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MINUTES of GENERAL MEETING

held on 25 May 2026 at 5:30pm

Conference Room (upstairs) in the MLSHS Main Administration Building

1. OPENING AND WELCOME

Louis Van Ardt (President), Ana Santos (Vice-President), Dr. Stephen Winn (MLSHS Board Chair), Michael Camilleri (A/Principal), Mei-Ling Day (P&C Board rep), Frank Paolino MLA, Jennifer Shard, Paul Keogh, Karen Hayward, Susanna Iuliano, Rob Braaten, Vernica Holyoak, Brad O'Dea, Kerry Andersen, Howard Anderson, Cheryl Bell, Sharnie Stuart, Sangeetha Durgam, Andrew Lippiat, Amanda Humphreys, Renee McLennan, Michelle de Rozario, Helen Pelusey, Pauline Cai, Gail Martinovich, Sarah Gazia, Andrea Akiyoshi, Ron Hu, Ben Wardrop, Justin Cvitan, Lawrence Sayers, Deborah Lonnie, Bonnie Brown, Michelle Wilkins, natasha Davidson, Lauren Gray, Marie Rodatz, Laura Drysdale, Celeste Pirociet, Peter Cardy, Shahna Gallagher, Anouska Alexander, Kristy Myers, Rebekah Ledingham, Ben Harvey (Secretary)

2. APOLOGIES

Leslie Street, Nabil Luyer, Monique Herbst, Kristy Riches

Meeting agenda

3. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

4. MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

Confirmation of minutes of:

- (i) Annual General Meeting and General Meeting of 9 March 2026;
- (ii) Executive Meeting of 30 March 2026

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING

- 1. Principal to advise P&C as to the remaining balance of the uniforms commission for the homework club.
- 2. P&C has formally written to the Premier, cc'd relevant Ministers, seeking urgent clarification about the future of WAAPA facilities following the Edith Cowan University Mt Lawley campus redevelopment.

6. ECU REDEVELOPMENT – Frank Paolino MLA, Member for Mt Lawley

Presentation by VP (MLSHS P&C Facebook page post at end of Minutes)

History of proposed ECU redevelopment including:

- State Government's commitment to give WAAPA buildings to MLSHS;
- community consultation process;
- City of Stirling MRS Amendment;
- Minister for Planning and Minister for Creative Industries media statement on 17/02/26
- MLSHS need for increased facilities given increased student numbers.

Presentation by Frank Paolino MLA

- Acknowledgement of country and MLSHS Board Chair, Michael C and Lesley Street
- Apologies from John Carey MLA
- Premier asked FP to pass on thanks for the Board and P&C letters
- MLSHS is an important school in State's education framework and particular note the SVAPA program of which everyone particular proud.

- State Government has not stepped back from its commitments – media statements and announcements dating back to 2020 still stand with no changes. Committed to working with MLSHS to deliver on what said would deliver. The school's needs will always be taken into consideration. The process re the WAAPA facilitates is being spear-headed by CITS with DoE also playing a role. The Minister for CI stated in Estimates last week that heading towards Phase 2 of the process to developing the business case which referred to when revealed the Masterplan in February 2026.
- CITS DG has stated that there has already been engagement with the Principal and DoE DG.
- Process has five phases. MLSHS will have an important role to play as part of it. Have said to P&C and Board members that now is the time for effective engagement and for MLSHS to have as part of its infrastructure to have – as has been committed – part of the world's leading performing arts facilities and that the students have those opportunities.
- Everything that has been done up to now with DoE and through consultation processes to make up the masterplan has been very positive and effective and now into next phase. ECU has not yet vacated and is still a tenant – will be handed to the State Government in January 27 which presents challenges to do things that want to do on the site.
- Repeat the MLSHS plays an important role in that process. Know that there has been a lot of talk around and significant amount of misinformation in the community that has caused angst which acknowledge despite his best efforts to be very clear as to where in the process.
- FP is on the side of the students and have the support of the Premier, Deputy Premier and MfE that will deliver on what the government has said it will. This is the time to be most effective in advocacy for the school

Questions

Q: Zoning – want to know have priority given change in zoning high school to community will impact the school's access plus the school is very well placed to

FP: Has changed from tertiary education to special purpose zoning. Means that can then go into the current process and have ability to be more flexibility in terms of the school's participation. Not shying away from the commitment that the government made.

Phase 2 identification of stakeholders – very clear that MLSHS will play an important role. Now in that process and need to articulate the needs of the school and access.

Q: will it be access or priority access for MLSHS.

FP: no change to the commitment

Q: What is the actual commitment of the State Government as appears to have changed from the school having the buildings to the school being able to access in competition with the broader community. Noting also that CITS is preparing the business case and will have its own focus which different to the school.

