

# **Australian Muslim Community Leaders 8<sup>th</sup> Summit 2025**

Sunday, 2 November 2025

9.00am – 1.30pm

Waterview in Bicentennial Park – Sydney Olympic Park

## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **1. Official Opening of the 8th AAM National Summit**

- 1.1. Imam Shadi Alsuleiman officially opened the 8th Alliance of Australian Muslims National Summit at 9.15am by praising Allah Almighty and sending peace and blessings upon the Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him.
- 1.2. Imam Shadi welcomed Muslim community leaders and representatives from across Australia. He thanked them for attending and supporting the work of the AAM, especially to the Delegates who travelled from interstate.
- 1.3. He acknowledged that the Summit was being held during a period of great pain and concern for the Muslim Ummah, particularly because of the ongoing genocide and suffering in Gaza and the worsening humanitarian crisis in Sudan.
- 1.4. Imam Shadi emphasised that the Australian Muslim community could not remain silent while Palestinians continued to be killed, displaced and deprived of their fundamental rights.
- 1.5. He reaffirmed the AAM's support for the Palestinian people. He called on the Australian Government to go beyond recognising the State of Palestine by sanctioning Israel, demanding accountability for war crimes and supporting an end to the occupation, siege and continuing injustice.
- 1.6. Imam Shadi also emphasised the importance of maintaining Muslim unity, strengthening community institutions and working collectively to preserve the Islamic identity and dignity of Australian Muslims.

### **2. Quran Recitation**

- 2.1. Sheikh Akram Buksh recited verses from the Holy Quran.
- 2.2. The recitation was followed by a reminder of the importance of faith, unity, patience, justice and collective responsibility.

### **3. Welcoming of Attendees and Introduction**

- 3.1. Imam Shadi Alsuleiman formally welcomed the attendees and acknowledged the representatives who had travelled from every state and territory.
- 3.2. He thanked AAM member organisations, Imams, scholars, community leaders, youth and women's representatives, volunteers and supporters for their service to Islam and the Australian Muslim community.
- 3.3. Imam Shadi explained that the AAM had grown into a national representative platform comprising more than 260 grassroots, mainstream Muslim organisations from across Australia.

#### **4. The mission of the AAM was reaffirmed as:**

- 4.1. Serving Islam and seeking the pleasure of Allah Almighty.
- 4.2. Preserving the Islamic identity, integrity and dignity of Muslims.
- 4.3. Advocating for the civil, religious, social and community interests of Australian Muslims.
- 4.4. Uniting Muslim organisations around shared values, common interests and collective priorities.
- 4.5. Strengthening leadership, governance, advocacy, media representation and institutional capacity.
- 4.6. Imam Shadi highlighted that the Summit was an important national platform for reviewing the work of the previous year, determining future priorities, electing a new Board and strengthening cooperation between Muslim organisations.

#### **5. Meeting Etiquettes, Housekeeping and Importance of the Summit**

- 5.1. Brother Khalid Mousa, AAM Secretary, outlined the Summit meeting etiquettes and housekeeping arrangements.
- 5.2. Brother Khalid reminded delegates that the AAM was established to unite, network and connect Muslim community leadership, including organisations, Imams, scholars, youth, women and new Muslims. He explained that the AAM's work was centred around three primary objectives:
  1. Unity, leadership, collaboration and community building.
  2. Political engagement, education and advocacy.
  3. Media engagement and public representation.
- 5.3. The AAM aimed to bring Muslim organisations together around agreed common denominators while respecting differences in background, opinion, school of thought and organisational experience. He also emphasised that effective national representation required professionalism, mutual respect, proper governance, institutional capacity and collective action.

