



Business South Inc

3RD BUSINESS SOUTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 19 NOVEMBER 2024

Held at 2.00pm on Tuesday 19 November at Business South Inc.

PRESENT: Chair Dominique Dowding presided over an attendance of 14 representatives of members of Business South.

IN ATTENDANCE: M Collins, J Walker

1. Opening and Welcome:

The meeting commenced with a quorum of over 10 financial members was reached at 2.00pm.

Mike Collins read the notice of meeting.

Dominique Dowding, Chair Business South Board called meeting to order. Noting a copy of the constitution for reference was available in the room.

No general business items were received by the Chief Executive.

Dominique welcomed all the members to the 3rd Annual General Meeting of members of Business South Incorporated and acknowledged our life members.

Andrew Leys	Bex Twemlow
Chris Staynes	David Humphrey
Grant McKenzie	John Christie
Mike Ferrari	Phil Broughton
Steve Brocklebank	Stuart McLauchlan

2. Apologies:

D Dowding read the apology register.

Motion: *"That the apologies be sustained"*

Seconded: Neil Finn-House

CARRIED

3. Minutes Of The Previous Meeting

Motion: *"That the minutes of the 2nd Annual General Meeting be confirmed as a correct record."*

Seconded: David Kiddey

CARRIED

4. Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

5. Board Chair's Report: Chair

The Board Chair's report included in the Annual Report was read to the AGM Attendees. Business South delivered strong progress across membership, advocacy, training and events — recording a surplus, strengthening our national influence through BusinessNZ, and helping businesses attract investment and overcome barriers to growth.

A major achievement was developing a comprehensive regional growth and stakeholder strategy through industry workshops, setting a clear path to unlock sector potential, drive investment, and support long-term prosperity across Otago and Southland.

6. Annual Report & Statement of Financial Position:

The Board Chair presented the report for the year ending 30 June 2024. Noting despite a challenging economic backdrop, she was pleased to report a surplus of \$7,842. Acknowledging the hard work and dedication from CEO Mike Collins.

Motion: *"The annual report and statement of financial position be adopted."*

Moved: Grant McKenzie

Seconded: Bex Twemlow

CARRIED

7. Appointment of Auditor:

Motion: *"That Crowe Horwath Dunedin be appointed as reviewer for the 2024/2024 financial year"*

Moved: Bex Twemlow

Seconded: Neil Finn-House

CARRIED

8. General Business:

No matters of general business were notified to the CEO.

9. Confirmation of Elected Board Directors

Following our 2024 Board Election, the Chair announced new board directors elected were Bex Twemlow, Daniel De Bono, Neil Finn-House and Dominique Dowding. Thanks was given to retiring board director David Kiddey for his dedication and guidance to Business South.

10. Closure: 2.06pm