

University of Melbourne Student Union
Meeting of the Clubs & Societies Committee



CONFIRMED Minutes

9:30 am Wednesday October 25, 2023

Meeting 19/23

Location:

Room 201, Building 168 and Zoom

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Opened at 9:39am by Renee Thierry.

1. Procedural Matters

1.1. Election of Chair

Motion 1: To elect myself, Renee Thierry, chair.

Mover: Renee Thierry

Seconder: Leon Paratz

Carried

1.2. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

So acknowledged.

1.3. Attendance

C&S Committee: Leon Paratz, Michael Belbruno, Mahsa Nabizada, Azalea Rohaizam, Patrick Irwin

Office Bearers: Renee Thierry, Kimmy Ng

Staff: Fiona Sanders

Other: Benjamin Zheng, Grady Fitzpatrick, Danny Yang (Anime and Manga Club), Morgan Peach, Miranda Spiller (International youth and Students for Social Equality), Tarish Kadam (Language Exchange Club)

1.4. Grant speaking rights to Coordinator (Standing Order 21.2)

Motion 2: To grant speaking rights to the clubs coordinator, Fiona Sanders, under Standing Orders 21.2.

Mover: Chair

Carried

1.5. Apologies (Marcie Di Bartolomeo (on leave))

Absent: Sreekar Reddy Chitivolu

1.6. Proxies

None

1.7. Membership

No changes

1.8. Adoption of Agenda

Date and Meeting Number, and the proxies, are incorrect

Motion 3: To adopt the Agenda with proposed amendments.

Mover: Chair

Carried

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

2.1. September 27, 2023

2.2. October 11, 2023

Motion 4: To adopt both sets of Minutes as a true and accurate record of the meetings.

Mover: Chair

CWD

3. Conflicts of interest

| Name | Conflicts of Interest declared |
|-------------------------|---|
| Azalea Rohaizam | Swifties Society |
| Kimberley Ng | Eurovision Club, Engineering Music Society, Civil & Structural Society |
| Marcie Di Bartolomeo | Media and Communications Students Society, Creative Literature and Writing Society, Publishing Students Society |
| Michael Belbruno | French Club, Very Special Kids Society, Student Exchange Society |
| Patrick Irwin | Pre-Law Society, Finance Students Association, Commerce Students Society, Debating Society, Liberal Club, Media and Communications Students Society |
| Renee Thierry | Student Exchange Society |
| Leon Paratz | Physics Students Society, Jewish Students Society, Media and Communications Students Society, Society of Astronomy and Melbourne University |
| Mahsa Nabizada | Women in Technology, Embrace Education |
| Sreekar Reddy Chitivolu | Indian Graduate Students Society |

Procedural motion: To go to 6.2.1 Language Exchange Club

Mover: Chair

CWD

6.2.1 Language Exchange Club

The C&S Committee made a consistent decision, that the SFH was incomplete at the time of submission.

Discussion of the matter. Clarification that C&S assesses grants on the basis of submission at the assessment deadline.

ACTION: Look at SFH certificate submission information on Canvas

Motion 5: To rescind the rejection of grant CSF20545

Mover: Leon Paratz

Second: Michael Belbruno

For: 4

Abstention: 1

Carried

Motion 6: To approve grant CSF20545 at 50%

Mover: Leon Paratz

Second: Patrick Irwin

CWD

Procedural Motion: To move to 8.1 New Clubs

Mover: Chair

CWD

6.1. New Clubs

6.1.1. IGM progress

8-Ball did not continue with their application (no website submission or IGM)

GenArt did not get a quorum at their IGM (12 members, 11 at IGM)

SQ Dance IGM Attendance not taken properly (10 members). Marcie has advised there were 20 members present but has not advised how this was checked or recorded.

All other new club held successful IGMs, waiting on papers.

6.1.2. Affiliations

All of the IGMs up to October 10 have submitted and are complete.

Motion 7: To affiliate the following clubs *en bloc*: Students in Renewable Energy, International Youth and Students for Social Equality, Rotaract Club, Google Developer Student Club, Barbell Society, Hispanic Culture and Language Society, Game Makers' Club.

