



Repräsentanz der
Deutschen Wirtschaft
German-New Zealand
Chamber of Commerce Inc.

Minutes

43rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING,

25th JUNE 2026

Resolution Minutes – 43rd Annual General Meeting

Held on: 25 June 2026

Location: Auckland @ Miele

Time: 3:34 pm – 4:55 pm

A quorum being present, the meeting was duly constituted.

1. Apologies

Resolution:

That the apologies as tabled, including the additional apologies, be accepted.

Moved: Andrew Spicer

Seconded: Jan Lewandoski

Carried: Unanimously

2. Confirmation of Minutes of the 42nd AGM (30 June 2025)

Resolution:

That the minutes of the 42nd Annual General Meeting held on 30 June 2025 be approved as a true and correct record.

Carried: Unanimously

3. President's Annual Report

Resolution:

That the President's Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2025 be accepted.

Moved: Chris Griggs

Seconded: Barbara Nebel

Carried: Unanimously

4. Adoption of Annual Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

Resolution:

That the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025 be adopted.

Moved: Monique Surges

Seconded: Erich Bachmann

Carried: Unanimously

5. Appointment of Auditors

Resolution 1:

That REB Partnership, Chartered Accountants, be appointed as auditors of the German–New Zealand Chamber of Commerce for the year 2026 (New Zealand accounts).

Resolution 2:

That Baker Tilley, Stuttgart, be appointed as auditors of the German accounts for the year 2026, as required by the German Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs.

Moved: Monique Surges

Seconded: Chris Griggs

Carried: Unanimously

6. Amendments to the GNZCC Constitution

Resolution 1:

That the Constitution be amended by inserting the following new clause 5.3A:

“5.3A Nothing in clause 5.3 shall apply to an application for membership approved by the Executive Director prior to 13 November 2025. The membership of any new Member is deemed to have been valid and effectual since such approval to the same extent as that of any Member whose membership is approved by the Board.”

Resolution 2:

That the Constitution be amended by deleting clauses 11.1 and 11.2 and replacing them with the following two clauses:

“11.1 The Board must govern, direct and supervise the operation and affairs of the Chamber. [removal of the word “manage” from clause 11.1]

11.2 The governance, direction and supervision of the business of the Chamber is vested in the Board and the Board may exercise all such powers and do all such acts and things as the Chamber is by its Constitution or otherwise authorised to exercise and do and not required to be exercised or done by the Chamber in General Meeting under this Constitution or the Act.” [replacement of the word “management” in clause 11.2 with “governance, direction and supervision]”.

Moved: Chris Griggs

Seconded: Erich Bachmann

Carried: Unanimously

7. Words from the DIHK

DIHK guest speaker, Mr Benjamin Leipold, gives a perspective on global events and the likely outlook for German foreign chambers abroad generally over the next 3-4 years.

8. Membership Subscriptions 2026/27

Resolution:

That the membership subscription rates for 2026/27 be amended as proposed by the Executive Board, reflecting an average increase of approximately 3%.

GNZCC Subscriptions:		
	2026 3%	2026 rounded
individual person	\$ 520.15	\$525
less than 31 empl.	\$ 643.75	\$645
more than 30 empl.	\$ 890.95	\$895
based in Europe	€ 324.45	€ 325
<i>The above rates are exclusive of GST</i>		

Moved: Jim Bibby

Seconded: Jan Lewandoski

Carried: Unanimously

9. Election of Committee and Officers (2026/27)

Resolution:

That the following persons be confirmed as the Executive Board for the 2026/27 term in accordance with the Constitution:

President	Christopher Griggs	Barristers. Comm
Treasurer	Mark Loveday	Transfer Pricing and Tax Solutions Limited
Vice President AKL	Patrick Gottstein	Kuehne & Nagel NZ Ltd
Vice President WLG	Barbara Nebel	thinkstep Limited
Executive Director	Joerg Schmidt	GNZCC
Board member	Douglas Blair	European Motor Distributors
Board member	Andrew Spicer	Realtech Ltd
Board member	Christy Carter	Stihl NZ Ltd
Board member	Jan Lewandowski	Draeger New Zealand Ltd
Board member	Julika Wahlmann – Smith	Hesketh Henry
Board member	Sean Westbrook	Douglas Pharmaceuticals NZ Ltd
Board member	Thomas van Raamsdonk	ProClima New Zealand Ltd

Moved: Monique Surges

Carried: Unanimously

Change of Chair to Chris Griggs

10. Life Memberships

Resolution:

That the following persons be awarded life membership to the German New Zealand Chamber of Commerce Inc. for their dedication and long service.

- Erich Bachmann
- Monique Surges
- Jim Bibby

Moved: Chris Griggs

Carried: Unanimously

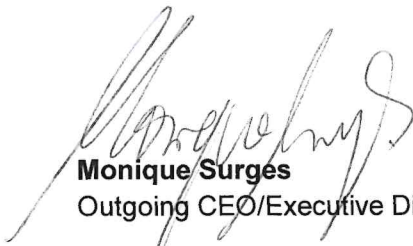
8. General Business

There was no general business.

The meeting was closed at **4:55 pm**.

Certified as a true and correct record of resolutions:

Auckland, 25 June 2026



Monique Surges
Outgoing CEO/Executive Director



Joerg Schmidt
Incoming CEO/Executive Director



Chris Griggs
President