



MINUTES

Te Nehenehenui Co-Governance Forum Meeting

Monday, 18 May 2026

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

Date: Monday 18 May 2026, 10.07am

Location: Council Chambers
Waikato Regional Council
Level 1, 160 Ward Street, Hamilton

Members Present: Cr Liz Stolwyk – Committee Co-Chair – Waikato Regional Council
Trustee Wikitoria Tāne – Committee Co-Chair – Te Nehenehenui
Trustee Kim Hancy – Committee Deputy-Chair – Te Nehenehenui
Cr Jaimee Tamaki – Committee Deputy-Chair – Ōtorohanga District Council
Trustee Shannon Manawaiti – Te Nehenehenui
Cr Dale-Maree Morgan – Waipā District Council
Trustee Gannin Ormsby – Te Nehenehenui
Trustee Dion Ormsby – Te Nehenehenui
Cr Tilly Turner – Waikato District Council
Mayor Mike Pettit – Waipā District Council
Mayor John Robertson – Waitomo District Council

In Attendance: Cr Keith Holmes – Waikato Regional Council
Cr Tennille Kete – Ōtorohanga District Council (virtually via Teams from 11.04am until 11.59am)

Staff Present: Samuel Mikare – Chief Executive, Te Nehenehenui
Ben Smit – Chief Executive, Waitomo District Council
Craig Hobbs – Chief Executive, Waikato District Council
Steph O’Sullivan – Chief Executive, Waipā District Council
Tramaine Murray – Settlement Protection, Rights and Interests Manager, Te Nehenehenui
Jason Nepia – Senior Advisor Settlement Protection, Te Nehenehenui
Leah Wyatt – Taiao Manager, Te Nehenehenui
Erin Wilson – Kaiurungi - Māori Cultural Capability Lead, Waipā District Council
Cassidy Temese – Iwi Relations Advisor, Ōtorohanga District Council
Kelly Newell – Resilience Manager, Waikato District Council
Kirsty Downey – Group Manager, Strategy and Deputy-Chief Executive, Waipā District Council
Paul Smith – Programme Lead, Waipā and West Coast – Waikato Regional Council
Ashley Eden – Kaiwhakarite – Waikato Regional Council
Dave Doggart – Team Lead, Democracy – Waikato Regional Council
Jess Hood – Democracy Advisor – Waikato Regional Council

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	35940033	https://youtu.be/41P6AZS1rsk
Due to a technical error, the recording did not contain video until 10.34am.		

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1 WHAKATAU / KARAKIA TIMATANGA

Item commenced in meeting recording, at start.

The Chief Executive, Te Nehenehenui (Samuel Mikare) opened the meeting with a karakia, which was followed by a whakawhanaungatanga with those present introducing themselves.

2 APOLOGIES

Item commenced in meeting recording, at 12 minutes 55 seconds.

APOLOGY

The apologies received from Tanya Winter (Chief Executive, Ōtorohanga District Council), Ngira Simmonds (Kaihautū – Strategic Māori Partnerships Director, Waipā District Council) and Mali Ahipene (Pou Tuhono, Waikato Regional Council) were noted.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TNCGF26/01

Moved: Cr Liz Stolwyk

Seconded: Trustee Wikitoria Tāne

That the apologies received from Trustee Dion Ormsby and Mayor Mike Pettit for absence be accepted.

CARRIED

3 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Item commenced in meeting recording, at 13 minutes 55 seconds.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TNCGF26/02

Moved: Cr Dale-Maree Morgan

Seconded: Trustee Shannon Manawaiti

1. That the agenda of the Te Nehenehenui Co-Governance Forum Meeting of 18 May 2026, 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 meeting recording, at 15 minutes 15 seconds.

Trustee Gannin Ormsby declared that he was an employee of Waikato District Council.

5 MINUTES FOR CONFIRMATION OR RECEIPT

Item commenced in meeting recording, at 15 minutes 50 seconds.

TE NEHENEHENUI CO-GOVERNANCE FORUM MEETING – 9 SEPTEMBER 2025

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TNCGF26/03

Moved: Cr Jaimee Tamaki

Seconded: Trustee Shannon Manawaiti

That the minutes of the Te Nehenehenui Co-Governance Forum Meeting held on 9 September 2025 be confirmed as a correct record.

CARRIED

6 GENERAL ITEMS

6.1 MEMBERSHIP AND PROCEDURES OF TE NEHENEHENUI CO-GOVERNANCE FORUM

Item commenced in meeting recording, at 16 minutes 27 seconds.

Presented by the Team Lead, Democracy, Waikato Regional Council (Dave Doggart) who requested the report be taken as read.

During discussion it was noted that the combined councils had appointed Cr Jaimee Tamaki (Ōtorohanga District Council) as their representative Deputy-Co-Chair.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TNCGF26/04

Moved: Trustee Gannin Ormsby

Seconded: Cr Liz Stolwyk

1. That the report *Membership and Procedures of Te Nehenehenui Co-Governance Forum* (Te Nehenehenui Co-Governance Forum, 18 May 2026) be received.
2. That the Te Nehenehenui Co-Governance Forum note the following members:
 - (a) Trustee Kim Hancy (Te Nehenehenui).
 - (b) Trustee Shannon Manawaiti (Te Nehenehenui).
 - (c) Trustee Gannin Ormsby (Te Nehenehenui).
 - (d) Trustee Dion Ormsby (Te Nehenehenui).
 - (e) Trustee Wikitoria Tane (Te Nehenehenui).
 - (f) Cr Jaimee Tamaki (Ōtorohanga District Council).
 - (g) Cr Tilly Turner (Waikato District Council).
 - (h) Cr Liz Stolwyk (Waikato Regional Council).
 - (i) Mayor Mike Pettit (Waipā District Council).
 - (j) Mayor John Robertson (Waitomo District Council).
3. That the Te Nehenehenui Co-Governance Forum notes the following alternate members:

- (a) Cr Tennille Kete (Ōtorohanga District Council).
- (b) Cr Marlene Raumati (Waikato District Council).
- (c) Cr Garry Reymer (Waikato Regional Council).
- (d) Cr Dale-Maree Morgan (Waipā District Council).
- (e) Deputy Mayor Eady Manawaiti (Waitomo District Council).