#### **6. Confirmation of the Previous 7th Summit Meeting Minutes**

- 6.1. The minutes of the 7th Alliance of Australian Muslims Summit, held on Sunday, 3 November 2024, were presented for confirmation.
- 6.2. Delegates were invited to raise any amendments or corrections.
  - 6.2.1. Moved by: Habib Jamal
  - 6.2.2. Seconded by: Yusuf Mansuri
  - 6.2.3. Outcome: carried unanimously

## **7. AAM Board Report 2024–2025**

- 7.1. Brother Khalid Mousa presented the AAM Board Report for the period from November 2024 to November 2025 on behalf of the AAM Board. He described the year as one of immense challenge and determined effort for the Australian Muslim community, particularly in light of the genocide in Gaza, rising Islamophobia and increasing challenges to the Islamic identity of Muslim youth, particularly because of the genocide in Gaza, rising Islamophobia and increasing challenges to the Islamic identity of Muslim youth.
- 7.2. Despite these challenges, the AAM continued to operate as a national platform for uniting Muslim leadership, strengthening institutions, advocating for justice and representing Australian Muslims with integrity and professionalism.

## **8. Board Activity and Governance**

- 8.1. The AAM Board held regular online and in-person meetings throughout 2024–2025. The meetings were well attended and included substantive discussions concerning national representation, organisational efficiency, community advocacy and operational delivery.
- 8.2. A part-time General Manager was appointed to oversee the implementation of the AAM's work and support its day-to-day operations.
- 8.3. The Board endorsed a new governance structure and organisational direction for presentation and adoption at the Summit. The new structure included reducing the size of the Board to make it more efficient and responsive. The structure also included establishing an Operations Committee responsible for implementing the Board's goals, priorities and strategic direction.
- 8.4. Membership and Community Engagement. The AAM continued to grow as a national representative body and now comprised more than 260 grassroots, mainstream Muslim organisations. The member organisations represented every Australian state and territory and reflected the diversity of the Australian Muslim community.
- 8.5. Through consultations, leadership forums and national gatherings, the AAM strengthened collaboration and built greater unity of purpose among Muslim organisations.

- 8.6. The AAM continued to promote inclusivity, professionalism, consultation and collective action for the common good.

## **9. Political Engagement and Advocacy**

- 9.1. As 2025 was a federal election year, the AAM engaged constructively with political parties, candidates, government departments, elected representatives and decision-makers.
- 9.2. The AAM remained politically neutral and did not formally endorse any political party or candidate. The Summit reaffirmed the AAM's policy of political neutrality and its position that the AAM does not endorse any political party or candidate.
- 9.3. The AAM made and supported law reform submissions advocating for religion to be included as a protected attribute under relevant anti-discrimination and vilification legislation.
- 9.4. The AAM also opposed provisions that could leave Muslims and other faith communities vulnerable to discrimination or vilification.
- 9.5. Political education and awareness workshops were delivered to strengthen the community's understanding of elections, political systems and effective advocacy.
- 9.6. The AAM finalised its Three-Year Political Advocacy and Government Engagement Strategy 2025–2028.
- 9.7. The AAM continued to advocate for the people of Palestine and raise awareness of the ongoing genocide and humanitarian crisis in Gaza.
- 9.7.1. AAM welcomed the Australian Government's recognition of the State of Palestine as an important and overdue step towards justice.
- 9.7.2. The AAM maintained that recognition alone was insufficient and called for stronger Australian Government action, including:
- 9.7.2.1. Condemning Israel's war crimes, genocide and illegal occupation.
- 9.7.2.2. Imposing sanctions against Israel.
- 9.7.2.3. Supporting accountability under international law.
- 9.7.2.4. Working towards an end to the siege and occupation.
- 9.7.2.5. Supporting the Palestinian people's right to justice, freedom, dignity and self-determination.
- 9.7.2.6. The AAM commended the Muslim community's continuing efforts to raise awareness of the genocide in Gaza and the plight of the Palestinian people.
- 9.7.2.7. Particular acknowledgement was given to the momentous public protest across the Sydney Harbour Bridge and other peaceful advocacy activities across Australia.
- 9.8. Media Engagement and Public Representation
- 9.9. The AAM committed to training and supporting a new generation of Muslim spokespeople who could represent Islam and the community confidently,

accurately and professionally.

