

DECLARATION OF AUTHORISED OFFICER in accordance with Regulation 126 *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Regulations 2009*

ALTERATION OF OTHER RULES OF ORGANISATIONS in accordance with section 159 of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009*

I, David Genford of Level 1, 32 Patrick Street, Hobart am the President of the Australian Education Union, Tasmania Branch and am authorised to give this notice of particulars of alterations to the rules of the Australian Education Union, Tasmania Branch and to make this declaration as required by Regulation 126 of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Regulations 2009*.

1. I declare that the alterations were made in accordance with the rules of the Australian Education Union, Tasmania Branch
2. The particulars of the rule alterations are attached to this declaration and labelled 'Schedule A'.
3. The actions taken under the rules to make this alteration were as follows:
 - (a) The Tasmanian Branch Deputy President submitted a proposal in writing to the State Manager for rule changes as per the attached "Schedule A" on 15 May 2024
 - (b) The State Manager sent notice to Branch Council members on 30th May 2024 and included a copy of the proposed rule changes for discussion at the Branch Council meeting 'Schedule A'
 - (c) The State Manager prepared an Agenda which was sent on his behalf to all Branch Council members nominated address on 30th May 2024 which is attached and marked 'Schedule B'
 - (d) The Branch Council Meeting was held on the 17th June 2024
 - (e) 25 members attended the Branch Council Meeting plus 2 proxy votes. Current membership is 29. As such the meeting was quorate.

Rule Change 1: Rule 6 (9)	27 voted in support
Rule Change 2: Rule 6 (11) (a)	27 voted in support
Rule Change 3: Rule 8 (1) and (1) (a)	27 voted in support
Rule Change 4: Rule 25	24 voted in support, 2 voted against, 1 abstained
Rule Change 5: Rule 32 (2) (a) (i), (ii)	27 voted in support
4. I declare that we have put a notice about this application and these rule changes on our website.
5. I declare that the particulars set out in this notice are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed and dated by an officer.



David Genford
PRESIDENT
25/6/2024

SCHEDULE A

AEU Branch Council Paper FOR DISCUSSION

Date: 17.06.2024

Item No. 7.10

Rules Committee Paper

Proposed Rule Changes

Purpose

As our context changes, we must ensure the rules allow the union to be a responsive and proactive body. The following proposed rule changes aim to this.

Rule Change 1: Rule 6 (9)

An appointment of a proxy shall be in writing and must reach the State Manager an hour before the nominated start time of the Branch Council meeting.

Rationale: As experienced at our last Branch Council, current circumstances can make reaching a quorum difficult. Changing this rule will allow the late notice of proxies and prevent the convening of Branch Council meetings that do not reach a quorum due to last minute absenteeism.

Rule Change 2: Rule 6 (11) (a)

The Branch President may, in consultation with the State Manager, determine that it is not practicable for the Branch Council to assemble, and that the business of a Branch Council meeting shall be conducted by postal, video conference, phone, email or electronic vote.

Rationale: Facsimiles don't exist anymore. We need to bring the rule into the digital age.

Rule Change 3: Rule 8 (1) and (1) (a)

1. Branch Executive meetings shall be held at least 8 times each calendar year at a time determined by the Branch Executive provided that:
 - a. Not more than 8 weeks shall elapse without a meeting of the Branch Executive being held other than between the last meeting held in one calendar year and the first meeting held in the following calendar year.

Rationale: This change is a minimum, not a maximum number of meetings. The minimum number of meetings will ensure the accountability measures are taken to monitor and maintain the running of the union. Extraordinary meetings can, will and are currently called to deal with timely issues such as employment, negotiations and arising issues that need to be dealt with swiftly.

Rule Change 4: Rule 25

- (2). Add to current section ... by the Branch “, except if appointed to a project officer role as per sub-section (8)”.

7) Branch Council delegates under the rules, except Executive committee members, may apply for Project roles that are for up to one year, or less, in duration.

(8) The selection process, for a position to which (7) above applies, shall proceed as per appropriate normal processes except that if the holder of an elected office is selected for the position, prior to an offer of employment being made the President shall convene a meeting with the State Manager, the TAFE President or their nominee, each of the deputy Presidents or their nominee, and a Branch Council delegate selected by the State President following an expression of interest process, to assess if the proposed appointment of the holder of an elected office to the project role is appropriate in the circumstances.

(9) An office holder may only be appointed to a project officer position for a maximum of 12 months, in total, during each office holding cycle. If re-elected or appointed to their office again, they can undertake a further 12 months in a project officer position, but no more than once in any 3-year period.

Rationale

The current rule hinders the proactive and flexible reactions of the union to issues. Although it is important to maintain good governance, we must also enable our elected members to take on projects within their field of expertise and interest. This change endeavours to maintain good governance while enabling the union to respond to issues, such as the current TAFE transition, in an effective and responsive way without disrupting the representation of members at Branch Council levels. It is important that we can use the expertise, experience, and knowledge of our elected members to further the aim of the union.

Rule Change 5: Rule 32 (2) (a) (i), (ii)

- i. Nominations for the Branch positions shall open on approximately week 8 of Term 3 in the relevant calendar year and close 5.00pm 2 weeks later.
- ii. Nominations for the Federal positions shall open on approximately week 8 of Term 3 in the relevant calendar year and close 5.00pm 2 weeks later.

Rationale

This change is bringing the rules in line with a 4-term school year.

Recommendation: That the rule changes be accepted by Branch Council.



BRANCH COUNCIL MEETING

17th June 2024

Paranaple Centre, Devonport

AGENDA

Our purpose is to serve all AEU members by delivering the strategic priorities of the AEU through ethical governance, informed decision making and collaborative leadership.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

1. **ATTENDANCE:** (see attached)
APOLOGIES: (PROXY) Sam Fogg (Lisa Taylor), Jo Stevens (Joy Coates)
2. **APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE:**
3. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**
4. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**
 - 4.1 Minutes from Branch Council Meeting 15th March 2024
5. **BUSINESS ARISING/PRIORITISATION OF AGENDA**
6. **ACTION SHEET**
 - 6.1 Action Sheet dated 15th March 2024
7. **GENERAL BUSINESS**
 - 7.1 President's Update - verbal
 - 7.2 Organisational Matters
 - 7.3 TAFE Report – *Deb Brewer*
 - 7.4 SCCOM Report – *James Broad*
 - 7.5 DECYP Report – *Lucie Cornelius*
 - 7.6 ESP Report – *Jo Stevens*
 - 7.7 Aboriginal Project Officer role– *Donna Watson*
 - 7.8 WH&S Report - verbal
 - 7.9 Communication Tree – verbal - *Lucie Cornelius and Joy Coates*
 - 7.10 Proposed Rule Changes – *Lucie Cornelius*

8. TEAM REPORTS

- 8.1 Member Support Centre
- 8.2 Digital Membership and Communications Team
- 8.3 Organising Team
- 8.4 Finance Report (*20th May Branch Executive report attached*)
- 8.5 Membership Report (*20th May Branch Executive report attached*)

9. QUESTION TIME / OTHER BUSINESS

Brief overview of Educators for Palestine initiative being held at the AEU Offices –
Wednesday 26th June – Peter Hicks

10. SUB-BRANCH MOTIONS / ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- 10.1 Sub-Branch Motion – Southern Support School**
- 10.2 Sub-Branch Motion – Cosgrove High School**

11. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

12. MEETING CLOSE