Mover: Azalea Rohaizam

Second: Michael Belbruno

CWD

International Youth and Students for Social Equality Representatives left.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

4.1. Discipline

4.1.1. Anime & Manga Club

CW: Racism, sexual harm (incl. children), use of slurs

Motion 8: To go into camera including C&S Coordinator and Anime and Manga Club representatives.

Mover: Chair

CWD

Fiona summarised the issue, and the SGM conduct problems. The President had been moderating the Discord and permitted and engaged in several kinds of

problematic behaviour, for which evidence has been provided. He had also planned to readmit a problematic member (D) who had previously been asked and had agreed to leave the club.

The President resigned before the SGM, and the meeting considered two motions (to ban the President from being a committee member for 12 months, and to expel him from the club). The motions were put to the vote and only the yes votes were counted. There was not a call for Against vote and Abstentions, with all non-Yes voted counted as Against. The motions were Lost.

At the SGM two problem speakers were permitted to take the floor. One defended the use of "Retard" as a word that has legitimate meaning in medicine and aeronautics, and repeatedly used the word. The second was introduced as a "mystery guest" and was revealed to be D, who proceeded to defend their behaviour, although that was not the purpose of the SGM.

The AMC representatives also advised the C&S Committee that the AMC Committee had met to discuss the readmission of D and had allegedly agreed to admit him but not report it to C&S.

They also reported that the SGM was disrespectful, with a member being denied the opportunity to ask a question.

The C&S Committee discussed applicable disciplinary powers.

ACTION: Introduce C&S Regulation for C&S Committee to remove/ban executives, including a "no-fault" stand-down.

Motion 9: To uphold the petition to bar the (ex) President of the Anime and Manga Club from being the executive of any club for 12 months under R6.4.vii (R6.3.I, 6.3.n).

Mover: Leon Paratz

Seconder: Michael Belbruno

CWD

The C&S Committee made several more petitions:

Petition to disaffiliate the Anime and Manga Club on the following grounds: breaches their OHS obligations by failing to provide a safe environment for members at events and online forums (6.3.u), breaches of the standard of conduct as the Code of Conduct was not upheld by committee members (6.3.v), and encouraging unlawful activity (6.3.n).

Petitioned by Michael Belbruno, Leon Paratz, Azalea Rohaizam, Mahsa Nabizada & Patrick Irwin

Petition to bar the Vice President of the Anime and Manga Club from being the executive of any club for 12 months and deem them to be resigned under R6.4.vii (R6.3.I, 6.3.n).

Petitioned by Michael Belbruno, Leon Paratz, Azalea Rohaizam, Mahsa Nabizada & Patrick Irwin

Petition to bar the Secretary of the Anime and Manga Club from being the executive of any club for 12 months and deem them to be resigned under R6.4.vii (R6.3.I, 6.3.n).

Petitioned by Michael Belbruno, Leon Paratz, Azalea Rohaizam, Mahsa Nabizada & Patrick Irwin

Petition to bar the Treasurer of the Anime and Manga Club from being the executive of any club for 12 months and deem them to be resigned under R6.4.vii (R6.3.I, 6.3.n).

Petitioned by Michael Belbruno, Leon Paratz, Azalea Rohaizam, Mahsa Nabizada & Patrick Irwin

Petition to bar the Publications Officer of the Anime and Manga Club from being the executive of any club for 12 months and deem them to be resigned under R6.4.vii (R6.3.I, 6.3.n).

Petitioned by Michael Belbruno, Leon Paratz, Azalea Rohaizam, Mahsa Nabizada & Patrick Irwin

Motion 10: To include strangers.

Mover: Chair

CWD

Procedural Motion: To have a 10-minute break.

Mover: Chair

CWD

Patrick Irwin left at 10:58 am

Anime and Manga Club Representatives left at 10:58 am

Resumed meeting at 11:11 am

4.2. Science Students Society SRHC meeting & undertaking

Naomi is meeting with them. OBs to handover to next OBs.

Remove from Agenda

4.3. Disaffiliation Appeals

Students of Royal Melbourne, remain disaffiliated.

Solidarity appeal upheld, have held AGM.

5. OB Reports

Kimmy submitted, Renee unwell

Motion 11: To accept the OB report.

