



# Local Contexts Council Meeting Summary

**Meeting Date:** 31 July 2023

**Meeting Location:** Teleconference

**In Attendance:**

James Francis (Chair), Jane Anderson (Vice Chair), Haydn Read, Sharon Leon

Regrets: Kim Christen, Maui Hudson, Kylie Reiri, Betsy Richards

**Non-Voting Attendees:**

Laure Haak (Secretary)

Aaron Williamson (external counsel)

Edwin Oh (Treasurer)

**Summary:** Council welcomed Haydn Read to its membership and also celebrated the announcement of the US\$2.5m Mellon award to Local Contexts for its scaling and sustainability work over the next 2 years. They reviewed the budget, approved initial Local Contexts contracts, and discussed next steps for interviewing Executive Director candidates. Council also discussed aspects of having an international staff and implications for salaries. Council decided on an August date for its next meeting.

**Motions Passed**

**MOTION:** To approve June 2023 Council meeting minutes and summary. VOTE: Unanimous, no abstentions.

**MOTION:** To approve contracts for BioCode and Mighty Red Barn, pending legal review. VOTE: Unanimous, no abstentions.

**Next meeting:** 22 June 2023 @ 5pm ET | 2 pm PT | 13 April 10 am NZ