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## AGENDA

# JOINT SHAREHOLDERS' COMMITTEE - CENTRAL DISTRICTS WATER

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4.00PM, FRIDAY 13 MARCH 2026

COUNCIL CHAMBER, FIRST FLOOR,  
CIVIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING,  
32 THE SQUARE, PALMERSTON NORTH

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# MEMBERS

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**Mr Chris Gallavin (Chairperson)**

**Mayor Grant Smith (PNCC)**

**Mayor Bernie Wanden (HDC)**

**Mayor Andy Watson (RDC)**

**Deputy Mayor Dave Wilson (RDC)**

**Councillor Sam Jennings (HDC)**

**Councillor Kaydee Zabelin (PNCC)**

**Ms Danielle Harris (Kurahaupo Confederation)**

**Mr Hayden Turoa (Tainui Confederation)**

**Ms Marj Heeney (Iwi of the greater Rangitikei Region)**

# JOINT SHAREHOLDERS' COMMITTEE - CENTRAL DISTRICTS WATER MEETING

13 March 2026

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

**1. Karakia Timatanga**

**2. Apologies**

**3. Notification of Additional Items**

Pursuant to Sections 46A(7) and 46A(7A) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, to receive the Chairperson's explanation that specified item(s), which do not appear on the Agenda of this meeting and/or the meeting to be held with the public excluded, will be discussed.

Any additions in accordance with Section 46A(7) must be approved by resolution with an explanation as to why they cannot be delayed until a future meeting.

Any additions in accordance with Section 46A(7A) may be received or referred to a subsequent meeting for further discussion. No resolution, decision or recommendation can be made in respect of a minor item.

**4. Declarations of Interest (if any)**

Members are reminded of their duty to give a general notice of any interest of items to be considered on this agenda and the need to declare these interests.

**5. Public Comment**

To receive comments from members of the public on matters specified on this Agenda or, if time permits, on other Committee matters.

**6. Confirmation of Minutes**

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That the minutes of the Joint Shareholders' Committee - Central Districts Water meeting of 13 February 2026 Part I Public be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**7. Work Schedule**

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**8. Karakia Whakamutunga**

**9. Exclusion of Public**

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting listed in the table below.

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 are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered		Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for passing this resolution
10.	Confirmation of the minutes of the Joint Shareholders' Committee - Central Districts Water meeting of 13 February 2026 Part II Confidential	For the reasons set out in the Joint Shareholders Committee - Central Districts Water meeting of 13 February 2026, held in public.	
11.	Appointments to the Central Districts Water Board	A candidate's right to privacy outweighs the public's interest to know who has applied to the Central Districts Water Board until the appointment has been confirmed.	s7(2)(a)PRIVACY This information needs to be kept private to protect personal information that is confidential or sensitive. This includes people who are no longer alive

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 the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public as stated in the above table.

## **PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Joint Shareholders' Committee - Central Districts Water Meeting Part I Public, held in the Council Chamber, First Floor, Civic Administration Building, 32 The Square, Palmerston North on 13 February 2026, commencing at 4.02pm**

**Members Present:** The Mayor Grant Smith, Mayor Bernie Wanden, Mayor Andy Watson, Deputy Mayor Dave Wilson, Councillors Sam Jennings and Kaydee Zabelin, Ms Danielle Harris, Mr Hayden Turoa and Ms Marj Heeney.  
Mr Chris Dyhrberg acting in the chair.

#### **Karakia Timatanga**

Mr Hayden Turoa opened the meeting with karakia.

**1-26**

#### **Use of Standing Orders**

Memorandum, presented by Hannah White, Manager Governance, Palmerston North.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Mayor Andy Watson.

#### **The COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. Adopt Palmerston North City Council Standing Orders as the meeting procedures to govern how decisions are made by the Committee, until the Government introduces templated Standing Orders as replacement.

Clause 1-26 above was carried 9 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

#### **For:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith), Mayor Bernie Wanden, Mayor Andy Watson, Deputy Mayor Dave Wilson, Councillors Sam Jennings and Kaydee Zabelin, Ms Danielle Harris, Mr Hayden Turoa and Ms Marj Heeney.

**2-26**

#### **Appointment of Shareholder Committee Chair and Deputy Chair**

Memorandum, presented by Chris Dyhrberg - Executive Director Julie Keane - Executive Support.

Moved Mayor Grant Smith, seconded Mayor Bernie Wanden.

#### **The COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

That the Committee:

1. Approve the appointment of Chris Gallavin as the Independent Chair.
2. Approve the initial appointment of the Independent Chair to be from 13 February 2026 to 30 June 2027.
3. Approve the remuneration for the Independent Chair be set at a rate of \$45,000 p.a., plus GST if any, for the initial appointment, noting that it is anticipated that the workload for the initial appointment will be significantly higher than the longer-term expectation.
4. Delegate to the Central Districts Water Executive Director authority to finalise a letter of engagement for the Independent Chair in line with the terms outlined in this report.

Clause 2-26 above was carried 9 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith), Mayor Bernie Wanden, Mayor Andy Watson, Deputy Mayor Dave Wilson, Councillors Sam Jennings and Kaydee Zabelin, Ms Danielle Harris, Mr Hayden Turoa and Ms Marj Heeney.

Mr Chris Gallavin took the chair, followed by introductory comments and self-introductions.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Mayor Bernie Wanden.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

5. Approve the appointment of Mayor Andy Watson as Deputy Chair.

Clause 2-26 above was carried 8 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith), Mayor Bernie Wanden, Deputy Mayor Dave Wilson, Councillors Sam Jennings and Kaydee Zabelin, Ms Danielle Harris, Mr Hayden Turoa and Ms Marj Heeney.