- 9.10. National Programs and Community Tools. The AAM continued to deliver initiatives aimed at empowering the Muslim community and strengthening national collaboration.
- 9.11. National Muslim Community Iftar. The annual National Muslim Community Iftar was delivered jointly with the Australian National Imams Council. More than 300 Muslim community leaders and representatives attended the event at Waterview in Sydney. The Iftar strengthened national solidarity and provided an opportunity for the community to stand together for Palestine during Ramadan.
- 9.12. Campaigns Tool. A digital campaign tool was developed to enable community members to communicate directly with political representatives and decision-makers through prepared advocacy messages concerning important community issues.
- 9.13. New Muslims Network. The New Muslims Network continued to connect organisations supporting new Muslims and facilitate resource sharing, referrals and improved service delivery.
- 9.14. Muslim Central Directory. The Muslim Central Directory was developed as an online platform showcasing Muslim organisations, classes, facilities, services and community events across Australia.
- 9.15. Partnership Between AAM and ANIC. The AAM reaffirmed its close partnership with the Australian National Imams Council. The respective roles of the two organisations were clarified as follows:
  - 9.15.1. ANIC is the national religious authority responsible for religious leadership, Islamic rulings, spiritual guidance, religious education and the representation of Imams and religious leaders.
  - 9.15.2. AAM is the national platform for political advocacy, media engagement, capacity building, training, organisational development and the representation of Muslim organisations.
- 9.16. The two organisations would continue to support and complement one another within their respective areas of responsibility.
- 9.17. The Muslim Community Fund, a joint initiative of ANIC and AAM, had made significant progress during the reporting period. The Fund was established to provide a sustainable funding model for national priorities.

## **10. Priorities for the Year Ahead**

- 10.1. **The AAM's priorities for the coming year included:**
  - 10.1.1. Implementing the new Board structure and organisational direction.
  - 10.1.2. Establishing an Operations Committee to implement the AAM's goals and vision.

- 10.1.3. Strengthening unity and national coordination between member organisations.
- 10.1.4. Expanding political advocacy and government engagement.
- 10.1.5. Increasing the AAM's media presence and training Muslim spokespeople.
- 10.1.6. Expanding the reach and capacity of the Muslim Community Fund.
- 10.1.7. Developing leadership programs for community leaders, youth and women.
- 10.1.8. Enhancing cooperation between religious, social and organisational leadership.
- 10.1.9. Supporting Muslim organisations through capacity building, governance training and institutional development.

## **11. AAM Financial Report 2024–2025**

- 11.1. Brother Khalid Mousa presented the AAM Financial Report for the 2024–2025 reporting period.
- 11.2. The report provided an overview of the AAM's income, expenditure, operational costs, fundraising activities and financial position.
- 11.3. Delegates were given an opportunity to ask questions concerning the financial report.
- 11.4. Motion: That the AAM Financial Report for 2024–2025 be received and accepted.
  - 11.4.1. Moved by: Ali Kadri
  - 11.4.2. Seconded by: Tarek Alnashar
  - 11.4.3. Outcome: carried unanimously

## **12. Preservation of Islamic Identity**

- 12.1. Sheikh Ahmed Abdo presented on the importance of preserving Islamic identity and protecting the integrity and authentic understanding of Islam in Australia. The presentation addressed increasing challenges affecting the faith, values and identity of Muslim children and young people.
- 12.2. Sheikh Ahmed emphasised that preserving Islamic identity required cooperation between parents, families, Imams, educators, scholars, mosques, Islamic schools and community organisations.
- 12.3. The following areas were highlighted:
  - 12.3.1. Strengthening Islamic education and religious literacy.
  - 12.3.2. Supporting parents and families in nurturing Islamic faith and values.
  - 12.3.3. Developing resources that respond to contemporary ideological and social challenges.
  - 12.3.4. Mentoring and empowering Muslim youth.
  - 12.3.5. Developing confident and informed young Muslims who were proud of their faith and contributed positively to Australian society.

