

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF MARANOA REGIONAL COUNCIL HELD AT ROMA ADMINISTRATION CENTRE ON 5 NOVEMBER 2025 SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE AT 10:20AM

ATTENDANCE

Mayor Cr W M Taylor chaired the meeting with Deputy Mayor Cr C J O'Neil, Cr J R P Birkett, Cr M K Brumpton, Cr A K Davis, Cr J M Hancock, Cr B R Seawright, Cr J R Vincent, Chief Executive Officer – Robert Hayward and Kelly Rogers Minutes Officer in attendance.

AS REQUIRED

Deputy CEO - Strategic Roads, Airports & Major Projects – Cameron Hoffmann, Director Corporate Services – Brett Exelby.

WELCOME

The Mayor welcomed all present and declared the meeting open at 10.28am.

APOLOGIES

Resolution No. SM/11.2025/01	
Moved Cr O'Neil	Seconded Cr Birkett
That apologies be received and leave of absence granted for Cr. Flynn for this meeting.	
CARRIED	8/0

BUSINESS

Resolution No. SM/11.2025/02		
Moved Cr Brumpton		Seconded Cr Vincent
<p>In accordance with the provisions of section 254J(3) of the <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i>, that Council resolve to close the meeting to the public at [10.29am] to discuss confidential items that its Councillors consider is necessary to close the meeting.</p> <p>In accordance with Section 254J(5) of the <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i>, the following table provides:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The matters to be discussed; An overview of what is to be discussed while the meeting is closed. 		
Agenda Item	Matters to be discussed (Reasons to close the meeting under the <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i>)	Overview
C.1 – Second Meeting of Creditors Regional Express Holdings Limited (Administrators Appointed)	Section 254J(3) (g) (i) negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to	The Regional Express Group of Companies (Rex Airlines) entered voluntary administration on 30 July 2024, with Ernst & Young (EY) appointed as Administrators.

	<p>prejudice the interests of the local government; AND a matter the local government is required to keep confidential under a law of, or formal arrangement with, the Commonwealth or a State.</p>	<p>Over the past 12 to 18 months, the Administrators have worked to maintain continuity of air services, and progress a sale process to secure the long-term future of the airline.</p> <p>A Second Meeting of Creditors has been called for 11 November 2025, at which creditors will vote on the proposed resolutions determining the future of the company. As a creditor, Maranoa Regional Council is entitled to participate in the meeting and exercise its voting rights.</p> <p>The matter is presented to seek Council's voting position at the upcoming meeting. The report provided background on the voluntary administration process, the Administrators' recommendations, and the options available to creditors.</p>
<div>CARRIED</div> <div>8/0</div>		

COUNCIL ADJOURNED THE MEETING
 FOR MORNING TEA AT 10.41am

SUBJECT HEADING: RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS
 COUNCIL RESUMED THE MEETING AT 10.57am

Resolution No. SM/11.2025/03	
Moved Cr O'Neil	Seconded Cr Seawright
<p>That Council open the meeting to the public [at 11.01am].</p>	
<div>CARRIED</div> <div>8/0</div>	

Item Number: C.1 **File Number:** D25/113799

SUBJECT HEADING: SECOND MEETING OF CREDITORS | REGIONAL EXPRESS HOLDINGS LIMITED (ADMINISTRATORS APPOINTED)

Officer's Title: Deputy CEO - Strategic Roads, Airports & Major Projects

Executive Summary:

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Resolution No. SM/11.2025/04

Moved Cr O'Neil

Seconded Cr Brumpton

That Council:

- 1. Receive and note the Voluntary Administrators' Report for the Regional Express Group of Companies, dated 3 November 2025.**
- 2. Support the recommendation outlined in the Voluntary Administrators' Report as the preferred option for reducing job losses and maintaining the ongoing passenger air service between Roma and other regional centres.**
- 3. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to vote in accordance with the Administrators' recommendation at the Second Meeting of Creditors.**

CARRIED

8/0

Responsible Officer

Deputy CEO - Strategic Roads, Airports & Major Projects

CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Mayor thanked Council for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 11.03am.

These Minutes are to be confirmed at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on 13 November 2025, at Roma Administration Centre.