

NORTHERN AUCKLAND FREE KINDERGARTEN ASSOCIATION INC.

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR 2020 HELD ON 10th SEPTEMBER
2020
VIA ZOOM**

Meeting Commenced: 7.36 pm.

Chairperson: Paul Geden

1.0, 2.0 MIHI AND WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS & 2.0 CALL TO ORDER

Board Members Present

Paul Geden, Nicole Thompson, Alexia Mesnage, Grant Mitcheson, Nicole Thompson, Joanna Hough and Tui Skelton (Teachers Representative)

Life Members Present

Grant Mitcheson, Robbie Pickford, Mel Jack

Staff Present

Bram Kukler, Alison Baxter, Wendy O'Brien, Deborah Wansbrough, Angela Booth, Dianne Williams,

Vanessa Thompson, Natalie Norwood, Sarah Garrod, Gloria Sun, Sally Groenhart, Brigitte Braithwaite, Leanne Kenwright, Angela Fox, Michelle Fogarty, Jane Clark, Viv Wilcock, Anna Biggelaar, Louise Samuels, Chris Nicol, Kiri Baskerville, Nikki Kim, Margie Divit, Shar Caitcheon, Wendy Simpson, Heather Sturrock, Sally Groenhart and Brigitte Braithwaite

Members Present

Fiona Callen, Carla Canty (2), Philip Fox, Andrea Leeper, Fran Stubbs, John Lewis, Monica Davey, Juilie Davie, Sandi Bowles, Paula Schreurs, Hendrick Thomas, Susan Jacobs, Afke Bath, Kirsten Billinghamurst (2), Helen Cox, Arnold Lee, Dominique Booyesen, Fiona Callen (2), Helen Evens, Katie Dobson, Kirsten Magness (2), Liz Geden, Olivia Ho, Carolyn Lowe, Craig Baxter

External People Present

Jaco Scherman (RSM Hayes Audit)

The Vice Chairperson delivered the Karakia.

The Chairperson introduced himself and welcomed everyone to the meeting. All board members were introduced by the President. Apologies have been received from Tracey North, the Torbay Kindergarten Teaching Team and Sheena Hatch.

The chairperson welcomed Bram Kukler (General Manager), Wendy O'Brien and Deborah Wansbrough (Professional Practice Leaders) as ex officio members of the board. He also welcomed the other Support Centre staff, Alison Baxter (Finance Manager), Angela Booth (Operational Leader) and Dianne Williams (Accounts Assistant).

The Chairperson acknowledged the attendance of Life Members, Staff Members, Jaco Scherman from RSM Hayes Audit (auditors) and prospective new board members seeking election.

3.0 VOTING STRENGTH ESTABLISHED

Paul Geden confirmed that we have 36 members and a number of staff present.

Paul advised that the voting strength be established at 36 members with 12 kindergartens and early learning centres being represented.

4.0, 5.0 APOLOGIES / CONFIRM AGENDA & CALL FOR ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

APOLOGIES RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE MEETING:

Tracey North, Torbay Kindergarten teaching team and Sheena Hatch

APOLOGIES RECEIVED AT THE MEETING:

There were no apologies received at the meeting.

Moved that the apologies be accepted

Nicole Thompson, Vice President / Grant Mitcheson, Board

Vote

CARRIED

AGENDA

Moved that the agenda be accepted

Joanna Hough, Board/Tui Skelton, Board

Vote

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

None to note

6.0 AGM STANDING ORDERS

Moved that the session time be 7:30pm to 9:30pm

Alexia Mesnage, Board / Nicole Thompson, Board

Vote

CARRIED

Moved that the speaking time of three minutes be established with two minutes for further discussion

Grant Mitcheson, Board / Joanna Hough, Board

Vote

CARRIED

Moved that "Deborah Wansbrough be appointed as timekeeper"

Tui Skelton, Board / Alexia Mesnage, Board

Vote

CARRIED

Moved that Alison Baxter and Angela Booth be appointed as scrutineers for any vote

Grant Mitcheson, Board / Joanna Hough, Board

Vote
CARRIED

Moved that “the standing orders be adopted”
Tui Skelton, Board / Alexia Mesnage, Board

Vote
CARRIED

7.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE 2019 AGM

Moved that the minutes of the 2019 AGM be accepted
Nicole Thompson, Vice President / Jo Hough, Board

Vote
CARRIED

8.0 PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2019

Paul Geden (President) presented the Annual Report for adoption. He also encouraged members to read the Annual Report if they hadn't done so, as there were interesting articles presented by each of the Services.

President's report is in the Annual Report.
Moved that the President's report be accepted as read
Joanna Hough, Board / Tui Skelton, Board

Vote
CARRIED

General Manager's Report is in the Annual Report
Moved that the General Manager's Report be accepted as read
Alexia Mesnage, Board / Nicole Thompson, Board

Vote
CARRIED

Financial Report is in the Annual Report
Moved that the Northern Auckland Free Kindergarten Association's Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2019 be accepted as read
Grant Mitcheson, Board / Joanna Hough, Board

Vote
CARRIED

9.0 MOTION FROM THE PRESIDENT

The president spoke to his motion, reading from his presentation.

Grant Mitcheson and Robbie Pickford, both spoke in support of the motion.

Moved that, in order to future proof Northern Auckland Free Kindergarten Association Incorporated t/a Kaitiaki Kindergartens, members endorse the board in winding up Northern Auckland Free Kindergarten Association Incorporated t/a

Kaitiaki Kindergarten as per the current Constitution, transferring all property, assets, and operating licences to Kindergartens Aotearoa – as one of the Foundation Members, within 12 months of the 10th September 2020.

Paul Geden, President / Nicole Thompson, Board

Vote

CARRIED

That the motion to wind up Northern Auckland Free Kindergarten Association Incorporated t/a Kaitiaki Kindergartens and as per the current Constitution, transferring all property, assets and operating licences to Kindergartens Aotearoa – as one of the Foundation Members, within 12 months of the 10th September 2020 be confirmed after a majority vote of members present

Paul Geden, President / Nicole Thompson, Board

Vote

CARRIED

10.0 MEMBERSHIP FEE

Moved that “the membership fee be kept at the current cost of \$5.00”

Tui Skelton, Board / Alexia Mesnage, Board

Vote

CARRIED

11.0 ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

Moved that Nicole Thompson as Vice President take the role of chair to conduct the election of board members and general business.

Paul Geden, President / Alexia Mesnage, Board

Vote

CARRIED

As there are four vacancies and four candidates, all four nominees will be elected unopposed.

Nominations for available board positions have been received for:

- Paul Geden
- John Lewis
- Grant Micheson
- Andrea Leeper

Nominees each introduced themselves and gave an explanation as to why they wished to become a Board Member.

The Chairperson congratulated all and welcomed them to the board.

12.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

None to note

13.0 CLOSURE

The Chair thanked everyone for dialling into the meeting and their patience in the voting processes.

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Paul Geden declared that the 2020 Annual General Meeting closed at 8:45pm.