

# CONFIRMED MINUTES

## BOARD MEETING #1



At the **Board Meeting #4** on **28 Apr 2026** these minutes were **confirmed as presented**.

<b>Name:</b>	Te Tira Ahu Pae
<b>Date:</b>	Friday, 23 January 2026
<b>Time:</b>	12:30 pm to 1:30 pm (NZDT)
<b>Location:</b>	Online, via Microsoft Teams
<b>Board Members:</b>	Caroline Ryan, Chiavanni Le'Mon, Mary Ieremia-Allan, Mathew Rope, Peyton Joe, Ripeka Paapu, Takunda Mabonga
<b>Attendees:</b>	Caitlin Payne, GM Email, James Collings

## 1. Opening Meeting

### 1.1 Confirm Minutes

**Board Meeting #25 12 Dec 2025**, the minutes were confirmed as presented.

Ripeka to pass a motion to confirm Board meetings #25.

Takunda seconds this.

All Board members attending verbally accepted the minutes as presented.

### 1.2 Apologies

### 1.3 Interest Register

## 2. Major Decisions and Discussions

### 2.1 Call for SGM

The Constitution is currently sitting with the lawyers and small amendments will be made.

The Board will have a chance to review the Constitution before we put the documents out 14 days in advance. We need to call this quite early.

Mat asked if it causes problems calling it now. James confirmed it is a minimum of 21 days.

James advised the social media post will go up and it will go in the newsletter, but most of the engagement is closer to the time.



## Call for SGM

The Board is to call for a Special General Meeting (SGM) to pass the new Constitutions for Te Tira Ahu Pae and MUSA. As per the existing Constitution, there must be 21 clear days before an SGM.

The recommended date for the SGM to pass the Te Tira Ahu Pae Constitution is Thursday 26 February 12:00-12:30PM.

The recommended date for the SGM to pass the MUSA Constitution is Thursday 26 February 12:40-1:00PM.

**7 Supported:** Caroline Ryan , Mary Ieremia-Allan , Mathew Rope , Peyton Joe , Ripeka Paapu , Takunda Mabonga , Chiavanni Le'Mon - Unable to vote - verbally supported.

**0 Opposed:**

**0 Abstained:**

**Decision Date:** 23 Jan 2026

**Outcome:** Approved

## 2.2 Proposal for TTAP Endorsement – Māori Student Seat on University Council

Chiavanni met with Ana this morning to discuss the proposal and came up with a draft proposal. With the MSA, they will look for a way to strengthen the proposal. This proposal will not go ahead in today's meeting. The purpose of bringing it to the Board was to get support for a dedicated seat. Chiavanni wanted to let everyone know that this is still in progress.

Ana advised that when it comes back to the Board, it will be submitted by MSA but supported by TTAP.

## 2.3 SAFE Attending O-Week

James advised Mary was taking this to the PSC and we would ideally hear from Mary.

Ripeka asked if this would be tabled for now. James advised that, as O-Week is in a month, we need to give them notice.

Mary to provide feedback to Caitlin, and a flying motion will be set up for this.

Caroline asked if this is on all campuses or just MTU. James' understanding is just MTU, which would be the most controversial to put it on based on student population.

Caroline asked Peyton their thoughts on this as a zoology student. Peyton advised they are unsure of the goals they wish to pursue, and are on the fence as it could be controversial or enlightening for student studying animal science, but notes this is political-adjacent.

Mat confirmed this was discussed in December about the students in MTU and how their website is quite graphic, and if students will be seeing these images.

Ripeka's concerns are the imagery, and doesn't want this to be new students' first intro to Massey campus.

Mary noted via the chat that students should be consulted first.

Ripeka asked how we consult with these students prior to O-Week.

Caroline asked if it could be raised with the appropriate College Board (College of Science).

Ripeka asked if we could use Te Paepoto. James advised if we direct them to the website, they will see the imagery.

Dan asked if this fits our O-Week, for our students and services we provide. Mary agreed via the chat.

Mary advised this is an org we could build relationships with in the future, but if we invite them, it sets a precedent of what we accept. Mary believes we can just say no, and noted that PSC won't be meeting for another week and can pass the decision on. Takunda agreed via the chat.

Peyton asked if an alternative could be them showing their presence in other way, not at O-Week.

Ripeka asked what benefit this would have for new students, as it doesn't create safety or a sense of trust. Our mahi is about the student experience.



