

PARLIAMENTARY LIBERAL PARTY MINUTES OF MEETING 12 May 2023

Date: 12/05/23

Time: 9:30 am

Location: Liberal Party Meeting Room, Parliament House.

Present: 30/30

Matthew Bach, Brad Battin, Roma Britnell, Chris Crewther, Georgie Crozier, David Davis, Wayne Farnham, Sam Groth, Matthew Guy, Renee Heath, Ann-Marie Hermans, David Hodgett, Wendy Lovell, Trung Luu, Bev McArthur, Joe McCracken, Nick McGowan, Cindy McLeish, Evan Mulholland, James Newbury, Michael O'Brien, John Pesutto, Richard Riordan, Brad Rowsell, Ryan Smith, David Southwick, Bill Tilley, Bridget Vallence, Kim Wells, Jess Wilson.

Previous Minutes:

Debate ensued on adoption of minutes dated 21 March 2023 and 27 March 2023. Speakers included Mr Wells, Mr Riordan, Mrs McArthur, Mr Southwick, Dr Heath and Mr McGowan.

Minutes of the meeting 21 March 2023 be adopted.

Moved: James Newbury

Seconded: Wendy Lovell

Motion carried.

Minutes of the meeting 27 March 2023 be adopted.

Moved: James Newbury

Seconded: David Davis

Motion carried.

Motion on Notice:

John Pesutto MP: In receipt of a motion to expel Mrs Moira Deeming from the Parliamentary Liberal Party from five members of the Parliamentary Party as required by Clause 59 of the Party's constitution. Five clear days notice of that motion being debated has been given to Mrs Deeming as required by Clause 60.

That a secret ballot be conducted.

At least five members stood in their place. Carried.

That the Victorian Parliamentary Liberal Party expels Moira Deeming.

Moved by Mr Newbury, Mr Guy, Ms McLeish, Ms Britnell and Mr Farnham.

Members stood in their place to move the motion.

Debate ensued on the motion, speakers included Mr Newbury, Ms Britnell, Mr Wells, Ms McLeish, Mr McGowan, Mr Crewther, Ms Crozier, Mrs McArthur, Mr Mulholland and Mr Smith.

Mrs Deeming was invited to address the party room but declined to attend.

Secret ballot held by the Party Secretary. Dr Heath, Ms Lovell and Mr McCracken appointed as scrutineers.

In favour: 19 Against: 11

Motion carried.

Effective from 12th May 2023, Mrs Moira Deeming is expelled from the Victorian Parliamentary Liberal Party and will be advised in writing of the outcome of the motion.

General Business:

- **Michael O'Brien MP:** moved the suspension of standing orders on a matter of urgency, namely that the position of Party Secretary be made vacant.

Seconded: Ms Crozier

Procedural motion that standing orders suspended put. Motion carried on a show of hands.

- Mr O'Brien moved:

That the position of Party Secretary be made vacant.

Seconded: Ms Crozier

Mr Pesutto moved *That a secret ballot be conducted.*

At least five members stood in their place.

Carried.

Debate ensued speakers including Mr O'Brien, Mr Riordan, Mr Wells, Ms Crozier, Mr McGowan, Mr Crewther, Mrs McArthur, Mrs Hermans and Mr Battin.

Secret ballot held. Mr Hodgett, Ms Lovell and Mr McCracken appointed as scrutineers.

In favour: 19 Against: 11

Motion carried.

- Mr Pesutto called for nominations for the position of Secretary of the Victorian Parliamentary Liberal Party.

Mr Trung Luu was the only person to stand in his place.

Mr Luu was elected unopposed as Secretary.

- Richard Riordan MP raised issues relating to Liberal conference on values and senior staff and MPs.
- John Pesutto MP flags Liberal conference in mid-June.
- Further discussion on Liberal Party matters from Mr Crewther, Ms Britnell, Mrs Hermans and Mrs McArthur.

Meeting concluded 11:30am.