

DRAFT MINUTES

ARAFB BUSINESS MEETING

Name:	Auckland Regional Amenities Funding Board - Te Poari ā-Takiwā Tuku Pūtea Taonga Whakaahuru
Date:	Tuesday, 24 March 2026
Time:	9:00 am to 10:00 am (NZDT)
Location:	The Northern Club, 19 Princes Street, Auckland
Board Members:	Victoria Carter ONZM (Chair), Alastair Carruthers CNZM, Jonny Gritt, Linda Cooper MNZM, CMIInstD., Moana Tamaariki-Pohe MNZM, Paul Evans, Paula Browning CMIInstD, Deputy Chair, Penelope Peebles, Ravi Nyayapati, Scott Pearson
Apologies:	Haley Tamblyn

1. Opening Meeting

1.1 Opening Karakia

An opening Karakia was given by Jonny Gritt at the beginning of the meeting.

1.2 Apologies

The Board noted the apology from Advisory Officer Haley Tamblyn and thanked Paula Browning for taking minutes in her absence.

1.3 Confirm Minutes

ARAFB Business Meeting - Incl Public Submissions 10 Feb 2026, the minutes were confirmed as presented.



That the Auckland Regional Amenities Funding Board

A. Confirm the ordinary minutes of the meeting of the Auckland Regional Amenities Funding Board held on 10 February 2026 as a true and correct record.

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Mover: Paul Evans
Seconder: Moana Tamaariki-Pohe MNZM
Outcome: Approved

1.4 Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

1.5 Interests Register

The Auckland Regional Amenities Board noted the Register of Members' Interests.



That the Auckland Regional Amenities Board

A. Note the Register of Members' Interests.

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Mover: Linda Cooper MNZM, CMIInstD.
Seconder: Penelope Peebles
Outcome: Approved

1.6 Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

2. Presentations to the Board

2.1 Public Forum

There were no requests for public forum.

3. Board Activities Since Last Meeting

3.1 Chairperson's Report



That the Auckland Regional Amenities Funding Board

A. Note the verbal update from the Chair

B. Request Victoria Carter and Paula Browning work with TAU and TAFT on an agreed terms of reference for a TAFT governance and operations review.

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Mover: Ravi Nyayapati
Seconder: Paul Evans
Outcome: Approved

3.2 Members' Activities With Specified Amenities and Board Member Reports



That the Auckland Regional Amenities Funding Board

A. Receive verbal updates to Members' Activities with Specified Amenities

B. Instruct the Advisory Officer to update the register of activities and gifts with these details.

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4. Management Reports

4.1 Advisory Officer's Report

There was no Advisory Officer report.

4.2 Finance Report



That the Auckland Regional Amenities Funding Board

- A. Receive the Finance Report for the period ending 28 February 2026.
- B. Note the filing of the GST return
- C. Note the Draft Audit timeline for 2025-2026.

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Mover: Jonny Gritt
Seconder: Penelope Peebles
Outcome: Approved

4.3 Policy update: AI, Generated AI and Information Management & Security



That the Auckland Regional Amenities Funding Board

- A. Adopt the ARAFB AI, Generated AI and Information Management & Security Policy subject to final edits to be made by Ravi Nyayapati and Paula Browning, and that this document will be circulated to the Board and reviewed annually as the technology evolves (with all board members agreeing to abide by this).

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Mover: Victoria Carter ONZM
Seconder: Linda Cooper MNZM, CMIInstD.
Outcome: Approved

5. 2026-2027 Funding Plan and Levy

5.1 Restate item 2.1 resolutions from 10 Feb 2026 Confidential meeting

5.2 Adopt 2026-2027 Funding Plan and fix levy



That the Auckland Regional Amenities Funding Board

- A. Approve the allocation of grants to the seven Specified Amenities as:

ALLOCATION OF GRANTS 2026-2027 (\$)	
Auckland Festival Trust	4,000,000
Auckland Philharmonia Trust	4,998,000
Auckland Theatre Company Limited	2,450,000
New Zealand Opera Limited	1,305,360
Stardome (Auckland Observatory and Planetarium Trust)	1,617,100
Surf Life Saving Northern Region Inc.	2,132,000

Watersafe Auckland Inc (t/a Drowning Prevention Auckland)	1,617,516
Total Grants to Specified Amenities	18,119,976
Funding Board Administrative Budget	378,750
TOTAL LEVY PAYABLE BY AUCKLAND COUNCIL	18,498,726

- B. Confirm the total levy requirement for 2026-2027 from Auckland Council as \$18,498,726
- C. Instruct the Advisory Officer to advise Auckland Council of the total levy requirement for 2026-2027 by 30 April 2026, in accordance with the provisions in the Act.
- D. Adopt the 2026-2027 Funding Plan, subject to the Chairperson and Deputy Chair being authorised to make any editorial changes necessary to finalise the plan.
- E. Instruct the Advisory Officer to distribute the final 2026-2027 Funding Plan in accordance with the provisions in the Act.
- F. Instruct the Advisory Officer to draft (for the Chairperson to sign) letters to each of the Specified Amenities listed in A., advising their approved grant allocation.

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Mover: Paul Evans
Seconder: Jonny Gritt
Outcome: Approved

6. Exclusion of the Public

6.1 Exclusion of Public: Local Government Official Information & Meetings Act



That the Auckland Regional Amenities Funding Board

- A. Agree that the public be excluded from the following part(s) of the proceedings of this meeting. The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution follows. This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public, as follows:
 - i. C1.1 Minutes of a Confidential Meeting Held on 10 February 2026.

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Mover: Victoria Carter ONZM
Seconder: Paula Browning CMIInstD, Deputy Chair
Outcome: Approved

6.2 Minutes of a Confidential Meeting held on 10

February 2026

7. Close Meeting

7.1 Close the meeting

Next meeting: ARAFB Business Meeting - Confidential Agenda - 24 Mar 2026, 9:54 am

A closing karakia was conducted by Penelope Peebles at the Workshop which followed.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD AT A MEETING OF THE AUCKLAND REGIONAL AMENITIES FUNDING BOARD HELD ON 24 MARCH 2026:

Signature: _____

Date: _____