12.3.6. Promoting the authentic and mainstream teachings of Islam based on the Quran and Sunnah.

12.4. The Summit reaffirmed that the preservation of Islamic identity was a shared national responsibility and an important priority for current and future generations.

### **13. Political Engagement, Education and Advocacy**

13.1. Brother Ali Kadri and Sister Miriam Makki presented on political engagement, political education and advocacy. The presenters discussed the Australian Muslim community's experience during the 2025 federal election and the need for sustained political engagement beyond election periods.

13.2. The importance of engaging with political parties, government departments, elected representatives and policymakers in a professional, principled and politically neutral manner was emphasised.

13.3. The presentation addressed the AAM's Three-Year Political Advocacy and Government Engagement Strategy 2025–2028. The Strategy included:

13.4. Developing clear national policy priorities.

13.5. Preparing evidence-based submissions and government briefings.

13.6. Protecting religious freedom and civil rights.

13.7. Advocating for stronger anti-discrimination and religious vilification protections.

13.8. Increasing civic and political literacy within the Muslim community.

13.9. Building professional relationships with political representatives and government agencies.

13.10. Empowering Muslim youth and women to participate in political, civic and community leadership.

13.11. It was reaffirmed that the AAM did not endorse any political party and respected the independence of member organisations and individual voters.

13.12. The presenters also emphasised the importance of building alliances with First Nations peoples, multicultural communities and other faith groups on shared matters of justice, equality and social cohesion.

### **14. Media Engagement and Public Representation**

14.1. Reporter and Sister Rayan Tamer presented on the AAM's media engagement and public representation priorities. The presentation addressed the significant influence of the media on public attitudes towards Islam and Muslims.

14.2. The AAM aimed to ensure that Islam and Muslims were represented accurately, professionally and with dignity. The following priorities were presented:

- 14.3. Establishing a national Muslim media engagement strategy.
- 14.4. Expanding media monitoring and challenging inaccurate or biased reporting.
- 14.5. Coordinating community-wide media responses where appropriate.
- 14.6. Developing a national register of trained Muslim spokespeople.
- 14.7. Delivering media training for Muslim leaders, organisations and youth.
- 14.8. Building constructive relationships with journalists, editors and media organisations.
- 14.9. Promoting positive stories concerning Muslim contributions to Australian society.
- 14.10. Developing an online mechanism through which the community could report biased or harmful media coverage.
- 14.11. Delegates acknowledged the need to respond to misinformation while also taking a proactive role in contributing positively to the national conversation.
- 14.12. Engage with experts and consultants in the media.

## **15. Combating Islamophobia and anti-Muslim hate**

- 15.1. Sister Mariam Ardati presented an update on Action Against Islamophobia and its work to combat Islamophobia, anti-Muslim hate and discrimination.
- 15.2. The presentation addressed the need for community education, advocacy, reporting mechanisms and support pathways for people affected by Islamophobia.
- 15.3. Sister Mariam emphasised the importance of reporting all incidents, regardless of whether they appeared minor or serious, so patterns of discrimination and hate could be properly documented.
- 15.4. Key areas of activity included:
- 15.5. Supporting victims of Islamophobia and anti-Muslim hate.
- 15.6. Educating the community about rights and reporting options.
- 15.7. Engaging government departments, agencies and policymakers.
- 15.8. Challenging misinformation and harmful public narratives.
- 15.9. Working with civil society organisations and media bodies.
- 15.10. Advocating for stronger legal protections against hate speech, harassment and religious discrimination.
- 15.11. Addressing anti-Palestinian racism and hostility directed towards advocates for Palestinian rights.
- 15.12. Member organisations were encouraged to promote available reporting and support services within their communities.

