional Council
Trustee Ronnie Takerei – Committee Acting Co-Chair – Te Nehenehenui
Cr Jaimee Tamaki – Committee Deputy Co-Chair – Ōtorohanga District Council
Trustee Gannin Ormsby – Te Nehenehenui
Trustee Shannon Manawaiti – Te Nehenehenui
Mayor Susan O'Regan – Waipā District Council (virtually via Teams)
Cr Tilly Tuner – Waikato District Council (virtually via Teams)

Staff Present: Sam Mikaere – Chief Executive, Te Nehenehenui
Steph O'Sullivan – Chief Executive, Waipā District Council
Ben Smit – Chief Executive, Waitomo District Council
Kirsty Downey – Group Manager Strategy and Deputy Chief Executive, Waipā District Council
Ngira Simmonds – Kaihautū, Strategic Māori Partnerships Director
Mali Ahipene – Pou Tuhono, Waikato Regional Council
Maehe Paki – Executive Manager Māori Partnerships, Waikato District Council
Tramaine Murray – Settlement Protection Manager, Te Nehenehenui
Brooke Roebeck – Democracy Advisor
Dave Doggart – Team Lead, Democracy

The contents of these minutes meet all legal requirements and include a full set of decisions.

An audio-visual recording of the open session of the meeting is available on Waikato Regional Council's public website.

Recording	Document ID #	YouTube Link
Meeting Recording	#33129399	https://youtu.be/9jxLhxxXWKg

1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA

Item commenced in recording, at start.

Trustee Gannin Ormsby opened the meeting with a mihi followed by a karakia.

2 APOLOGIES

Item commenced in recording, at 3 minutes 35 seconds.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TNCGF25/01

Moved: Cr Stuart Kneebone

Seconded: Cr Jaimee Tamaki

That the apologies of Trustees Maria Maniapoto, Muira Barry, and John Kaati; Mayor John Robertson and Cr Eady Manawaiti for absence be accepted.

CARRIED

3 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Item commenced in recording, at 4 minutes 24 seconds.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TNCGF25/02

Moved: Cr Stuart Kneebone

Seconded: Trustee Ronnie Takerei

1. That the agenda of the Te Nehenehenui Co-Governance Forum Meeting of 9 September 2025, as circulated, be confirmed as the business of the meeting.
2. That the order of items follows the order set out in the minutes.
3. That the meeting may sit longer than two hours continuously and continue longer than six hours including adjournments.

CARRIED

4 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Item commenced in recording, at 4 minutes 35 seconds.

During item 7.4. *Waikato District Council Initiatives Update*, Trustee Gannin Ormsby declared that Waikato District Council was his employer.

UPDATE FROM TE NEHENEHENUI

Item commenced in recording, at 4 minutes 45 seconds.

The Chief Executive, Te Nehenehenui (Sam Mikaere) provided an update to the committee.

5 MINUTES FOR CONFIRMATION OR RECEIPT

TE NEHENEHENUI CO-GOVERNANCE FORUM MEETING – 11 DECEMBER 2024

Item commenced in recording, at 9 minutes 55 seconds.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TNCGF25/03

Moved: Cr Jaimee Tamaki

Seconded: Trustee Shannon Manawaiti

That the minutes of the Te Nehenehenui Co-Governance Forum Meeting held on 11 December 2024 be confirmed as a correct record.

CARRIED

6 GENERAL ITEMS

6.1 TE NEHENEHENUI JMA SCHEDULES

Item commenced in recording, at 10 minutes 35 seconds.

Presented by the Settlement Protection Manager, Te Nehenehenui (Tramaine Murray) and Partner, Buddle Findlay (Paul Beverley).

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TNCGF25/04

Moved: Cr Stuart Kneebone

Seconded: Trustee Gannin Ormsby

1. That the report *Te Nehenehenui Joint Management Agreement Schedules* (Te Nehenehenui Co-Governance Forum, 9 September 2025) be received.
2. That the Te Nehenehenui Co-Governance Forum approves draft Schedules two through nine of the Joint Management Agreement between Te Nehenehenui and Waikato Regional Council, as presented in the report.
3. That the Te Nehenehenui Co-Governance Forum recommends that each partner organisation proceeds with their internal approval processes for the updated Joint Management Agreement, noting that the finalised agreement will be submitted to each organisation's governing body for approval.

