

Minutes of the 2021 Ethnic Communities' Council of Victoria Annual General Meeting

Date	Thursday 24 March 2022
Time	6:00pm – 8:00pm
Place	Maltese Community Council of Victoria, 467-477 Royal Parade, Parkville VIC 3052

Item	Description	
1	The Chairperson declared the meeting formally opened at 6:00pm.	
1.1	<p>Welcome and apologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marion Lau (apology) • Kris Pavlidis (apology) <p>The Chairperson acknowledged the traditional owners of the land and welcomed everyone.</p>	
1.2	<p>Declaration of conflict of interest</p> <p>No conflicts of interest were declared.</p>	
1.3	<p>Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting</p> <p>Resolution: That the Minutes of the 2020 AGM be accepted.</p>	
Moved	Seconded	All in favour
Joe Caputo	Jill Morgan	passed
2	<p>Election of ECCV Board</p> <p>Carlo Carli was introduced by the Chairperson as the Returning Officer for the election of the ECCV Board.</p> <p>Carlo spoke to the process that the election would follow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voting was opened at 5:00pm • Voting would close at 6:30pm • Election results would be announced at 7:00pm • All Ordinary member organisations that were financial are eligible to vote • Each eligible organisation is able to cast a single vote • Candidates can nominate a scrutineer to be present while the votes are counted • Two people will be counting the ballots. 	

3	<p>Chairperson’s Report – Eddie Micallef</p> <p>The Chairperson acknowledged the Board Members and guest speakers Andrew Crisp (Emergency Management Commissioner) and Katie Hall MP (Parliamentary Secretary for Multicultural Affairs, Parliamentary Secretary for Youth).</p> <p>The Chairperson:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledged the difficulties of the past two years and the impact of COVID-19. He thanked the attendees for coming to the AGM and for making it a wonderful face-to-face event after two years of online events • Thanked the Board, ECCV staff and volunteers for their hard work • Thanked Chris Christoforou the departed EO and welcomed Emiliano Zucchi, the new CEO • Thanked Moray & Agnew and John Pandazopoulos for their assistance in updating the ECCV constitution. He noted the reduction of the Board from 14 to nine elected board members and one regional member, with capacity to co-opt further Board members with a specialist capacity and knowledge • Noted that ECCV is approaching its 50th anniversary • Thanked representatives of Regional ECC’s for attending the AGM. 	
4	<p>Remarks by Guest Speaker, Katie Hall MP</p> <p>Parliamentary Secretary for Multicultural Affairs, Parliamentary Secretary for Youth</p> <p>Ms Hall spoke about the work done by multicultural communities during COVID-19 and noted how organisations such as ECCV are essential in providing connection to community especially during the pandemic.</p>	
5	<p>Treasurer’s Report – Zeynep Yesilyurt</p> <p>The Treasurer presented the FY2021 Audited Statutory Accounts to the meeting and noted the highlights for the year.</p>	
5a	<p>The Treasurer put the following resolution to the members:</p> <p>Resolution</p> <p>That the Accounts for year ending 30 June 2021 be accepted by the members.</p>	
Moved	Seconded	All in favour
Zeynep Yesilurt	Joe Caputo	passed
5b	<p>Appointment of Auditor</p> <p>The Treasurer put the following resolution to the members:</p> <p>Resolution</p> <p>That the members present at this AGM ratify the appointment of Collins & Co as auditors for the year ending 30 June 2022.</p>	
Moved	Seconded	All in favour
Zeynep Yesilurt	Mohammed Yassin	Passed

6	<p>CEO Report – Emiliano Zucchi</p> <p>The CEO outlined the key projects and highlights of the year, including the contribution ECCV made to ensuring a culturally responsive approach to the pandemic. He spoke to his vision for ECCV to continue with its important work.</p> <p>The CEO thanked the previous CEO Chris Christoforou for his contribution to ECCV.</p> <p>The CEO thanked the Chairperson, the Board, the management team and all staff for their work during a difficult period.</p>
7	<p>Guest Speaker: Andrew Crisp, Emergency Management Commissioner</p> <p>The Commissioner spoke to the need for improved communications and collaboration between multicultural communities and the emergency services sector and commended the work that ECCV has been doing in this space.</p>
8	<p>Announcement of Election of ECCV Board Members</p> <p>The Returning Officer Carlo Carli announced the results of the election. In all, 45 ballots were cast and all were deemed valid.</p> <p>The following candidates stood for election. Elected candidates, in order of preference, are indicated with (elected) after their name:</p> <p>Abiola Akinbiyi (elected)</p> <p>Jenny Matic (elected)</p> <p>Eddie Micallef (elected)</p> <p>Jill Morgan (elected)</p> <p>Zeynep Yesilyurt (elected)</p> <p>Joe Caputo (elected)</p> <p>Mohammed Yassin (elected)</p> <p>Sundram Sivamalai (elected)</p> <p>Jenny Semple(elected)</p> <p>Medha Gunawardana</p> <p>Parsuram Sharma Luital</p> <p>Simon Jedwab</p> <p>Goran Torbakov</p> <p>Bruno Mascitelli</p> <p>The Chairperson thanked all nominees, and thanked outgoing Board Members Simon Jedwab, Marion Lau, Kris Pavlidis and Parsuram Sharma Luital for their service.</p>
7	<p>The meeting was declared closed at 8:00pm</p>

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