## **16. Security Uplifts for Muslim Communities in Australia Program**

- 16.1. Brother Khalid Mousa, Program Manager, presented an update on the Security Uplifts for Muslim Communities in Australia Program. The program

aimed to improve security and safety at mosques, Islamic schools, community centres and other eligible Muslim facilities.

16.2. The presentation addressed:

16.3. Engagement with the Australian Government and relevant departments.

16.4. Communication with eligible Muslim organisations.

16.5. Security assessments and identification of priority needs.

16.6. The next process and updates on the program.

## **17. State and Territory Reports**

### **17.1. Northern Territory Report**

17.1.1. Sister Hajrah Kamran presented an overview of developments, achievements and challenges affecting Muslims in the Northern Territory.

17.1.2. The presentation addressed the needs of regional and smaller Muslim communities and the importance of continued national support and representation.

### **17.2. Queensland Report**

17.2.1. Brother Habib Jamal presented an overview of developments, programs and community priorities in Queensland.

17.2.2. The presentation addressed education, community services, youth engagement, institutional development and civic participation.

### **17.3. Australian Capital Territory Report**

17.3.1. Brother Yusuf Mansuri presented an overview of developments and community priorities in the Australian Capital Territory.

17.3.2. The presentation addressed political engagement, community coordination and the role of Muslim organisations in the national capital.

### **17.4. Western Australia Report**

17.4.1. Brother Abdullah Khan presented an overview of developments, achievements and challenges affecting the Muslim community in Western Australia.

17.4.2. The presentation addressed organisational coordination, community services, education and engagement with government and wider society.

## **18. Muslim Community Fund**

18.1. Brother Yusuf Mansuri, Secretary, presented an update on the Muslim Community Fund. The Fund was described as a joint initiative of the AAM and ANIC designed to establish sustainable funding for national Muslim community priorities.

18.2. The Fund would support:

18.2.1. Preserving Islamic identity and faith education.

18.2.2. Media engagement and advocacy.

18.2.3. Community outreach and mentorship.

18.2.4. Political education and civic participation.

18.2.5. Legal and institutional support.

18.2.6. Community leadership and capacity building.

18.3. The Muslim Community Fund Board had been appointed, comprising three AAM representatives, three ANIC representatives and two independent members.

18.4. Two Board meetings had been held, and governance frameworks, future funding arrangements and a marketing strategy were being finalised.

18.5. Delegates were encouraged to support and promote the Fund through their respective organisations and networks.

## **19. National Quran Coordination**

19.1. Sheikh Yasir Ismail presented the National Quran Initiative. The initiative aimed to unite Quran institutions, schools, teachers and programs across Australia. The initiative sought to strengthen Quranic education, collaboration, teaching quality and excellence. Key areas included:

19.2. National coordination between Quran institutions and schools.

19.3. Supporting Quran teachers and educational development.

19.4. Sharing resources and good practices.

19.5. Coordinating Quran competitions, programs and events.

19.6. Promoting Quran memorisation, recitation and understanding.

19.7. The Summit endorsed and supported the National Quran Initiative as an important national project.

## **20. Summit Motions**

20.1. The following motions were presented, moved and adopted by the Summit.  
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20.2. Motions to be Moved and Adopted

### **Preamble**

The Alliance of Australian Muslims (AAM), representing more than 260 mainstream Muslim organisations across Australia, reaffirms its commitment to serving Islam, preserving Islamic identity, uniting the Muslim community, and advocating for the interests and welfare of Muslims. These motions reflect AAM's commitment to unity, leadership, justice, advocacy, and positive engagement with Australian society.

### **Unity, Leadership, and Community Building**

#### **Motion 1: National Muslim Unity and Collaboration**

AAM commits to strengthening Muslim unity through cooperation, mutual respect, shared purpose, and collective representation. It calls on Muslim organisations and

leaders to work together in addressing common challenges and advancing community interests.

