

Minutes of the Equity and Housing Committee - 22 June 2026

Members The Rt Hon Clover Moore AO - Lord Mayor of Sydney (Chair), Deputy Lord Mayor - Councillor Jess Miller, Councillor Olly Arkins, Councillor Sylvie Ellsmore, Councillor Lyndon Gannon, Councillor Robert Kok, Councillor Zann Maxwell (Deputy Chair), Councillor Matthew Thompson, Councillor Yvonne Weldon AM and Councillor Adam Worling.

At the commencement of business at 5:17pm those present were -

The Lord Mayor, Councillors Arkins, Ellsmore, Gannon, Kok, Miller, Thompson, Weldon and Worling.

Apologies

Councillor Maxwell extended an apology for his inability to attend the meeting of the Equity and Housing Committee.

The meeting of the Equity and Housing Committee concluded at 5:26pm.

Item 1

Confirmation of Minutes

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

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Equity and Housing Committee of Monday 11 May 2026, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

Item 2

Statement of Ethical Obligations and Disclosures of Interest

No Councillors disclosed any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in any matter on the agenda for this meeting of the Equity and Housing Committee.

The Equity and Housing Committee recommended the following:

Item 3**Grants - Affordable and Diverse Housing Fund - Rainbow Lodge**

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve a cash grant to Judge Rainbow Memorial Fund Inc for \$300,000 to support the construction of a new building at 22-26 Wigram Road, Glebe, for the purpose of increasing capacity of Rainbow Lodge supported housing program subject to the following conditions:
 - (i) approval of the cash grant will be withdrawn if the project substantially changes from the current proposal to increase capacity of the Rainbow Lodge supported housing program;
 - (ii) the grant funds will only be paid when evidence of a construction certificate for the project is issued; and
 - (iii) acquittal of the grant is to be provided by way of evidence of an occupation certificate for the project;
- (B) Council note that the grant amount is exclusive of GST;
- (C) Council note that a covenant on title will not be required as a condition of the grant, given the size of the cash grant, nature of the project, established nature of Rainbow Lodge at this location and commitment from Homes NSW to the ongoing and long-term use of the property for Rainbow Lodge; and
- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to:
 - (i) finalise negotiations, execute and administer the grant agreement with the Judge Rainbow Memorial Fund Inc in accordance with this report; and
 - (i) otherwise administer all matters relating to this grant.

(Note – at the meeting of the Equity and Housing Committee, this recommendation was moved by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Ellsmore, and carried unanimously.)

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Speaker

Claude Robinson (Manager Rainbow Lodge) addressed the meeting of the Equity and Housing Committee on Item 3.