

PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES

FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

JOINT SITTING

OF THE

**HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT OF THE STATE OF
NEW SOUTH WALES**

HELD ON THURSDAY 12 MAY 2022

TO

**CHOOSE A PERSON TO FILL THE VACANCY IN THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CAUSED BY THE RESIGNATION OF
MR DAVID SHOEBRIDGE**

**HELD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 22D OF THE
CONSTITUTION ACT 1902**

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The members of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly met in the Legislative Council Chamber at 10.30 am.

1. MESSAGE FROM HER EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

The President directed the Clerk of the Parliaments to read the following message from Her Excellency the Governor convening the joint sitting. The message read as follows:

MARGARET BEAZLEY AO QC
Governor

MESSAGE

I, the Honourable MARGARET BEAZLEY AO QC, in pursuance of the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the State of New South Wales, do hereby convene a joint sitting of the Members of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly for the purpose of the election of a person to fill the seat in the Legislative Council vacated by the Mr David Shoebridge, and I do hereby announce and declare that such Members shall assemble for such purpose on Thursday the 12th day of May 2022 at 10.30am in the building known as the Legislative Council Chamber situated in Macquarie Street in the City of Sydney; and the Members of the Legislative Council and the Members of the Legislative Assembly are hereby required to give their attendance at the said time and place accordingly.

In order that the Members of both Houses of Parliament may be duly informed of the convening of the joint sitting, I have this day addressed a like message to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

Government House
Sydney, 4 May 2022

The Honourable the
President of the
Legislative Council

**2. PERSON PROPOSED TO FILL THE VACANCY IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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The President announced that he was now prepared to receive proposals with regard to an eligible person to fill the vacant seat in the Legislative Council caused by the resignation of Mr David Shoebridge.

Ms Susan Higginson was proposed by Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC moved: That Ms Susan Higginson be elected as a member of the Legislative Council to fill the seat in the Legislative Council previously vacated by Mr David Shoebridge. Ms Faehrmann stated that if Ms Susan Higginson were a member of the Legislative Council she would not be disqualified from sitting or voting as such a member, and that she is a member of the same party, The Greens, as Mr David Shoebridge was publicly recognised by as being an endorsed candidate of that party and who publicly represented himself to be such a candidate at the time of his election at the eleventh periodic council election held on 28 March 2015. Ms Faehrmann further indicated that the person being proposed would be willing to hold the vacant place if chosen.

Ms Tamara Smith, MP, seconded the motion.

The President inquired if any member desired to propose any other eligible person to fill the vacancy.

No other person being proposed, the President declared Ms Susan Higginson to be elected as a member of the Legislative Council to fill the seat previously vacated by Mr David Shoebridge.

The President, at 10.40 am, declared the joint sitting closed.

David Blunt
Clerk of the Parliaments