FP: MLSHS will not be nudged away or put to the side; Have very clearly said the school will play an important role and any commentary to this effect is wrong.

The commitment is what in the Premier's 20/09/20 media statement. In the process of putting into play what this is going to look like.

Q: Don't have any clarity on what the commitments are?

FP: The Premier's MS isn't a proposal, it's a statement

Q: Simon Millman quote refers to the facilities being transferred – which isn't access. Why is the language is now about access.

FP: haven't spoken about access but that the commitment hasn't changed. Have said, that in next phase of the commitment.

Q: Trying to reconcile the original commitments and most recent masterplan requires the school to manage and operate the site.

FP: Where DOE and MLSHS come into play given it's a big facility – these things need to be discussed and clarified with stakeholders needing to be consulted, which will include MLSHS. Understand that looking for answers which not there yet as not that far into the process, however, have already articulated the school's needs. High level statement into a refined proposed.

Q: How long is the timeline for the entire process and when does consultation commence, and at what point does input need to occur.

FP: Phase 2 hasn't yet started. All five phases will be finished in November 2026. CITS has already engaged with DoE and MLSHS.

Q: What is the best way for the information to be presented to FP?

FP: Best way is to give information to the school as the school is in best position to advocate for its needs. Have had very productive conversations with the school and his role is to advocate on behalf of the school.

Q: Is there an interim plan for temp or interim use of the facilities by the school given the very real current needs.

FP: Yes there will be. Have raised it with Minister Carey. Everything to be done between now and end of year when ECU will hand it over. Minister McGurk also very open to the use of the facilities.

Q: What is the long-term timeframe – noting business case in Nov 2025 and handed over in early 2027 – and will the school be able to access the site in 2027

FP: all five phases of the BC will be done by November. His view is that would like to see the process done as quickly as possible for students' benefit although not up to him but up to the Ministers.

Q: Is it correct to say that MSLSH will be expanding into the WAAPA facilities however the details of that yet to be worked out.

FP: That's his understanding.

Q: CITS website refers to transforming ECU into an urban community and WAAPA facilities will be developed into a community creative and artistic hub. No reference to MLSHS or DoE mentioned. Believe that FP backing MLSHS but need to be referenced in the business case terms of reference or know that aren't included so know that need to lobby.

FP: MLSHS is in there. No ambiguity. CITS talking about the admin building and the library and not WAAPA.

Q: Can understand why people are confused – is there any reason why government wouldn't recommit to the commitment to MLSHS and that outcome is for MLSHS to expand into the campus and have access to the facilities.

FP: 100% right which is why have asked for this process to happen really quickly to facilitate handover. We know what the government has committed to. Continually bring this back to what's on the table but in a wider context. Will be in the second phase and there will be more information very soon once go through these initial steps. Recognise where the question is coming from.

Q: How long does Phase 2 go for? How many students will the school expand to? Will MLSHS be categorised as a performing arts school like Churchlands? Note the potential impact on local roads.

FP: Need to take these on notice. Note that Phase 2 is working with stakeholders. Surrounding community will be consulted if considered a stakeholder by CITS.

Existing local roads, including kiss 'n' ride, are a concern and have existed for a long time. Have convened the City of Stirling to discuss new road management plan for the local area and looking at these broader issues. Is in first phase of that process. Referred to black spot program which not necessarily limited to where there have been serious accidents.

Q: Aware of any contracts/tenders in relation to any of the spaces?

FP: No. Know that WAYO is continuing to use the space which is an agreement with ECU at cost of \$100,000 p.a.

Dep Principal; Good to have the confirmation of intentions for the school.

Board Chair: Thanks to VP for the excellent presentation. Have spoken to the Premier and written to the Premier and Minister. Don't like to see the issue confused as the ECU site is huge and is owned by the State Government which needs to make decisions in the best interests of the State and its constituents. MLSHS is much more than the creative arts. One of slides showed another school's auditorium that has all the students and parents of one year in it but which the WAAPA facilities don't have. MLSHS doesn't have an auditorium which will cost \$60m plus which should be a priority. WAAPA facilities need to be repurposed to meet the needs of students who can use them. No issue with the rest of the development. MLSHS needs an auditorium which meets the needs of what should be in a school of this size. Have heard very little of MfE being at forefront for this school as MLSHS is a public school and therefore she should be advocating for the school. School does far more than creative industries so want to see commitments for facilities like other schools that can adequately house students and parents.