CARRIED

6.2 UPDATE ON THE FRESHWATER POLICY REVIEW

Item commenced in recording, at 23 minutes, 35 seconds.

Presented by the Team Leader, Water Policy (Naomi Crawford) who requested the report be taken as read.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TNCGF25/05

Moved: Cr Stuart Kneebone

Seconded: Cr Jaimee Tamaki

That the report *Update on the Freshwater Policy Review* (Te Nehenehenui Co-Governance Forum, 9 September 2025) be received

.CARRIED

6.3 2027-2037 LONG TERM PLAN TIMELINE

Item commenced in recording, at 29 minutes, 30 seconds.

Presented by the Senior Corporate Planner, Waikato Regional Council (Annika Hamilton).

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TNCGF25/06

Moved: Trustee Gannin Ormsby

Seconded: Trustee Shannon Manawaiti

That the report *2027-2037 Long Term Plan timeline* (Te Nehenehenui Co-Governance Forum, 9 September 2025) be received.

CARRIED

6.4 WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCIL INITIATIVES UPDATE

Item commenced in recording, at 31 minutes 27 seconds.

Presented by Executive Manager Maaori Partnerships at Waikato District Council (Maehe Paki) and Strategic Initiatives and Partnerships Coordinator (Alicia Sunnex), who requested that the report be taken as read.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TNCGF25/07

Moved: Cr Jaimee Tamaki

Seconded: Trustee Shannon Manawaiti

That the report *Waikato District Council Initiatives Update* (Te Nehenehenui Co-Governance Forum, 9 September 2025) be received.

CARRIED

6.5 ŌTOROHANGA DC INITIATIVES UPDATE

Item commenced in recording, at 42 minutes 20 seconds.

Presented by the Group Manager, Regulatory and Growth Ōtorohanga District Council (Tony Quickfall) who requested the report be taken as read.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TNCGF25/08

Moved: Cr Jaimee Tamaki

Seconded: Trustee Shannon Manawaiti

That the report *Ōtorohanga DC Initiatives Update* (Te Nehenehenui Co-Governance Forum, 9 September 2025) be received.

CARRIED

6.6 WAIPĀ DISTRICT COUNCIL INITIATIVES OF INTEREST

Item commenced in recording, at 43 minutes 40 seconds.

Presented by the Group Manager, Strategy / Acting Deputy Chief Executive, Waipā District Council (Kirsty Downey), Kaihautū, Strategic Māori Partnerships Director (Ngira Simmonds) and the Chief Executive, Waipā District Council (Steph O'Sullivan).

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TNCGF25/09

Moved: Cr Stuart Kneebone

Seconded: Trustee Ronnie Takerei

That the report *Waipā District Council Initiatives of Interest* (Te Nehenehenui Co-Governance Forum, 9 September 2025) be received.

CARRIED

6.7 WAITOMO DISTRICT COUNCIL INITIATIVES UPDATE

Item commenced in recording, at 59 minutes 46 seconds.

Presented by the Chief Executive, Waitomo District Council (Ben Smit) who requested the report be taken as read.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TNCGF25/10

Moved: Cr Stuart Kneebone

Seconded: Trustee Gannin Ormsby

That the report *Waitomo District Council Initiatives Update* (Te Nehenehenui Co-Governance Forum, 9 September 2025) be received.

CARRIED

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AT CONCLUSION OF TRIENNIUM

Item commenced in recording, at 1 hour 10 minutes and 50 seconds.

Co-Chair Councillor Stuart Kneebone expressed his appreciation to the committee for their contributions throughout the triennium. This was followed by acknowledgements from Trustee Gannin Ormsby, Councillor Tilly Turner, Councillor Jaimee Tamaki, Trustee Shannon Manawaiti, and Co-Chair Trustee Ronnie Takerei, each offering reflections and gratitude for the committee's collective mahi and shared journey.

8 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA

Item commenced in recording, at 1 hour 12 minutes and 12 seconds.

Trustee Gannin Ormsby closed the meeting with a karakia.

2.45pm – The meeting closed.