

THE UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO
Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato

Council: 31 March 2026

Agenda

There will be a meeting of the Council of the University of Waikato on Tuesday 31 March 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, te wehi te tapu	Esteemed Leaders that came before, bestow 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 24 March 2026 (document C26/18).

4. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10 FEBRUARY 2026 (PART 1)

To consider

Approval of the minutes of the Council meeting held on 10 February 2026 (Part 1) set out in document C26/19 as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10 FEBRUARY 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 C26/20).

7. COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

To report

1. That the constitution of Council provided for one member appointed following a nomination by Te Arikinui.
2. That Te Arikinui Kuini Nga wai hono i te Po had nominated Ms Parekawhia McLean for appointment to the University of Waikato Council.
3. That Ms Parekawhia McLean had previously been a member of Council as the Chair of Te Rōpū Manukura; in order to fulfil the role of Te Arikinui's nominee to Council, Ms McLean would step down from her role as Chair of Te Rōpū Manukura.
4. That a process would be undertaken to fill the vacancy of Chairperson of Te Rōpū Manukura.

To consider

The appointment of Ms Parekawhia McLean as member of Council for four year term ending 23 March 2030.

8. ACADEMIC BOARD CONSITUTION CHANGE

To consider

A recommendation from the Academic Board that its constitution be changed to include membership by the Chair of the Academic Integrity Committee, as set out in document C26/21.

9. NEXT MEETING

To report

That the next meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday 19 May 2026.

10. GENERAL

11. 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
12. Minutes of the Council meeting held on 10 February 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.	
13. Matters arising from the minutes of the Council meeting held on 10 February 2026 (Part 2): Proceedings with the Public Excluded and not otherwise included in this agenda		
14. Council Work Plan	s.9(2)(i) and (j)	To enable the University to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial
15. Report of the Vice-Chancellor (Part 2)		

16. Safety and Wellbeing Report		activities, and/or to enable the University to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)
17. Minutes of the Health & Safety, Risk and Assurance Committee		
18. University of Waikato 2025 Annual Report		
19. Student Accommodation Development		
20. UoW Financial Summary		
21. Minutes of the Capital and Finance Committee		
22. NZGSM Establishment Programme Update		
23. 2026-2030 Tauranga Plan		
24. Kia Haere Whakamua -Strategy KPI Report		
25. Strategic Priority 2: Recognising and Celebrating Excellence		
26. Strategic Priority 7: Enhanced Internationalisation		
27. Tertiary Research Excellence Fund		
28. Council Member Report: Research and Commercialisation		
29. Report of the Student Member to Council		
30. Draft Minutes of the Academic Board		
31. General		
32. 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