4. That Te Nehenehenui Co-Governance Forum notes the following co-chairs:

- (a) Cr Liz Stolwyk (Local Authorities).
- (b) Trustee Wikitoria Tane (Te Nehenehenui).

5. That Te Nehenehenui Co-Governance Forum notes the following deputy co-chair:

- (a) Trustee Kim Hancy (Te Nehenehenui).

CARRIED

6.2 CONTEXT SETTING

Item commenced in meeting recording, at 19 minutes 29 seconds.

The Settlement Protection, Rights and Interests Manager, Te Nehenehenui (Tramaine Murray) introduced the Chief Executive, Te Nehenehenui (Samuel Mikare). Refer Document # 36145735 for the PowerPoint presentation or on the public website.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TNCGF26/05

Moved: Trustee Gannin Ormsby

Seconded: Cr Jaimee Tamaki

That the report *Context Setting* (Te Nehenehenui Co-Governance Forum, 18 May 2026) be received.

CARRIED

6.3 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Item commenced in meeting recording, at 34 minutes.

Presented by the Chief Executive, Te Nehenehenui (Samuel Mikare).

11.04am – Cr Tennille Kete entered the meeting.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TNCGF26/06

Moved: Cr Jaimee Tamaki

Seconded: Trustee Gannin Ormsby

1. That the report *Emergency Management* (Te Nehenehenui Co-Governance Forum, 18 May 2026) be received.
2. That the Te Nehenehenui Co-Governance Forum recommends that partner councils and Te Nehenehenui:

- (a) agree in principle to embed Te Nehenehenui specific roles within emergency response protocols.
- (b) approve Council and Te Nehenehenui operations to develop a framework to include roles within the emergency response protocols.

CARRIED

6.4 WAIKATO DC INITIATIVES

Item commenced in meeting recording, at 1 hour 3 minutes 57 seconds.

Presented by the Resilience Manager, Waikato District Council (Kelly Newell) who requested the report be taken as read.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TNCGF26/07

Moved: Trustee Wikitoria Tāne

Seconded: Cr Dale-Maree Morgan

That the report *Waikato DC Initiatives* (Te Nehenehenui Co-Governance Forum, 18 May 2026) be received.

CARRIED

6.5 ŌTOROHANGA DC INITIATIVES

Item commenced in meeting recording, at 1 hour 6 minutes 55 seconds.

Presented by the Iwi Relations Advisor, Ōtorohanga District Council (Cassidy Temese) who requested the report be taken as read.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TNCGF26/08

Moved: Trustee Gannin Ormsby

Seconded: Trustee Shannon Manawaiti

That the report *Ōtorohanga DC Initiatives* (Te Nehenehenui Co-Governance Forum, 18 May 2026) be received.

CARRIED

6.6 WHAT'S UPCOMING FROM WRC

Item commenced in meeting recording, at 1 hour 10 minutes 48 .

The Kaiwhakarite, Waikato Regional Council (Ashley Eden) introduced the Programme Lead, Waipā and West Coast, Waikato Regional Council (Paul Smith). Refer Document # 35772664 for the PowerPoint presentation or on the public website.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TNCGF26/09

Moved: Trustee Wikitoria Tāne

Seconded: Cr Jaimee Tamaki

That the report *What's Upcoming from WRC* (Te Nehenehenui Co-Governance Forum, 18 May 2026) be received.

CARRIED

6.7 WAITOMO DC INITIATIVES

Item commenced in meeting recording, at 1 hour 34 minutes 35 seconds.

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

11.59am – Cr Tennille Kete left the meeting.

Action: That Te Nehenehenui be updated and included in the process of Local Government Reform.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TNCGF26/10

Moved: Cr Jaimee Tamaki

Seconded: Trustee Gannin Ormsby

That the report *Waitomo DC Initiatives* (Te Nehenehenui Co-Governance Forum, 18 May 2026) be received.

CARRIED

6.8 WAIPĀ DC INITIATIVES

Item commenced in meeting recording, at 1 hour 56 minutes 47 seconds.

Presented by the Chief Executive, Waipā District Council (Steph O'Sullivan). Members were advised that the Waikato Waters Presentation was incorrect and an updated version would be circulated.

Action: That Te Nehenehenui be provided with a list of assets/properties that have been/are to be transferred to the Waikato Waters entity (or any other water entities within the catchment).

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TNCGF26/11

Moved: Trustee Gannin Ormsby

Seconded: Trustee Kim Hancy

That the report *Waipā DC Initiatives* (Te Nehenehenui Co-Governance Forum, 18 May 2026) be received.

CARRIED

7 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA

Item commenced in meeting recording, at 2 hours 3 minutes 3 seconds.

Co-Chair (Trustee Wikitoria Tane) closed the meeting with a karakia.

12.10pm – The meeting closed.

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