Council Meeting Minutes
April 28, 2026

Present:

Council: Carl Etnier, Steven Farnham, Jeff Roberts (Online), Giles Brulé (Online), Greg Gerdel, T Gram (5:35:07 Online), Catherine Lowther (Online), Mark Seltzer (Online), Leesa Stewart (Online)

Staff: Mary Mullally

Facilitator: Carl Etnier

Guests: None

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1. **Commencement 5:31:58PM (0:00:07)**

Carl called the meeting to order; welcomed Council members, staff, and guests; and introduced the topic of the meeting: To appoint four nominees to the Strategic Planning Committee.

2. **Strategic Planning Committee Appointments 5:32:51PM (0:01:00):**

Carl called on Jeff to discuss the candidates. Jeff explained that the Strategic Planning proto-committee reviewed the qualifications of a group of individuals who'd responded to the appeal for volunteers, and the recommended candidates constitute a "good selection of member-owners and employees," whom he and Rita believe are well-qualified for the assignment.

Leesa moved to appoint the slate of four nominated candidates to the Strategic Planning Committee. Greg seconded.

Steven inquired about the diversity in the ages represented in the group of nominees. Jeff indicated that while not knowing exact ages of individual nominees, that this group of nominees covers a broad range, and that two are Co-op employees, whom he believe will bring an important perspective to the process. Of the remaining two, Jeff explained one has a long history of involvement with the Co-op, and the other has a mixed background.

Giles expressed gratitude for the promo-committee's work.

Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstentions: 0. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **Adjournment 5:44:50PM (0:12:59):**

Carl declared that without objection the meeting will be adjourned. Hearing none, Carl declared the meeting adjourned at 5:44:55PM