### **Motion 2: Strengthening Leadership and Governance**

AAM recognises that effective leadership and sound governance are essential to sustainable community development. It will support national leadership forums, training programs, and capacity-building initiatives for Muslim organisations and leaders.

### **Motion 3: Partnership with the Australian National Imams Council (ANIC)**

AAM reaffirms its partnership with ANIC as the national body responsible for Islamic rulings, spiritual guidance, and religious education. Both organisations will continue working collaboratively within their respective mandates to strengthen religious leadership and community representation.

## **Political Engagement, Education, and Advocacy**

### **Motion 4: National Political Engagement and Civic Participation**

AAM will remain politically neutral while engaging professionally and constructively with all political parties, governments, and decision-makers. It will advocate for civil rights, religious freedom, fair representation, and greater civic participation among Australian Muslims.

### **Motion 5: Advocacy for Palestine and Global Justice**

AAM reaffirms its support for the Palestinian people's right to freedom, justice, and self-determination. It welcomes Australia's recognition of the State of Palestine while calling for accountability for war crimes, genocide, illegal occupation, and breaches of international law.

### **Motion 6: Solidarity with Oppressed and Marginalised Communities**

AAM stands with oppressed peoples, including communities affected by conflict and famine in Sudan and the persecution of Rohingya and Uyghur Muslims. It will also work with First Nations, multicultural, and faith communities to promote justice, equality, and social cohesion while rejecting racism, discrimination, and religious intolerance.

## **Media, Public Representation, and Islamophobia**

### **Motion 7: National Muslim Media Engagement Strategy**

AAM will strengthen Muslim representation in the media by responding to misinformation and bias, providing media training, developing a national

spokesperson register, and promoting accurate and positive representations of Islam and Muslims.

### **Motion 8: Combating Islamophobia and Hate Speech**

AAM commits to challenging Islamophobia and anti-Muslim hate and calls on governments to strengthen protections against hate speech, harassment, and discrimination. It will continue working with civil society and media organisations to address prejudice and promote understanding.

### **Motion 9: Empowering Youth, Women, and Supporting New Muslims**

AAM will strengthen the participation of youth and women and provide greater support for new Muslims through engagement, collaboration, and community initiatives. It recognises that a strong and united Muslim community requires the meaningful participation of all its members.

### **Future Direction and National Coordination**

### **Motion 10: Building a Unified and Resilient Muslim Future**

AAM envisions a future in which Australian Muslims live with faith, dignity, belonging, and confidence. It commits to principled, inclusive, and united representation that amplifies community voices and serves Islam and Australian Muslims for future generations.

## **21. Open Discussion**

### **21.1. The Chair opened the floor for general discussion.**

21.1.1. Delegates discussed issues affecting Muslim organisations, families, young people and community institutions. The discussion reinforced the need for action to follow the resolutions and commitments adopted by the Summit.

### **21.1.2. Delegates emphasised:**

21.1.2.1. Continuing humanitarian and political advocacy for Palestine.

21.1.2.2. Supporting Muslims and other communities affected by oppression and injustice.

21.1.2.3. Reporting incidents of Islamophobia and anti-Muslim hate.

21.1.2.4. Strengthening legal protections for religious freedom.

21.1.2.5. Improving Muslim engagement with the media.

21.1.2.6. Mentoring youth and empowering women.

21.1.2.7. Supporting new Muslims.

21.1.2.8. Building the governance and operational capacity of Muslim organisations.

21.1.2.9. Ensuring greater cooperation between religious, organisational and community leadership.

## **22. Election of New AAM Board Members for the 2025–2028 Term**

22.1. The Summit considered and ratified the new AAM Board structure.

22.2. The new structure provided for an 18-member Board comprising:

22.2.1. Fifteen state and territory representatives.

22.2.2. Three independent general members elected nationally.

22.2.3. Representation was allocated as follows:

1. New South Wales: Four representatives.

2. Victoria: Three representatives.

3. Queensland: Two representatives.

4. Western Australia: Two representatives.

5. South Australia: One representative.

6. Northern Territory: One representative.

7. Tasmania: One representative.

8. Australian Capital Territory: One representative.

9. Independent general members: Three representatives.

22.2.4. The new structure was intended to provide fair national representation while enabling the Board to operate more effectively and efficiently.

