

CONFIRMED MINUTES

BOARD MEETING #18



At the **Board Meeting #20** on **3 Oct 2025** these minutes were **confirmed as presented**.

Name:	Te Tira Ahu Pae
Date:	Friday, 19 September 2025
Time:	12:30 pm to 1:30 pm (NZST)
Location:	Online, via Microsoft Teams
Board Members:	Caroline Ryan, Chiavanni Le'Mon, Mathew Rope, Peyton Joe, Ripeka Paapu, Takunda Mabonga
Attendees:	Caitlin Payne, GM Email, James Collings, Kat McGregor
Apologies:	Mary Ieremia-Allan

1. Opening Meeting

1.1 Confirm Minutes

Board Meeting #17 5 Sept 2025, the minutes were confirmed as presented.

No amendments to the Board Minutes. Ripeka to pass a motion to confirm the minutes from Board Meeting #17. Takunda seconds this.

All Board members confirmed approving these minutes this via Teams, by raising their hands.

1.2 Apologies

1.3 Interest Register

2. Major Decisions and Discussions

2.1 Rep Review Update

The Working Group is working through the model concepts presented by Third Bearing and working to cut them down into two models for presentation to the Board and the SGM. Once it has been presented, the Board needs to ensure that it is shared with students through the right channels. The Working Group is still discussing what it should look like, but they are not set on one model. There were a lot of preferences discussed, and this will be discussed further next week. These will be presented to the Board on the 23rd. Chiavanni would like James to assist with getting this to the presentation stage. The turnaround time with this will be very quick. The report will be a business report, and it will need to be put into a presentable report for students to understand.

Brooke asked how confidential the models are, and when the entire execs can see them to give feedback. Chiavanni confirmed that one model hasn't been decided on. There are some aspects of the models that were not discussed, but context was given to some of this information. Nothing has been presented to the execs yet, as the Working Group has not made a decision about what it should look like, and is working to settle on two models that they are collectively happy with.

Ripeka asked if it would be helpful to have more than one model and then whittle it down. Chiavanni advised that they are aiming for two models, so that it is not overwhelming for students. The original 2 and 5 models from the forums have been adapted, but no collective decisions have been made. Today's Working Group discussion was based on what they can and cannot do. Chiavanni would like James to attend the next meeting, to confirm how much money they can spend on this and ensure it fits within the budget. The Working Group would like to understand the actual budget as they understand that they have to make it work within this.

Chiavanni advised that the Board make-up is looking at changing to 5 people, with the tripartite presidents, a disability and a distance rep, and with external support. As the Board rep for the Working Group, Chiavanni is happy to discuss this with people.

Brooke asked if we are able to gauge how many jobs are getting cut. Chiavanni advised that we cannot confirm this at this stage, due to the budget. The finance sub-committee needs to go through the budget for next year.

Eloise wanted to note that this will be on the Board and Kara to put the models forward for the SGM, including designing how the information is portrayed and putting this information out. The scope of the working group is to create the report, but it is on the Board and TTAP to share this.



Representation Models for SGM

The Board to work with TTAP operational staff (e.g. comms team), to ensure that the two models are communicated to the student body on the correct channels, and to have the presentation report ready before the SGM.

Due Date: 3 Oct 2025

Owners: Caroline Ryan, Chiavanni Le'Mon, Mary Jeremiah-Allan, Mathew Rope, Peyton Joe, Ripeka Paapu, Takunda Mabonga

2.2 Political Parties on Campus

Eloise to speak to this on behalf of Mary.

In response to the requests for an understanding of inviting political party reps and independent candidates onto campus, the committee has written a draft policy for the Board to vote on or make amends to. The vote can also be made on the understanding that amendments will be made. The main priority of the policy is students' safety. The policy acknowledges that we don't have control of Massey's spaces and what they decide to do - this is for events put forward by TTAP but also goes a bit into Clubs. Eloise doesn't want this to overlap with TTAP's Clubs requirements too much.

Policy outlines:

- Under the Charities Act, we're required to be non-partisan; if we invite one, we have to invite them all (not applying to non-registered groups that may be politically affiliated), e.g., if we are inviting one political party, we have to invite them all.
- Includes requests on how we develop events. TTAP and staff should be aware of this policy and ideally establish a point of contact around this. Suggestions on how the events develop include holding political events on days distinct from general events, a minimum of one week in advance of advertising, so students can make informed decisions on this, avoiding high traffic locations, and advertising quiet and safe spaces for students to leave events and access support.
- Undertaking risk assessment when it comes to political events, including disallowing the attendance of non-students for specific reasons at our discretion. We want to avoid having to trespass people, but we can ask them to leave at our discretion if needed. We may work

with Massey staff and security to enforce policies. We should inform Massey about any protests occurring as a result of political parties on campus.

