



# COUNCIL / COMMITTEE

## review of confidentiality orders

**REPORT:** Item 28.1 – Adelaide Economic Development Authority Appointment of Board Member

**ORDER ID:** CO2176      **MEETING DATE:** 9/12/2025      **CONFIDENTIAL UNTIL:** 31/12/2032

<b>REASON:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal Affairs – Section 90 (3)(a)	<input type="checkbox"/> Legal Advice – Section 90 (3)(h)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Advantage / Position – Section 90 (3)(b)	<input type="checkbox"/> Litigation – Section 90 (3)(i)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Trade Secret – Section 90 (3)(c)	<input type="checkbox"/> Information provided in Confidence – Section 90 (3)(j)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Information – Section 90 (3)(d)	<input type="checkbox"/> Tenders – Section 90 (3)(k)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Security – Section 90 (3)(e)	<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment to Development Plan – Section 90 (3)(m)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance of Law – Section 90 (3)(f)	<input type="checkbox"/> Review of FOI Determination – Section 90 (3)(n)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Breach of Law – Section 90 (3)(g)	<input type="checkbox"/> Award recipients – Section 90 (3)(o)
		<input type="checkbox"/> Litigation PDI Act – Section 13 (2)(a)

**Following the confidentiality order review it's recommended the following be released (please select):**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Resolution (decision), Report, Attachment(s) and Minutes (proceeding at meeting) become public information</i>	<i>Resolution (decision) becomes public information</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Report and Attachment(s) become public information</i>	<i>Minutes (proceeding at meeting) become public information (in part)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Report and resolutions becomes public information</i>	<i>Attachment</i>
<b>Other Comments:</b>		

TITLE	NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE
Associate Director:	N/A		
Director:	N/A		
Chief Executive Officer:	Michael Sedgman		18.12.2025

## Adelaide Economic Development Authority Appointment of Board Member

Tuesday, 9 December 2025  
Council

Strategic Alignment - Our Economy

**Program Contact:**

Carole Johns, Executive  
Manager, Office of the CEO

Confidential - s 90(3) (a) unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs

**Approving Officer:**

Michael Sedgman, Chief  
Executive Officer

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Pursuant to Clause 4.4.1.3(b) of the Adelaide Economic Development Agency (AEDA) Charter, the AEDA Board shall consist of up to six Board Members with an appropriate range of skills and experience, including at least three Board Members who are business owners within the City of Adelaide, with at least one being a small business owner.

Due to the resignation of Board Member Matt Poblocki, a casual vacancy until 30 June 2027 exists on the Board.

In accordance with Clause 4.4.1.3 of the AEDA Charter, an Expression of Interest process was undertaken and the Board Selection Panel was convened.

The Board Selection Panel recommends that Dr Michelle Perugini be appointed as an AEDA Board Member to fill the casual vacancy until 30 June 2027.

Consideration in confidence is sought because public discussion and disclosure of information in this report prior to a resolution being determined by Council may potentially implicate the reputation of all Board nominees in the business community.

### RECOMMENDATION

#### THAT COUNCIL

1. Approves the appointment of Dr Michelle Perugini to the Adelaide Economic Development Agency as a Board Member commencing 10 December 2025 and expiring on 30 June 2027.
2. In accordance with Section 91(7) and (9) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* and because Item 28.3 [Adelaide Economic Development Agency Appointment of Board Member] listed on the Agenda for the meeting of Council held on 9 December 2025 was received, discussed and considered in confidence pursuant to Section 90(3)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)*, this meeting of Council do order that:
  - 2.1. The resolution, report, discussion and any other associated information submitted to this meeting in relation to the matter remain confidential and not available for public inspection until the successful candidate has accepted the position and the unsuccessful applicants have been advised of the recruitment process outcome.
  - 2.2. The Chief Executive Officer be delegated the authority to review and revoke all or part of the order herein and directed to present a report containing the Item for which the confidentiality order has been revoked.

## IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2024-2028 Strategic Plan	Strategic Alignment – Our Economy
Policy	The AEDA Charter shown at <a href="#">Link 1</a> outlines the role and term of the AEDA Board and has informed the selection process.
Consultation	An Expression of Interest process was undertaken from 9 October 2025 to 26 October 2025 to fill a casual vacancy. The Selection Panel met on 4 November 2025 to discuss the expressions of interest received and interviewed four shortlisted candidates.
Resource	Not as a result of this report
Risk / Legal / Legislative	Pursuant to Clause 4.4.1.3(b) of the Adelaide Economic Development Agency (AEDA) Charter, the AEDA Board shall consist of up to six Board Members with an appropriate range of skills and experience, including at least three Board Members who are business owners within the City of Adelaide, with at least one being a small business owner.
Opportunities	Not as a result of this report
25/26 Budget Allocation	No additional budget impact. Board Member meeting attendance fees are funded through the approved AEDA budget.
Proposed 26/27 Budget Allocation	No additional budget impact. Board Member meeting attendance fees will be funded through the approved AEDA budget.
Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset	Term of office until 30 June 2027.
25/26 Budget Reconsideration (if applicable)	Not as a result of this report
Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)	Board sitting fees and reimbursement of expenses for the appointed term.
Other Funding Sources	Not as a result of this report

## GROUNDS AND BASIS FOR CONSIDERATION IN CONFIDENCE

### Grounds

Section 90(3)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) [unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs].

### Basis

This Item is confidential as it contains information that must be considered in confidence in order to protect the personal affairs of the nominees.

The disclosure of information in this report prior to a resolution being determined by Council could reasonably implicate the nominee's reputation in the business community.

## DISCUSSION

1. As a result of the resignation of Adelaide Economic Development Agency (AEDA) Board Member Matt Poblocki, a casual vacancy exists.
2. In accordance with Clause 4.4.1.3(b) of the Adelaide Economic Development Agency (AEDA) Charter, the AEDA Board shall consist of up to six Board Members with an appropriate range of skills and experience, including at least three Board Members who are business owners within the City of Adelaide, with at least one being a small business owner.
3. Pursuant to Clause 4.4.1.3(b) of the AEDA Charter, the Board Selection Panel (the Panel) shall comprise of the Council CEO, the Council's senior manager in charge of human resources, the AEDA Chairperson and two Council Members.
4. Council at its meeting on 26 April 2023 resolved that Councillors Couros and Giles be appointed to the Panel.
5. In accordance with Clause 4.4.1.3 of the AEDA Charter, an Expression of Interest process was undertaken from 9 October 2025 to 26 October 2025 inclusive.
6. As noted in Clause 4.4.1.3(b) of the AEDA Charter, it is intended that Board Members have an appropriate range of skills and experience. The Panel met on 4 November 2025 to discuss the 122 expressions of interest received against the skills and experience of the current AEDA Board Members and the opportunity the Board vacancy presented to expand on the current Board skillset.
7. The Panel undertook interviews of four shortlisted applicants and at the conclusion of the interview process the panel agreed that Dr Michelle Perugini was the preferred candidate and would be nominated to Council for appointment to the AEDA Board.
8. The Panel in its deliberation noted the skills and experience that Dr Perugini would bring to the Board as follows:
  - 8.1 Expertise in health and medical research, and advanced AI technologies.
  - 8.2 Experience in entrepreneurship, digital transformation and global commercialisation from Adelaide's innovation base.
  - 8.3 A connection to the new Adelaide University through her role as Director of Research Translation and Commercialisation.
9. The appointment will fill the casual vacancy until 30 June 2027.
10. Consideration of this report in confidence is to protect the personal affairs of the individual whilst Council considers the appointment of this Board position and subsequent contact is made with all applicants, particularly those who were interviewed. Once these discussions have been completed, it is proposed that the CEO uses his delegation to release Council's recommendation and resolution, report, discussion and any other associated information submitted to this meeting in relation to the matter from confidence and announcement of the appointment provided to all key stakeholders.

# DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Link 1 – [Adelaide Economic Development Agency \(AEDA\) Charter](#)

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## ATTACHMENTS

Nil

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- END OF REPORT -

**28.3 Adelaide Economic Development Authority Appointment of Board Member [S90(3) (a)]**

Having declared a general conflict of interest in Item 28.3 - Adelaide Economic Development Authority Appointment of Board Member, Councillor Cabada left the Council Chamber at 10.19 pm.

It was then –

Moved by Councillor Maher,  
Seconded by Councillor Noon -

**THAT COUNCIL**

1. Approves the appointment of Dr Michelle Perugini to the Adelaide Economic Development Agency as a Board Member commencing 10 December 2025 and expiring on 30 June 2027.
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Discussion ensued

The motion was then put and carried

Councillor Cabada re-entered the Council Chamber at 10.20 pm.

[REDACTED]