22.3. Announcement of the New AAM Board

22.3.1. The newly elected AAM Board members for the 2025–2028 term were announced.

|            | <b>Full Name</b>               | <b>State</b> |
|------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>1.</b>  | <b>Imam Shadi Alsuleiman</b>   | <b>NSW</b>   |
| <b>2.</b>  | <b>Khalid Mousa</b>            | <b>NSW</b>   |
| <b>3.</b>  | <b>Mariam Ardati</b>           | <b>NSW</b>   |
| <b>4.</b>  | <b>Mona Shindy</b>             | <b>NSW</b>   |
| <b>5.</b>  | <b>Usaid Khalil</b>            | <b>NSW</b>   |
| <b>6.</b>  | <b>Tarek Khodr</b>             | <b>VIC</b>   |
| <b>7.</b>  | <b>Imam Moustapha Sarakibi</b> | <b>VIC</b>   |
| <b>8.</b>  | <b>Imam Burhaan Mehtar</b>     | <b>WA</b>    |
| <b>9.</b>  | <b>Abdullah Khan</b>           | <b>WA</b>    |
| <b>10.</b> | <b>Binil Kattiparambil</b>     | <b>QLD</b>   |
| <b>11.</b> | <b>Habib Jamal</b>             | <b>QLD</b>   |
| <b>12.</b> | <b>Ali Kadri</b>               | <b>QLD</b>   |
| <b>13.</b> | <b>Mohammed Hassan</b>         | <b>SA</b>    |
| <b>14.</b> | <b>Yusuf Mansuri</b>           | <b>ACT</b>   |
| <b>15.</b> | <b>Hajrah Kamran</b>           | <b>NT</b>    |
| <b>16.</b> | <b>Dr. Mustafa Seleem</b>      | <b>TAS</b>   |

22.4. Imam Shadi congratulated the new Board and thanked the outgoing Board members for their dedication, leadership and service.

22.5. The newly elected Board was entrusted with implementing the new governance structure, establishing the Operations Committee and progressing the objectives and motions adopted by the Summit.

## **23. Public Statement**

23.1. A public statement reflecting the discussions, priorities and outcomes of the Summit was presented.

23.2. The statement reaffirmed the AAM's mission to serve Islam, preserve Islamic identity, protect the dignity and religious freedom of Muslims and advocate for the welfare of the Australian Muslim community.

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## **24. Next Annual 9<sup>th</sup> AAM Summit 2026**

24.1. 9<sup>th</sup> Alliance of Australian Muslims National Summit in 2026, to be held on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2026, in Sydney.

## **25. Closing Remarks, vote of thanks and Dua'a**

25.1. Imam Shadi Alsuleiman delivered the closing remarks. He thanked Allah Almighty for the successful completion of the 8<sup>th</sup> AAM National Summit.

25.2. Imam Shadi thanked all delegates, presenters, state and territory representatives, AAM Board members, organisers, and volunteers for their attendance and contributions.

25.3. He congratulated the newly elected Board members and thanked the outgoing Board members for their service.

25.4. Imam Shadi reaffirmed that the AAM's mission remained centred on serving Islam, preserving Islamic identity and integrity, protecting the dignity, rights and religious freedom of Australian Muslims, strengthening national unity and community institutions, advocating for justice in Australia and internationally.

25.5. He emphasised that the Summit's resolutions must be followed by practical action and called upon member organisations to support the implementation of its motions and priorities.

25.6. The Summit concluded with a Dua'a by Imam Tahar Michroui at 1.15 pm.

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