

**Minutes of Special Meeting of Longford County Council
held in the Council Chamber, Aras an Chontae, Great Water Street, Longford & on MS
Teams
on Monday, 15 September 2025 at 11.00 a.m.**

PRESIDING: Councillor Garry Murtagh, Cathaoirleach.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Uruemu Adejinmi, Seamus Butler, Mich Cahill, Mark Casey, David Cassidy, Colin Dalton, Niall Gannon, Gerry Hagan, Kevin Hussey, Turlough McGovern, Pdraig McNamara, Sean Mimmagh, Martin Monaghan, Garry Murtagh, Peggy Nolan, Pat O'Toole, Paul Ross and Martin Skelly.

APOLOGIES: Mr. Paddy Mahon, Chief Executive

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. John Brannigan, A/Chief Executive
Ms. Barbara Heslin, Director of Services
Ms. Samantha Healy, Director of Services
Mr. Michael Nevin, A/Director of Services
Ms. Martina McGrath, Senior Executive Officer
Mr. Gerard Dennigan, Executive Secretary

MEETINGS

ADMINISTRATOR: Ms. Lorraine McKee

1. PRESENTATION BY APPLICANTS FOR NOMINATION AS PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE.

The following prospective candidates have sought the support of Longford County Council for nomination and confirmed eligibility for the Presidential Campaign 2025.

These are listed in alphabetical order by surname:

- William P Allen
- Dolores Cahill
- Peter Casey
- Joseph Chikelue Obi
- Nick Delehanty (Withdrew in advance of meeting)
- Gearóid Duffy
- Aidan Harrington
- Charlotte Keenan
- Tommy Kelly
- Seana Kerr
- Donncha MacGabhann
- Sarah Louise Mulligan
- Paudie O'Dúinnin
- Lucy Anne O'Leary
- Abbas Ali O'Shea
- Walter Ryan Purcell
- Gareth Sheridan
- Cora Stack
- Maria Steen
- Gerben Uunk

All of the above made a presentation to the Elected Members apart from the following candidates:

- William P Allen
- Joseph Chikelue Obi
- Nick Delehanty
- Gareth Sheridan
- Donncha MacGabhann
- Paudie O'Dúinnin
- Gerben Uunk

2. (a) **TO CONSIDER WHETHER LONGFORD COUNTY COUNCIL WILL PROPOSE A RESOLUTION TO NOMINATE A PERSON TO BE A CANDIDATE AT THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION 2025 TO THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF IRELAND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 16 OF THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS ACT 1993, CIRCULAR F11/18, S.I. NO. 258 OF 2011, AS AMENDED BY S.I. NO. 329 OF 2018 (IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURES ENCLOSED).**

Proposal 1:

On the proposal of Councillor Mark Casey seconded by Councillor Turlough McGovern, Candidate Maria Steen was nominated.

Proposal 2:

On the counter proposal of Councillor Paul Ross seconded by Councillor Seamus Butler, it was proposed to nominate no candidate.

2 (b) VOTE TO IDENTIFY AND AGREE NOMINEE

A roll call vote was taken from the members present on both proposals for Longford County Council.

Results of vote for Proposal 1 as follows:

Yes	2 votes
No	8 votes
Abstain	5 votes

Result of vote for Proposal 2 as follows:

Yes	12 votes
No	3 votes

2(c) AGREEMENT OF RESOLUTION TO NOMINATE THE AGREED NOMINEE AS A PERSON TO BE A CANDIDATE FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

Based on a majority vote of twelve votes (proposal 2) to two votes (proposal 1) in favour of not to nominate a candidate to be put forward, agreement of resolution to nominate no candidate for Longford County Council for the presidential election 2025 was agreed.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: Lorraine McKee
Lorraine McKee
Meetings Administrator

Confirmed and adopted at Monthly Meeting of Longford County Council held on the 8 October 2025

Signed: [Signature]
Cathaoirleach