

Monday, 26 August 2024

Dear Member

Nominations are now open for the 2024/25 Business Canterbury's Board.

It is an exciting time to be part of the Governance of Business Canterbury following the organisation's recent transformation, the most visible being our new name and brand. This is underpinned by a new business model and a range of new products and services. We are now looking to maximise our return on our transformation investment with a strategy focused on driving growth, embedding outcomes and ensuring tangible benefits and value for our members.

We are looking for a diverse and forward-thinking Board that strategically supports our Chief Executive in shaping our organisation's future. Our Board roles are voluntary nonpaid positions, however attending our major events and contributing to our purpose are just some of the benefits you will receive as a Board member.

All members of the board will have previous governance experience that is aligned to and can support the strategic direction of the organisation. They should also have a genuine interest in supporting and aligning to our purpose and vision "to be the best business partner for Canterbury business" and "Canterbury is one of the best places in the world to do business. Led by inspired, resilient and connected people resulting in a thriving business community."

Under our new Constitution, the Board which we are now seeking nominations for will initially consist of four elected members. After their election, up to four additional members will be appointed. All current Board members must step down but may stand for re-election; five have expressed their intention to do so. At the first meeting of the newly formed Board on 18 November 2024, it will be decided which two members will serve for two years, retiring at the 2026 AGM, and which two will serve for three years, retiring at the 2027 AGM. The four elected Board members will then appoint up to four additional members according to clause 8.2(b) of the Constitution.

How to Nominate

Nominees must be current paid-up members of Business Canterbury. Nominations must be proposed and seconded by 2 organisations who must also be current paid-up members of Business Canterbury. The proposer can be a member of the nominee's organisation, and the seconder must be from outside the nominee's organisation.

If you wish to nominate a representative, please complete the nomination form found [here](#) no later than **5.00pm, Monday 16 September 2024**. Part of the form includes questions, a brief bio and a digital photo which will be included on our website as part of the nominee's profile.

Key 2024 dates

16 September: Nominations close at 5.00pm

30 September: Electronic voting opens, an email will be sent from Electionz to the CEO or key contact of each member organisation with a link to vote (one vote per member organisation)

23 October: Electronic voting closes at 5.00pm

24 October: Results announced at AGM (to be held 4.00pm at Business Canterbury, 57 Kilmore Street)

Further Questions

If you require more information on the Business Canterbury Board Member Position, please request a copy of the Board Position Description and the Code of Conduct. For further information on the Board and organisation you can also contact Leeann Watson, Chief Executive on 03 366 5096 or email: leeannw@cecc.org.nz or to Paul Deavoll, Board President on email: Paul.Deavoll@oriongroup.co.nz

Finally, we would like to thank you for being a valued member of Business Canterbury. We greatly appreciate your ongoing membership to ensure we can continue to deliver support and value across the Canterbury and West Coast business community.



Leeann Watson
Chief Executive Officer



Paul Deavoll
President