Mover: Azalea Rohaizam

Seconder: Michael Belbruno

Carried

6. Grants

6.1. OB Recommendations

| GRANT ID | CLUB NAME | GRANT TYPE | DATE FROM | OB Recommendation |
|--|------------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| Approve all Standard Grants <i>en bloc</i> | | | | |

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|----------|---|-----------------------------|------------|--|
| CSF20586 | Chocolate Lovers Society | Function | 19/10/2023 | Approve |
| CSF20596 | Film Society | Function | 20/10/2023 | Approve |
| CSF20580 | Bangladeshi Student Society | Function | 13/10/2023 | Approve 50% |
| CSF20669 | Drawing and Painting Club | Function | 20/10/2023 | Approve 50% |
| CSF20658 | Enactus | Function | 19/10/2023 | Approve 50% |
| CSF20600 | Gleam Up Beauty, Business and Science | Function | 12/10/2023 | Approve 50% |
| CSF20574 | International Commerce Students Society | Function | 12/10/2023 | Approve 50% |
| CSF20633 | Mathematics & Statistics Society | Function | 20/10/2023 | Approve 50% |
| CSF20647 | Myanmar Student Association | Function | 24/10/2023 | Approve 50% |
| CSF20470 | Student Exchange Society | Function | 12/10/2023 | Approve 50% |
| CSF20612 | University Network for Investing and Trading (UNIT) | Function | 17/10/2023 | Approve 50% |
| CSF20606 | Vegan Club | Function | 18/10/2023 | Approve 50% |
| CSF20599 | Enactus | Purchases & Hiring (Events) | 06/10/2023 | Reject |
| CSF20635 | Pakistani Society | Function | 14/10/2023 | Reject |
| CSF20705 | Mechanical Engineering Student Society | Function | 14/11/2023 | Approve conditional on valid CoC is provided |
| CSF20702 | Soccer Appreciation Society | Purchase (Other) | | Reject |
| CSF20680 | Nursing Students' Society | Purchases & Hiring (Events) | 01/12/2023 | Reject |
| CSF20676 | Bubble Tea Society | Purchase (Other) | | Reject |

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| CSF20693 | Nursing Students' Society | Purchase (Other) | | Reject |
| CSF20570 | Student Exchange Society | Purchases & Hiring (Events) | 24/10/2023 | Reject |
| CSF20648 | Wildlife Conservation Society | Function | 16/11/2023 | Approve |
| CSF20713 | Catholics of One Spirit Down Under | Purchases & Hiring (Events) | 17/11/2023 | Approve and change category |
| CSF20712 | Catholics of One Spirit Down Under | Purchases & Hiring (Events) | 17/11/2023 | Approve and change category |
| CSF20711 | Catholics of One Spirit Down Under | Purchases & Hiring (Events) | 17/11/2023 | Approve and change category |
| CSF20704 | Catholics of One Spirit Down Under | Purchases & Hiring (Events) | 17/11/2023 | Approve and change category |
| CSF20710 | Catholics of One Spirit Down Under | Purchases & Hiring (Events) | 17/11/2023 | Approve conditional on valid CoC is provided |
| CSF20681 | Catholics of One Spirit Down Under | Function | 17/11/2023 | Approve conditional on valid CoC is provided |
| CSF20722 | Overseas Christian Fellowship | Function | 05/06/2023 | Reject |
| CSF20707 | Creative Literature and Writing Society | Purchase (Other) | | Reject |
| CSF20657 | Turkish Society | Function | 23/10/2023 | Approve 50% conditional on adequate venue booking is provided |
| CSF20569 | Environmental Engineers Society | Function | 26/10/2023 | Approve conditional on adequate venue booking is provided |
| CSF20716 | Geomatics Society | Function | 14/11/2023 | Approve conditional on valid CoC is provided |
| CSF20617 | Biomedicine Student Society | Purchases & Hiring (Events) | 15/11/2023 | Reject |
| CSF20191 | Design Student Society (DES) | Function | 06/09/2023 | For committee discussion |

