

Resolution of Council

21 September 2026

Item 4.2

Central Sydney Planning Committee - Election of Councillors

Memorandum by the Chief Executive Officer

To Council:

The Central Sydney Planning Committee (CSPC) is constituted by the City of Sydney Act 1988 (the Act).

Section 34(1) of the Act provides that the Committee shall consist of 7 members:

- (a) the Lord Mayor of Sydney;
- (b) two councillors of the City of Sydney elected by the City Council; and
- (c) four persons (two of whom are senior State government employees and two of whom are not State or local government employees) appointed by the Minister administering Part 4 of the Planning Act, each having expertise in at least one of architecture, building, civic design, construction, engineering, transport, tourism, the arts, planning or heritage.

The persons currently appointed by the Minister pursuant to clause (c) as members and alternate members are Abbie Galvin, Anthea Sargeant, Olivia Hyde, Ben Lusher, Sue Weatherly, Sean O'Toole, Sue Francis and Alice Spizzo.

Previously, the Council has chosen to hold a separate election for each of the 2 Council-elected members; the elections were by open, exhaustive voting (that is, by a show of hands or similar means for candidates duly nominated).

At the extraordinary Council meeting of 10 October 2024, Council elected Councillors Zann Maxwell and Jess Miller to the 2 positions on the Central Sydney Planning Committee, effective immediately and ending on 30 September 2026. The Act provides that Council may appoint an alternate for each of the elected members. At the extraordinary Council meeting of 10 October 2024, Council appointed Councillor Olly Arkins as alternate to Councillor Maxwell and Councillor Adam Worling as alternate to Councillor Miller effective immediately and ending on 30 September 2026.

EMMA RIGNEY

Acting Chief Executive Officer

Moved by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Worling –

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council elect 2 Councillors to be members of the Central Sydney Planning Committee commencing immediately following the election until the day appointed for the next ordinary election of Council
- (B) the method of voting be open, exhaustive voting
- (C) the Chief Executive Officer conduct the election forthwith
- (D) Council appoint alternates for each member elected.

Carried unanimously.

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At this stage of the meeting, the Acting Chief Executive Officer, as Returning Officer, called upon the Manager OCEO to assist with the conduct of the ballot.

The Manager OCEO invited nominations from Councillors for the first position on the Central Sydney Planning Committee.

One nomination for the first position on the Central Sydney Planning Committee was received, as follows –

Councillor Miller (nominated by Councillor Worling, seconded by Councillor Kok).

Councillor Miller indicated acceptance of her nomination.

The Manager OCEO then declared Councillor Jess Miller duly elected to the first position on the Central Sydney Planning Committee for a term commencing immediately until the day appointed for the next ordinary election of Council.

The Manager OCEO invited nominations from Councillors for the second position on the Central Sydney Planning Committee.

One nomination for the second position on the Central Sydney Planning Committee was received, as follows –

Councillor Weldon (nominated by Councillor Arkins, seconded by Councillor Maxwell).

Councillor Weldon indicated acceptance of her nomination.

The Manager OCEO then declared Councillor Yvonne Weldon duly elected to the second position on the Central Sydney Planning Committee for a term commencing immediately until the day appointed for the next ordinary election of Council.

The Manager OCEO invited nominations from Councillors for the first alternate position on the Central Sydney Planning Committee.

One nomination for the first alternate position on the Central Sydney Planning Committee was received, as follows –

Councillor Worling (nominated by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Kok).

Councillor Worling indicated acceptance of his nomination.

The Manager OCEO then declared Councillor Adam Worling duly elected to the first alternate position on the Central Sydney Planning Committee for a term commencing immediately until the day appointed for the next ordinary election of Council.

The Manager OCEO invited nominations from Councillors for the second alternate position on the Central Sydney Planning Committee.

One nomination for the second alternate position on the Central Sydney Planning Committee was received, as follows –

Councillor Arkins (nominated by Councillor Maxwell, seconded by Councillor Weldon).

Councillor Arkins indicated acceptance of her nomination.

The Manager OCEO then declared Councillor Olly Arkins duly elected to the second alternate position on the Central Sydney Planning Committee for a term commencing immediately until the day appointed for the next ordinary election of Council.