- This policy should also be presented to those attending, so they know what is required of them, and can contact TTAP of Massey if they come across concerns, safety issues, or incidents.
- Expectations of attendance, including reps and candidates providing accurate info, student privacy, listening to students' voices, upholding Te Tiriti, discouraging free merchandise, food or other incentives, no one-on-one communications via social media, and no exerting pressure or undue influence on students. Alhanis had recommended that anyone taking photos or videos at events should explicitly ask permission from whoever is in the photos.
- Clubs should be aware of this before inviting individuals onto campuses. Student reps should also inform the GM to take action on any conflicts of interest, to avoid bias, and Board members should also declare political conflicts of interest in the interest register.

Included in the policy is a review date, as the committee want to review this regularly to see how it is working.

Rehutai asked if this is concerned with the immediate safety of students when the events are happening, or if it is general well-being safety. Eloise advised that this is very difficult with the Charities Act, and some parties act in ways that are unsafe for students. However, this could affect the Charities registration. This safety would primarily be while the events are happening, or if something has occurred and is discussed afterwards. Eloise advised that this may be for the Board to discuss.

Ryan asked what consultation occurred to develop this document, if any of Events team were spoken to about how this would affect their workflow, and if student groups were consulted about what they would like to see happen. Eloise advised that this was developed under short timeframes, and the politics sub-committee has only recently been developed. They didn't want to do anything that goes against Events policies, but they have had questions about Clubs inviting people onto campus that TTAP would bear some liability for. A lot of this has been based on conversations with student reps in training, based on James' survey. Some of this has also been based on external groups, such as how other associations deal with this. Eloise advised that this is something that they are keen to get feedback on. There has been a lack of staff consultation, which could be improved.

Caroline wants to recommend that Ryan speak to the committee directly to go through this with them, as it is still a living document. Ryan asked if the expression of interest that went out for the sub-committee, and if there were any opportunities for Massey students to give feedback. Eloise believes that the expression of interest went out, but is unsure where this happened. Eloise doesn't think TTAP has consulted with students on policy changes before and is keen to work towards this in the future. Kara advised via chat that an expression of interest was put out in the newsletter and on social media. Eloise noted that reps should be bringing forth the student voice, as it is the job of student reps to speak on behalf of students, and hoped that they've had some time to consult with students and bring forth any concerns.

Chiavanni asked if the Board were to ratify this policy, what do we do if amendments are required, and how long would this take? Eloise advised that it may be better for James to answer. James noted that the Board can pass the motion today with further instructions to make amendments, and the sub-committee can bring these back to the Board at a later date. James wanted to note that this is the beginning of the policy, and Mary has a strong desire to work with the Clubs and Events team on this.

Ryan asked what the process of forming the sub-committee was. Eloise advised that they were not a part of the formation. Chiavanni advised Janine had put this in the newsletter for two or three cycles, and it was put on social media, where anyone could be added if they wanted to. Eloise advised that only three of them are on the committee at this stage. Chiavanni advised that Kara had created a form to express an interest in joining, which would have either gone to Mary or Alex. Kara advised the expression of interests was open until Tuesday, and responses went through to Mary. Kara advised that there have been ten responses on this, which would have gone to Mary.

Ryan confirmed that no students who expressed an interest in joining were added to the sub-committee and only three reps wrote it. Ripeka advised that since Mary isn't here, these questions should be directed towards Mary, as those attending are unable to answer the questions.

Peyton would like to hold off on voting for now. Caroline and Chiavanni agree.



Political Party Policy Vote

The Board agreed that, based on the discussions and amendments for the policy, they will hold their votes until the next Board Meeting.

Due Date: 3 Oct 2025

Owner: Mary Ieremia-Allan

3. Actions from Previous Meetings

3.1 Action List

Due Date	Action Title	Owner(s)
25 Jul 2025	MUSA Constitution Status: Not Started	James Collings
8 Aug 2025	TTAP Politics Portfolio or Sub-Committee Status: Completed on 17 Sept 2025	James Collings, Kat McGregor
26 Sept 2025	Reminder for Presidents and VPs to discuss handover Status: Completed on 26 Sept 2025	Caitlin Payne

4. Management Reports

4.1 Management Updates

Kat asked how Te Huinga went and how Ripeka is feeling.

Ripeka advised that Te Huinga was amazing, very action-packed, and not a lot of sleep. Ripeka has received lots of messages about Mat's speech and Peyton's leadership on putting our students on the stage.

Kat advised that there are no management reports for this fortnight. We are looking forward to getting the process moving for the SGM before the end of the year. We will be updating everyone on their departmental budgets in the near future and will contact anyone who needs to be a part of this process.

5. Other Business

5.1 Any Other Business

Eloise advised that they had a chat with James and would be keen on a survey going out to students about their experiences with the police on campus. This survey would be unbiased with both positives and negatives, as well as how this impacts TTAP spaces. Brooke would love to be involved in this based on the information they have received. Rehutai advised via chat that they would also be interested in joining.

Ripeka asked Eloise to send this out via Teams and email, so everyone is reached.

There are no Board objections about the survey, and Caroline thanked Eloise for doing this.

Brooke advised that the Distance scholarships are going ahead this year and are looking like they will be advertised in October.

6. Close Meeting

6.1 Close the meeting

Next meeting: No date for the next meeting has been set.

Signature: _____

Date: _____