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| CSF20603 | Arts Students Society | Function | 26/10/2023 | Reject |
| CSF20718 | Japanese Club | Purchases & Hiring (Events) | 29/11/2023 | Reject |
| CSF20717 | Japanese Club | Purchases & Hiring (Events) | 29/11/2023 | Reject |
| CSF20715 | Japanese Club | Purchases & Hiring (Events) | 29/11/2023 | Reject |
| CSF20714 | Japanese Club | Purchases & Hiring (Events) | 29/11/2023 | Reject |
| CSF20673 | Responsible Artificial Intelligence Development | Function | 27/10/2023 | Reject |
| CSF20643 | Very Special Kids Society | Function | 25/10/2023 | Reject |
| CSF20577 | Geomatics Society | Function | 18/10/2023 | Approve conditional on adequate venue booking is provided |
| CSF20624 | New Zealand Students Society | Function | 20/10/2023 | Approve conditional on valid CoC is provided |
| CSF20691 | Speech Pathology Students' Society | Function | 03/11/2023 | Approve conditional on valid CoC is provided |
| CSF20623 | Filipino Students Association | Function | 20/10/2023 | Approve conditional on adequate venue booking is provided |
| CSF20621 | Mauritian Students Society | Function | 20/10/2023 | Approve conditional on adequate venue booking is provided |
| CSF20620 | Bollywood Club | Function | 20/10/2023 | Approve conditional on adequate venue booking is provided |
| CSF20618 | Responsible Artificial Intelligence Development | Function | 19/10/2023 | Approve conditional on adequate venue booking is provided |

6.1.1. Design Students Society Reconsideration

Event was approved in advance, OBs recommend to approve.

Conflicts of Interest

Motion 12: To accept the OB recommendations en bloc for grants CSF20470, CSF20570 & CSF20643.

Mover: Leon Paratz

Second: Azalea Rohaizam

For: 3

Abstention:1

Carried

Motion 13: To accept the remainder of the OB recommendations en bloc.

Mover: Azalea Rohaizam

Second: Leon Paratz

CWD

6.2. Appeals

6.2.2. Oxfam Group 20460

Same circumstances as LEC

Motion 14: To rescind the rejection of CSF20460 and approve 50%.

Mover: Leon Paratz

Second: Michael Belbruno

CWD

6.2.3. Physics Students Society 20471

No appetite to change the previous decision (50%)

ACTION: Kimmy Ng to send him the Code of Conduct

7. General Meetings

7.2. Referred

Creative Literature and Writing Society AGM 7-Aug

3/4 execs signed sponsorship declaration - Email letter 27/09 from CLAWS stating exec resigned with evidence

OB recommendation: To accept AGM

Financial Management Association of Australia AGM 5-Sep

No constitution attached to notice, AGM financial reporting was not separated as directed by the C&S Committee. Note correspondence received regarding ongoing financial reporting.

OB recommendation: To accept the AGM, including the Notice and the Financial Reporting.

Mauritian Students Society AGM 12-Sep

Missing motion to accept reports; 2/3 execs signed sponsorship declaration

Kimmy Ng was at AGM, reports were accepted. Get updated Minutes with a Stat Dec.

Biomedicine Student Society AGM 15-Sep

Constitutional changes in second notice (3 days notice of changes)

OB recommendation: To accept AGM

Turkish Society AGM 15-Sep

3/4 execs signed sponsorship declaration - Email letter 11/10 from Turkish Society regarding sponsorship declaration

OB recommendation: To accept AGM

Responsible Artificial Intelligence Development AGM 19-Sep

Two elected executives have been elected for two different positions. Angus Chan was elected as President and Vice President. Henry Hamer was elected as Secretary and Vice President.

Long discussion of the natural interpretation of the club constitution. Unless constitution explicitly states a person can hold multiple roles, it should be understood that each listed committee position is occupied by a separate person.

ACTION: Include a clarification in the Regulation amendments

Motion 15: To direct RAID to hold an SGM before the end of Week 4 Sem 1 2024 to ensure each executive position is filled by separate people.