### **SAFE Attending O-Week**

The Youth Ambassador for SAFE, Aotearoa's leading animal rights organisation, has approached us regarding their interest in engaging with students during O-Week. SAFE is considering hosting a stall on campus to connect with students, raise awareness of their campaigns, and promote an upcoming conference scheduled for next year.

During the last Board meeting for 2025, the Board asked that this matter be raised at the next Board meeting, so appropriate groups could be consulted about SAFE coming onto campus.

**Motion:** That the Board review feedback received from students about SAFE attending O-Week and vote on whether SAFE is approved to engage with students during O-Week.

**1 Supported:** Mary Ieremia-Allan

**6 Opposed:** Caroline Ryan , Chiavanni Le'Mon , Peyton Joe , Ripeka Paapu , Takunda Mabonga , Mathew Rope - Kindly with further discussion for other upcoming days where they may be able to attend.

**0 Abstained:**

**Decision Date:** 23 Jan 2026

**Outcome:** Not Approved

## **2.4 Massive Magazine Charter Draft**

James advised this came to the Board last year and some edits have been made, particularly around conflicts of interest. It relates to all members on the Board abstaining from decisions.

Chiavanni is happy with the changes that have been implemented and is happy with the document as is. James thanked Chiavanni for their engagement to get to this point.

Mary thanked Chiavanni for putting this together and asked if the signatories would be all General Presidents going forward. James advised that this just needs someone from the Board. Chiavanni noted this would normally be the media person. Ripeka asked if this could be changed.

Caroline asked if it would be beneficially to have both GM's sign it. Ana was thinking the same, as Massive was a key driver of things that happened in the past, and would be good to build their relationship back. Ana would like to read this document before putting their name on it.

Chiavanni noted as they developed the doc, they are happy to leave their name on it, rather than putting it over to Mary.

Dan advised Ana can have a chat about this, but robustness requires Ana's signature. Ana agrees but wants to fully read the document first.

James wanted to confirm that this means Ana would be on the Massive Magazine Board. Chiavanni confirmed this was always the intention.

James advised that this can be put to a flying motion.

## 2.5 Guidelines on Massive Magazine Ads

Takunda doesn't think this would be the best approach. With our relationships with Massey, they didn't want it to begin with. Mary agrees.

Ripeka doesn't believe it should be advertised due to addictions. There is already advertising everywhere you go, e.g., stores, on the radio, and on social media. They don't believe a student space is the right place for this.

Chiavanni strongly disagrees with marketing substances in our spaces.

Mat asks if we would consider any ads for Massive in the future, but doesn't feel that it's appropriate for a student mag. James advised we have travel companies etc that have ads and it helps with budgets. This gives us good leverage with Massey to have them advertise with us, turning Alba down.

Marlon asked if the Board takes a step back to create guidelines, so we don't need to have conversations, and have a wider conversation about advertisements and come up with pros and cons for a framework.

Ripeka noted in an SSF meeting last year, a point that was raised around wellbeing, they had hot topics about substance abuse, there were no resources for safety. Ripeka recognised that there needs to be services in place and access to those services.

Chiavanni reiterated that these advertisements do not need to be in our spaces, and there are many other companies that would like to advertise with us.

Dan noted that it's really clear that the Board is sitting firmly on this on what is on campuses, and the Board is making a stance.

James agrees that the media Board should promote the resources.

## 3. Actions from Previous Meetings

### 3.1 Action List

Due Date	Action Title	Owner(s)
25 Jul 2025	MUSA Constitution <b>Status:</b> Completed on 19 Feb 2026	James Collings
12 Dec 2025	Policy Templates <b>Status:</b> Completed on 11 Mar 2026	Caitlin Payne
12 Dec 2025	Hyperlinks in Policy <b>Status:</b> Not Started	Caitlin Payne
12 Dec 2025	Prize Determination & Fundraising, + GST <b>Status:</b> Completed on 12 Dec 2025	Caitlin Payne

## 4. Other Business

### 4.1 Any Other Business

Ana wants to set a Board meeting schedule for the year. James agrees this would be helpful for the interim Board, so we know when they will be, and noted that Takunda has a new schedule.

Mat will be unavailable on Tues and Thurs.

Ripeka asked what 12:30PM on Fridays looks like for Board members. Most don't have schedules for this yet, but by the end of O-Week, schedules should be confirmed.

James asked if the Board could meet again before the SGM.

## 5. Close Meeting

### 5.1 Close the meeting

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

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_