

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

28 November 2023, 6:00pm via Zoom

Recommendation:

That the minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 28 November 2023 be ACCEPTED as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Minutes

1 Welcome

Ms Lisa Kennett, JCV President and Annual General Meeting (AGM) Chair welcomed everyone to the virtual Annual General Meeting for 2023.

2 Acknowledgement of Country

The Chair acknowledged the traditional owners of the land.

3 Prayer for the Release of the Hostages

Rabbi Ralph Genende, Director: Jewish Life, provided a prayer for the release of the Israeli hostages.

4 Prayer for the soldiers of the IDF

Rabbi Ralph Genende, Director: Jewish Life, provided a prayer for the soldiers of the Israeli Defence Force.

5 Apologies

The Chair noted a number of apologies and informed the members that a register of apologies was available on request.

6 Housekeeping

The Chair noted that members would vote on four special resolutions at the 2023 AGM and that members could raise any questions towards the end of the meeting.

The Chair confirmed that a quorum was present at the 2023 AGM.

7 Minutes of the Jewish Care (Victoria) Inc. Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 24 November 2022

The Minutes of the Jewish Care (Victoria) Inc. Annual General Meeting held on 24 November 2022 were available to all members via a link on Jewish Care's website and the First and Second Notices of the AGM.

With no objections or comment forthcoming from Members, the Chair accepted the Minutes of the 2022 meeting on behalf of members.

8 Special Resolutions

The Chair noted there were four Special Resolutions presented to the 2023 AGM, the details of which had been provided to Members in the First and Second notices of the AGM.

Special Resolution 1

Members are hereby asked to consider the following amendments to the Rules of Jewish Care (Victoria) Inc.:

1. Rule 11(11) to **enable** a quorum of Members of the Association be considered when **fifteen (15)** Members of the Association are personally present,
2. Rule 14(5) to **enable** co-opted Members to be **considered as forming part of the quorum** referred to in rule 18(5) and **shall be entitled to vote** on questions arising in accordance with rule 18(7) and **shall be entitled to hold any office** referred to in rule 17, and
3. Rule 21(1)(b) to include the definition of 'Officer' as the Chief Executive (CEO), **or a member of the Executive Leadership Team.**

The numbering of subsequent rules would be consequential amendments, adjusted to follow consecutive sequencing.

Decision: With no objections or comments forthcoming from Members, Special Resolution 1 was ACCEPTED.

Special Resolution 2

Members are hereby notified that Ms Lisa Kennett OAM, has served three (3) consecutive terms over a period of nine (9) years. A Resolution to extend Ms Lisa Kennett OAM's term as a member of the Board will be put to the Annual General Meeting of the Association.

Decision: With no objections or comments forthcoming from Members, Special Resolution 2 was ACCEPTED.

Special Resolution 3

Members are hereby notified that Mr Andrew Schwartz, has served three (3) consecutive terms over a period of nine (9) years. A Resolution to extend Mr Andrew Schwartz's term as a member of the Board will be put to the Annual General Meeting of the Association.

Decision: With no objections or comments forthcoming from Members, Special Resolution 3 was ACCEPTED.

Special Resolution 4

Members are hereby notified that Mr Michael Schoenfeld, has served four (4) consecutive terms over a period of ten (10) years. A Resolution to extend Mr Michael Schoenfeld's term as a member of the Board will be put to the Annual General Meeting of the Association.

Decision: With no objections or comments forthcoming from Members, Special Resolution 4 was ACCEPTED.

9 Special Business

There was no Special Business presented to the 2023 AGM.

10 Election of the Board of Service

The election of the Board was officiated by the Chair.

The members noted the four vacancies of the Jewish Care (Victoria) Inc. Board and those persons who were eligible for election and who had nominated for a position on the Board:

1. Mr Adam Joel
2. Ms Lisa Kennett OAM
3. Mr Steven Klein
4. Mr Andrew Schwartz

The Chair declared the nominees duly elected, unopposed.

11 Chief Executives Highlights

The Chair invited Adjunct Prof. Alan Lilly, Chief Executive, to present his highlights from the past year.

The members noted the *Chief Executive's Highlights*.

12 President's & Chief Executive's Report, Treasurers Report and Annual Financial Statements

The President's & Chief Executive's Report, Treasurer's Report and Annual Financial Statements were provided to all members via a link and on Jewish Care's website.

With no objections or comment forthcoming from members, the Chair confirmed the President's & Chief Executive's Report, on behalf of members.

12 Treasurer's Highlights

The Chair invited Ms Sharon Gdanski, JCV Treasurer, to present her highlights for the past year.

The members noted the *Treasurer's Highlights*.

With no objections or comment forthcoming from members, the Chair confirmed the Treasurer's Report and Annual Financial Statements on behalf of Members.

12 Questions from Members

The Chair opened the floor to members for questions.

Question 1

Prof. John Zeleznikow requested that further detail be provided with regards to Jewish Care's response to support the Melbourne Jewish community during the Israel-Hamas war.

The Chief Executive and Director: Disability & Social Support, Ms Marilyn Kraner, provided a summary of its response including all services offered, mental health supports, communications, education and the security response.

They further informed members that Jewish Care was collaborating with a number of other community organisations to provide a more comprehensive and wholistic response for the community.

Question 2

Mr Henry Pinski observed that, as a part of the increased security measures, security guards have been positioned outside Jewish Care premises. Whilst understanding the need to protect and reassure stakeholders, Mr Pinski questioned the likelihood of the security mitigating a potent force and asked whether there may be more effective and less costly alternatives.

The President acknowledged the exorbitant costs of the increased security measures. The President reinforced that we are following the advice of Community Security Group (CSG) with a priority focus on safety of all residents, clients, their families and staff, however the situation will continue to be monitored and the arrangements will be reviewed as required.

There were no further questions from the members. However, Mr Alex Katz kindly thanked the Board, the Executive Leadership Team and everyone involved for continuing to maintain the safety and care of our most vulnerable.

13 President's Acknowledgements

The Chair, as JCV President, thanked all members of committees, volunteers, staff and management for their wonderful contribution throughout the year and provided extended thanks to the AGM Project Team for its efforts in putting together a successful virtual AGM for 2023, especially Laura Marchese

The Chair further expressed immense gratitude toward departing co-opted Board Director, Mr Mike Debinski OAM, for his leadership, stewardship and extensive contributions in over a decade of tenure on the Board, including seven years serving as JCV President.

14 Meeting Close

The Chair declared the 2023 AGM closed at 6.38pm.

Signed: Lisa Kennett OAM, President.
9 January 2024.