Mover: Michael Belbruno

Seconder: Azalea Rohaizam

For: 2

Against: 1

Abstention: 1

Carried

OB recommendation: To accept AGM

Australian Students Society of Haematology AGM 20-Sep

Inquorate - Club made constitutional changes to DISAFFILIATE from UMSU which are invalid due to not getting quorum. Please disaffiliate them

Petition to disaffiliate the Australian Students Society of Haematology for failing to hold a quorate AGM in 2023 (Regulation 6.3.a (5.2.a))

Petitioned by Michael Belbruno & Leon Paratz

Agricultural and Food Sciences Society AGM 11-Sep

RO interference (RO seconded two nominated executives)

Petition to put the Agricultural and Food Sciences Society on probation 12 months for Returning Officer interference in the election (Regulation 6.3.i (5.2.e.ii))

Petitioned by Michael Belbruno & Azalea Rohaizam

OB recommendation: To accept AGM

Technology Consulting Club (Mtech) AGM 22-Sep

Inquorate 14/20; 4/6 execs signed sponsorship declaration

Petition to disaffiliate the Technology Consulting Club (Mtech) for failing to hold a quorate AGM in 2023 (Regulation 6.3.a (5.2.a))

Petitioned by Michael Belbruno & Azalea Rohaizam

Graphic Design Club AGM 24-Aug

Inquorate

Petition to disaffiliate the Graphic Design Club for failing to hold a quorate AGM in 2023 (Regulation 6.3.a (5.2.a))

Petitioned by Michael Belbruno & Azalea Rohaizam

ASEAN Students of Melbourne University AGM 11-Sep

No constitution or agenda attached to notice; inquorate 15/20; RO interference for 2 execs, only 2 bank signatories

Petition to disaffiliate the ASEAN Students of Melbourne University for failing to hold a quorate AGM in 2023 (Regulation 6.3.a (5.2.a))

Petitioned by Michael Belbruno & Azalea Rohaizam

Greek Association (MUnGA) AGM 12-Sep

Inquorate 19/20

Petition to disaffiliate the Greek Association (MUnGA) for failing to hold a quorate AGM in 2023 (Regulation 6.3.a (5.2.a))

Petitioned by Michael Belbruno & Azalea Rohaizam

Apollo Music Society SGM 9-Oct

Inquorate

OB recommendation: reject this SGM

Australian South Asian Healthcare Society SGM 27-Jul

Short Notice (4 Academic Days)

Petition to put the Australian South Asian Healthcare Society non probation for 6 months for failing to give proper Notice of the SGM (R6.3.i (5.2.b))

Petitioned by Michael Belbruno & Leon Paratz

OB recommendation: Accept the SGM

PotterHeads SGM 20-Oct

SGM to wind up club, inquorate. Club committee has asked for C&S Committee to wind them up.

Motion 16: To wind up the PotterHeads club.

Mover: Michael Belbruno

Seconded: Leon Paratz

CWD

Motion 17: To accept all the OB recommendations for Referred AGMs and SGMs.

Mover: Michael Belbruno

Seconded: Leon Paratz

CWD

Correspondence items:

7.2.2. CLAWS Sponsorship dec

Noted

7.2.3. Turkish Society Sponsorship dec

Noted

7.2.4. Robotics Engineering and Competition Society Sponsor dec

Accept the sponsor declaration

7.2.5. Classics Student Society Exec issue

ACTION: Present the issue to the Returning Officer and ask them to make a ruling.

7.2.6. FMAA Financial Reporting

Accept the AGM reporting, have them continue to report monthly to show separation of accounts.

ACTION: Keep FMAA on the agenda until C&S can recommend to Council that their reporting is now in order

7.3. Complete

SGMs: Robogals 15-Sep, Animal Protection Society 12-Sep

Motion 18: Accept completed SGMs *en bloc*.