FP: MLSHS is an important school in the education framework of WA. MfE is supporting this school and was first high school she visited after the election. Is on the side of the students and don't know how that could have been lost in translation. An auditorium was identified as a priority in the meeting with the MfE which remains an advocacy piece for him and the MfE to become a reality as recognise that important for the school given SVAPA program as well as facilities for the other students. The auditorium has been the central advocacy piece that he and MfE have taken on personally.

Apologised for having to leave to attend a conference in Fremantle at 6:30.

Not all the answers are there as not sufficiently far down the process. Make it clear that stand on the side of the school and students and will always do the right thing by the students of MLSHS. Acknowledged emails that have been sent of 1200 that have been sent in last 1.5 weeks and apologised for not having replied. Noted that \$20m invested in MLSHS since 2017.

Q: Asked for FP to provide updates on Phases 2-5 via the schools.

FP: Agreed to do so although noted that expect the school and DoE will also do so. Asked to work with the school community to promote the school's interests.

Q: Request for media statement from MfP and MfE reiterating commitment to MLSHS given no commitment to the school to any significant infrastructure and need for certainty. Need to hear from those Ministers and the Premier and request that FP bring the MfE and MfP to a P&C meeting.

FP: Reference to the \$30m investment in the school since 2017. Will get a reply to the letter. MfP said he is very happy to come along.

FP Thanked for his attendance by attendees and given a round of applause.

FP: Will receive a response from the Premier.

Dep Principal: asked for information to be provided to school as to what parents want, as per FP's statement; need to tell the school what people want as part of Phase 2. Will provide the three questions the school would like a response from parents on to the V-P.

VP: asked for attendees to contact her via Facebook MLSHS P&C group to organise a targeted parents group.

DP: MLSHS previously raised the issue of an auditorium prior to ECU being a potential. Has since been raised as an issue given realisation that no auditorium at ECU that of sufficient size. Requested that information be sent to Ana and the school.

Asked for the VP to be given a round of applause for her presentation.

VP: primary issue is that DoE has been taken out of the process.

7. REPORTS (Please keep brief – 3-5 minutes except Principal)

1. School Principal – report noted
2. Treasurer – report deferred to next meeting
3. President – report deferred to next meeting
4. Vice-President – WACSSO – report noted
5. Secretary – Correspondence In/Out
 - (i) 20260401 MLSHS P&C to Premier re ECU redevelopment
 - (ii) 20260506 MLSHS P&C to WACSSO re ECU redevelopment

- (iii) 20260506 WACSSO - No nomination advice - Swan West
- (iv) 20260506 WACSSO Term 2 Update - Swan West Electorate
- (v) 20260511 Act Belong Commit Partnership Opportunity email & attachment

- 6. Music Support Committee
- 7. SVAPA Support Committee – report noted
- 8. GAT Support Committee – report noted
- 9. Lawley Art Auction Committee – report noted
- 10. School Board – report noted
- 11. Parent Engagement Committee – report deferred to next meeting

8. MOTIONS

All motions passed (Appendix A)

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 29 June 2026 at 5.30pm

11. MEETING CLOSE

Meeting closed at 7:20pm

MLSHS P&C Facebook page post

- Local MP Frank Paolino stated that commitments made since 2020 regarding Mount Lawley SHS and WAAPA facilities remain unchanged.
- FP acknowledged MLSHS as an important part of WA's education system.
- The current process is being led by the Department of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport (CITS), with the Department of Education involved.
- The project is currently moving toward Phase 2 of a five-phase business case process, expected to conclude in November 2026.
- MLSHS was repeatedly described as an important stakeholder that will be consulted as part of the next phase.
- Questions were raised repeatedly by parents regarding whether the school would have priority use, ownership, management, or simply access to facilities. Concerns were expressed that recent language appears different from earlier commitments.
- FP stated that commitments have "not changed", however acknowledged that many details are still unclear and yet to be formally worked through.
- Parents requested clearer written confirmation of commitments and greater transparency around the process, including the business case terms of reference and action plans.
- Questions were also raised regarding timelines, consultation processes, traffic impacts, student growth, auditorium needs, and interim access to facilities after ECU vacates the site.
- It was acknowledged that MLSHS currently lacks a suitable auditorium for whole-school events and that this remains a major advocacy priority for both the school and community.
- FP indicated he is supportive of the school and committed to continued engagement with MLSHS and the community.
- A request was made for future updates from Ministers and government representatives to be provided directly through the school community.
- Parents were encouraged to continue providing feedback, priorities, and concerns to both the school and the P&C to support advocacy during Phase 2.

Current key requests from the community include:

- Written confirmation of government commitments
- Access to the business case terms of reference and planning documents
- Clear inclusion of MLSHS and DoE within the formal process
- Transparency regarding consultation, timelines, and decision-making
- Clarification regarding future access, management, and priority use of facilities