

THE UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO
Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato

Council: 25 August 2026

Agenda

There will be a meeting of the Council of the University of Waikato on Tuesday 25 August 2026 from 1:00pm in the Council Room, Pā.1.51, The Pā, Gate 8, Hillcrest Road, Hamilton

The meeting will be preceded by Council only time from 12:45-1:00pm

1. KARAKIA

To report

That the meeting will be opened with karakia.

Hōnore ki te Arikinui	Honour the Arikinui
Te whare ariki o Pōtatau	The house of Pōtatau
Rau Rangatira mā, tukua mai te mana te ihi,	Esteemed Leaders that came before, bestow
te wehi te tapu	upon us the prestige, the power, the awe,
	the sacredness
E tau mai te wairua o Tāwhaki	Set upon us the essence of Tāwhaki
Ki Te Kohinga Marama, Huatau	Through the gathering of understanding,
	fruitful ideas will emerge
Toitū Ko Te Tangata hei Āhurutanga	So that we may uphold Ko te Tangata,
	forming this sheltering space of growth
O te Whare Wānanga o Waikato	For the University of Waikato
Tūturu, ō whiti whakamaua kia Tina, Tina	Let it be firm, let it be established, hold fast
Haumi e, hui e, Tāiki e	Join together and unite as one

2. APOLOGIES

3. REGISTER OF INTERESTS

Members are referred to the information about conflicts of interests in the Rules of Procedure for Council and its Committees. Any member who wishes to declare an interest in any matter included in this agenda should, at this point in the agenda, declare that interest.

To confirm

The Register of Interests dated 17 August 2026 (document C26/73).

4. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7 JULY 2026 (PART 1)

To consider

Approval of the minutes of the Council meeting held on 7 July 2026 (Part 1) set out in document C26/74 as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7 JULY 2026 (PART 1) AND NOT OTHERWISE INCLUDED IN THIS AGENDA

6. REPORT OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR (PART 1)

To receive

The report of the Vice-Chancellor (Part 1) (document C26/75).

7. CONFERMENT OF DEGREES AND AWARD OF DIPLOMAS AND CERTIFICATES

To consider

The in-absentia conferment of the degrees and award of the diplomas and certificates set out in document C26/76.

8. 2027 COUNCIL MEETING DATES

To receive

The confirmed 2027 meeting dates for Council and its committees (document C26/77).

9. APPOINTMENT TO THE HONOURS COMMITTEE

To report

1. That the Constitution of the Honours Committee provided for three Ex-Officio members (the Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Māori) and up to five further members, at least two of whom are Council members, appointed by Council.
2. That the other members of the Committee were Professor Jo Lane, The Hon Te Ururoa Flavell, Dr Keaka Hemi, and Professor Gary Wilson.
2. That Ms Meleane Burgess had been a member of the Committee up until the end of her term on Council.

To consider

The appointment of Ms Fiona Michel as a member of the Honours Committee, for a term to coincide with her current term on Council.

10. NEXT MEETING

To report

That the next meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday 13 October 2026.

11. GENERAL

12. PROCEEDINGS WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED

Exclusion motion

The Chancellor will move:

1. I move that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 on the grounds that the public conduct of the relevant matters would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist.
This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act or section 6 or section 7 or section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

Item(s) to be considered	Ground(s) under the Official Information Act 1982 for the passing of this resolution	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each item
13. Minutes of the Council meeting held on 7 July 2026 (Part 2): Proceedings with the Public Excluded	These items concern matters that were previously dealt with during proceedings of Council from which the public was excluded.	
14. Matters arising from the minutes of the Council meeting held on 7 July 2026 (Part 2): Proceedings with the Public Excluded and not otherwise included in this agenda		
15. Council Work Plan	s.9(2)(i) and (j)	To enable the University to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities, and/or to enable the University to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)
16. Report of the Vice-Chancellor (Part 2)		
17. UoW Financial Summary		
18. NZGSM Accommodation Proposal		
19. Solar Carpark Arrays		
20. Safety and Wellbeing Report		
21. People Plan		
22. Future Structure of Te Rōpū Manukura		
23. Educational Performance Indicators		
24. Investment Plan Mid-Year Progress Report		
25. Strategic Priority 5: Giving Effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi		
26. Strategic Priority 3: Leadership in Graduate-Entry Health Programmes		
27. NZGSM Establishment Programme Update		
28. Council Member Report Back – Tauranga		
29. Council Member Report Back – Internationalisation		
30. Council Member Report Back – Work Integrated Learning		
31. Report of the Staff Member to Council		
32. Report of the Student Discipline Appeals Committee		
33. General		
34. Poroporoaki		

2. The Chancellor will also move that staff identified by the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor as having knowledge relevant to particular matters to be discussed be permitted to remain at this meeting after the public has been excluded because their knowledge associated with their roles and responsibilities at the University will be of assistance in relation to those matters.

Brandon McGibbon
Secretary to Council