



**University of Melbourne Student Union  
Special General Meeting  
Minutes**

**12:00PM, Thursday, 28 August 2025**

**Location: The North Court, University of Melbourne, Parkville Campus 3010**

**Meeting opened at 12:23PM**

Quorum was reached at 12:23pm.

Luv Golecha introduced himself as the General Secretary of The University of Melbourne Student Union Inc (UMSU), and that Bella Beiraghi presented the requisite amount of signatures (**the Petition**) to hold this Special General Meeting in accordance with C4.1(b) of the UMSU Constitution.

Bella Beiraghi was noted as the appointed Chair of the General Meeting as requested in the Petition, pursuant to C4.8(a)(ii) of the UMSU Constitution.

The Chair noted the purpose of meeting was to hold the University accountable for complicity in the genocide that is occurring in Palestine, amongst other purposes.

**1. Procedural Matters**

**1.1. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Custodians**

The Wurundjeri People were acknowledged as the Traditional Owners of the land on which the Special General Meeting was held, first by the Chair, then by Oskar Martin.

**1.2. Attendance**

The UMSU General Secretary and the Chair advised those present that quorum of 400 UMSU General Members had been reached, in accordance with C4.9.

**1.3. Adoption of Agenda**

The Chair moved a procedural motion for the adoption of an amended agenda that was not the agenda that formed part of the Notice of the Special General Meeting (**the Agenda**). The amended agenda included Motions Without Notice that were not valid. The Chair called for a vote on the procedural motion and called for speakers and votes on the Motions Without Notice.

As the amended agenda and the Motions Without Notice were invalid they do not form part of these minutes.

**2. Motion on Notice**

**2.1. The Motion on Notice in the Agenda was put to the meeting attendees.**

To consider, and if thought fit, pass the following resolution:

*“That UMSU Students’ Council is directed to exercise its powers to campaign for the end of the repression of Palestine activists and to defend free speech and protest on*

*campus. This includes campaigning to overturn the protest regulations the University passed in March.”*

- a. UMSU Students’ Council will mandate that a President’s News statement be released demanding that the University reinstate the Palestine activists who have been suspended or expelled, and issue formal apologies to these students.*
- b. UMSU Students’ Council will endorse and circulate the findings of the forthcoming People’s Inquiry into Palestine report of the student body via email to all UMSU members.*

Moved: Aidan Hawe

Seconded: Yasmeen Atieh

CARRIED

The Chair called for speakers on the Motion on Notice that was on the Agenda of the Special General Meeting.

The Chair called for a vote on the Motion on Notice, which was carried without dissent or abstentions.

Students called for additional Motions Without Notice to be included in the meeting. However, the Chair rejected all other Motions Without Notice.

### **3. Close**

The Chair called the meeting closed at 1:07PM.