Note:

Mayor Andy Watson declared a conflict, removed himself from the room and took no further part in debate or voting.

**3-26**

**Initial Shareholders' Committee Policies**

Memorandum, presented by Chris Dyhrberg - Executive Director  
Julie Keane - Executive Support.

Moved Ms Danielle Harris, seconded Mayor Andy Watson.

The **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

2. That the Committee recommend to the respective shareholder councils that the Shareholder Agreement Terms of Reference for the Committee

are amended:

- a. Clause 2 – add (t) Engaging with the Company on behalf of the Shareholders’ Committee in relation to how the Company shall engage with mana whenua to give effect to te Tiriti o Waitangi and its principles and establish and implements its Te Ao Māori framework
- b. Clause 6 – adjust 6(a) Quorum to remain at 5 members, but now require a member from each of the shareholder councils and Ngā Tapuwae o Hau

Clause 3-26 above was carried 9 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith), Mayor Bernie Wanden, Mayor Andy Watson, Deputy Mayor Dave Wilson, Councillors Sam Jennings and Kaydee Zabelin, Ms Danielle Harris, Mr Hayden Turoa and Ms Marj Heeney.

Moved Chris Gallavin, seconded Grant Smith.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee adopt the Code of Conduct, Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality Protocols to govern its members.

Clause 3-26 above was carried 9 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith), Mayor Bernie Wanden, Mayor Andy Watson, Deputy Mayor Dave Wilson, Councillors Sam Jennings and Kaydee Zabelin, Ms Danielle Harris, Mr Hayden Turoa and Ms Marj Heeney.

**4-26**

**Schedule of meetings**

Memorandum, presented by Hannah White, Manager Governance, Palmerston North.

Moved Chris Gallavin, seconded Councillor Sam Jennings.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee agree the following meetings to be held at Palmerston North City Council Chambers, 32 Te Marae o Hine The Square, Palmerston North:
  - a. 4pm, Friday 13 March 2026
  - b. 4pm, Friday 27 March 2026
  - c. 3pm, Thursday 30 April 2026

Clause 4-26 above was carried 9 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith), Mayor Bernie Wanden, Mayor Andy Watson, Deputy Mayor Dave Wilson, Councillors Sam Jennings and Kaydee Zabelin, Ms Danielle Harris, Mr Hayden Turoa

and Ms Marj Heeney.

**Work Schedule**

**Note:** That the Joint Shareholders Committee - Central Districts Water receive its Work Schedule dated 13 February 2026, was received for information without a vote.

**EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC**

**5-26 Recommendation to Exclude Public**

Moved Chris Gallavin, seconded Grant Smith.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting listed in the table below.

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 are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered		Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for passing this resolution
13.	Board Recruitment	It is in the best interest of the Public that the Shareholders are able to negotiate with the potential Board Members without proposed Board fees being made public at this stage.	s7(2)(a)PRIVACY This information needs to be kept private to protect personal information that is confidential or sensitive. This includes people who are no longer alive and s7(2)(i)NEGOTIATIONS: This information needs to be kept confidential to ensure that Council can negotiate effectively, especially in business dealings

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 the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public as stated in the above table.

Also that the persons listed below be permitted to remain after the public has been excluded for the reasons stated.

*Sarah Naude and Matt Stanley of Propero Consulting, because of their*

knowledge and ability to assist the meeting in speaking to their report/s and answering questions, noting that such person/s will be present at the meeting only for the items that relate to their respective report/s.

Clause 5-26 above was carried 9 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith), Mayor Bernie Wanden, Mayor Andy Watson, Deputy Mayor Dave Wilson, Councillors Sam Jennings and Kaydee Zabelin, Ms Danielle Harris, Mr Hayden Turoa and Ms Marj Heeney.

The public part of the meeting finished at 5.15pm.

Confirmed 13 March 2026.

**Chairperson**



## COMMITTEE WORK SCHEDULE

**TO:** Joint Shareholders' Committee - Central Districts Water

**MEETING DATE:** 13 March 2026

**TITLE:** Work Schedule

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### RECOMMENDATION(S) TO JOINT SHAREHOLDERS' COMMITTEE - CENTRAL DISTRICTS WATER

1. That the Joint Shareholders Committee - Central Districts Water receive its Work Schedule dated 13 March 2026.

Meeting Date	Topics
<b>2026</b>	
<del>13 March</del>	<del>• Approve Board Appointments</del>
27 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss and agree approach to Statement of Expectations development</li> <li>• Receive information on LGFA funding and associated guarantees before this is presented to the Councils for decision</li> <li>• Consider transfer principles to inform the preparation of individual shareholder transfer agreements</li> <li>• Agree schedule of meetings for May 2026-June 2027</li> </ul>
30 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirm draft Statement of Expectations</li> </ul>
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engage with the Councils to receive comment on SoE draft</li> <li>• Engage with the Central District Water Board to receive comment on SoE draft</li> </ul>
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adopt Final Statement of Expectations</li> </ul>
July – December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receive information from the Board on any implications for Central Districts Water emerging from the drafting of               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Transfer Agreements with individual shareholder councils</li> <li>○ Transitional or Service Level Agreements with individual shareholder councils</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Review and provide comment on the draft Significance and Engagement Policy</li> </ul>

2027	
January – June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review and provide comment on the draft Water Services Strategy</li> </ul>