

Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the Queenstown Lakes District Council held on Friday 23 January 2026 in the Council Chambers, 10 Gorge Road, Queenstown beginning at 3.00pm

Membership

Mayor John Glover (Chair); Councillor Gavin Bartlett, Councillor Samuel 'Q' Belk, Councillor Stephen Brent, Councillor Heath Copland, Councillor Niki Gladding (online), Councillor Nicola King (online from 3.03pm), Councillor Jon Mitchell, Councillor Quentin Smith, Councillor Cody Tucker (online), Councillor Melissa White (online), Councillor Matthew Wong

In attendance

Ms Erica Thomas (Local Government New Zealand) and Ms Katie Church (People & Capability Director)

Apologies

No apologies were received.

Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

Confirmation of Agenda

It was moved (Mayor Glover, Councillor Belk):

That the Queenstown Lakes District Council resolve that the agenda be confirmed without addition or alteration.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution to Exclude the Public

It was moved (Mayor Glover, Councillor Wong):

That the Queenstown Lakes District Council resolve that the public be excluded from the following parts of the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

The general subject of each matter to be considered whilst 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 Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution is as follows:

Agenda Items:

Item 1: Consideration of Chief Executive Relationship & Recruitment Subcommittee's Recommendation on Appointment of Interim Chief Executive

General subject to be considered.	Reason for passing this resolution.	Grounds under Section 7 for the passing of this resolution.
Item 1: Consideration of Chief Executive Relationship & Recruitment Subcommittee's Recommendation on Appointment of Interim Chief Executive	<p>That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information where the withholding of information is necessary to:</p> <p><i>Section and Grounds</i> 7(2)(a) To enable Council to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons;</p> <p><i>Reason for recommendation</i> This meeting will involve consideration of confidential and private information related to employment matters. While there is significant public interest in the recruitment of an Interim Chief Executive, the interest identified above outweighs the public interest in this case.</p>	Section 7(2)(a)

This recommendation 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 or Section 6 or Section 7 or Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982 as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as shown above with respect to each item.

The meeting went into public excluded at 3.03pm.

The meeting came out of public excluded and concluded at 3.29pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record:

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