Mover: Leon Paratz

Secunder: Michael Belbruno

CWD

AGMs: Thai Student Association 16-Aug

Tabletop Gaming Society 18-Aug

Singapore Students Society 21-Aug

OmniSci Magazine 29-Aug

Hong Kong Students Association 31-Aug

Language Exchange Club 6-Sep

Biomedical Engineering Society 7-Sep

Computing and Information Systems Students Association 8-Sep

Drawing and Painting Club 8-Sep

Film Society 8-Sep

Book Club 12-Sep

Speech Pathology Students' Society 12-Sep

Earth Sciences Students Society 13-Sep

Eurovision Social Club 13-Sep

Veterinary Students Society of Victoria (Parkville) 14-Sep

Swifties' Society (Taylor's Version) 14-Sep

Chariot Journal 15-Sep

Chinese Music Group 15-Sep

International Vietnamese Students at the University of Melbourne 15-Sep

Cambodian Student Society 15-Sep

Mandarin Language Club 15-Sep

Bubble Tea Society 18-Sep

Chinese Students and Scholars Association 18-Sep

Let's Talk Conversation Group 18-Sep

Physiotherapy Students' Society 18-Sep

Wildlife Conservation Society 18-Sep

Italian Social Club 19-Sep

Students Association of Management and Marketing 19-Sep

Sri Lankan Students Association 20-Sep

Motion 19: Accept all complete AGMs en bloc

Mover: Leon Paratz

Seconder: Azalea Rohaizam

CWD

7.4. Directed SGMs

7.4.2. Animal Protection Society (correct constitution)

SGM accepted above

7.4.3. Thai Students Association (accept reports)

Statutory Declaration and revised Minutes submitted, no SGM required

7.4.4. Construction Students Association (ratify AGM & tax form)

No SGM held, see correspondence

Petition to disaffiliate Construction Students Association for not holding a valid AGM in 2023 (Regulation 6.3.a (5.2.a))

Petitioned by Leon Paratz & Michael Belbruno

7.4.5. Kpop (ratify AGM)

Quorate SGM held

7.4.6. Chinese Calligraphy Club (correct constitution)

Petition to put the Chinese Calligraphy Club on probation for 12 months for failing to provide documents (SGM return to correct the constitution) as directed by C&S (R6.3.j)

Petitioned by Michael Belbruno & Azalea Rohaizam

Motion 20: To direct the Chinese Calligraphy Club to hold an SGM by end week 4 Sem 1 2024 to correct the constitution.

Mover: Michael Belbruno

Seconder: Azalea Rohaizam

CWD

ACTION: Add a discipline for fails to comply with a direction of the C&S Committee

7.4.7. Singapore Students Society (accept Reports)

Statutory Declaration and revised Minutes submitted, no SGM required

7.4.8. Adventist Students on Campus (ratify AGM)

Statutory declaration to evidence quorum was not satisfactory, so club advised they will hold SGM, no SGM held.

Petition to disaffiliate Adventist Students On Campus for not holding a valid AGM in 2023 (Regulation 6.3.a (5.2.a))

Petitioned by Michael Belbruno & Leon Paratz

7.4.9. Apollo Music Society (elect Secretary)

Quorate SGM held

7.4.10. Economics Students Society of Australia (elect VP & IT director)

Quorate SGM held

7.4.11. Lawyers Without Borders (appoint 3rd signatory, accept AGM reports)

No SGM held, also noting that the SGM quorum issue in the constitution was not corrected at the AGM.

Motion 21: To direct the Lawyers Without Borders to hold an SGM by end week 4 Sem 1 2024 to bring Constitution in line with C&S Regs, and SGM must meet C&S Regulation quorum requirements.

Mover: Leon Paratz

Second: Michael Belbruno

CWD

Committee overlooked the failure to hold the SGM for other matters. Discuss next meeting.

7.4.12. Women in Economics (elect Education Director)

Have not held SGM

Petition to put the Women in Economics Student Society on probation for 12 months for failing to provide documents (SGM return to fill vacancy in Executive) as directed by C&S Committee (R6.3.j)

Petitioned by Leon Paratz & Michael Belbruno

Motion 22: To direct Women in Economics Student Society to hold the SGM to elect the Education Director by the end week 4, Semester 1, 2024.

Mover: Leon Paratz

Second: Michael Belbruno

CWD

7.4.13. Actuarial Students Society (elect Secretary, adopt reconciled Financial Reports)

Quorate SGM held

7.4.14. Chinese Debating Group (Full Election with C&S Returning Officer)

Quorate SGM held

7.4.15. Australia China Student Psychological Association (correct constitution)

Quorate SGM held

8. Other Business

8.2. Spending leftover money

Motion 23: To approve \$25,000, to purchase branded tablecloths for Expos, crates to store them in from Events - Orientation (3840).

Mover: Leon Paratz

Second: Azalea Rohaizam

CWD

8.3. Regulation Amendment Proposals

Defer

9. Next Meeting

Friday 24 November, 10 am

10. Close

Meeting closed at 12:40 pm by Renee Thierry.