

## Useful Words and Phrases #1

Here are some useful words and phrases that can be used as a reference tool for professionals engaged in the minute taking process.



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### **USEFUL WORDS**

- acceptable
- acceptance
- accepted
- acknowledgement
- added
- additional
- addressed
- advantaged
- advised
- agreed
- aimed
- alternatives
- amendments
- analysis
- announced
- approach
- approved
- arrangements
- assist
- assurance
- attached
- background
- believed
- benefits
- breached
- chairperson
- challenge
- circulated
- clarification
- clarified
- commencement
- committed to

- comply
- concerning
- concerns
- concluded
- conditional
- confidential
- confirmation
- confirmed
- congratulated
- consensus
- consequence
- consider
- constituents
- constituted
- consultation
- contents
- context
- contribution
- criteria
- current
- deadline
- debate
- decided
- declared
- decrease
- deferred
- delegated
- delivering
- demonstrated
- demonstrating
- desirability
- development

- differences
- disadvantaged
- disagreed
- discriminatory
- discussed
- dissent
- drawbacks
- effective
- eligibility
- emphasised
- enhancement
- equitable
- establishing
- estimated
- examined
- explained
- expressed
- further
- highlighted
- impact on
- implementation
- implications
- important
- imposed
- in advanceincluding
- increase
- in-depth
- indicated
- influence
- informed
- initiative

- instructed
- interest
- introduced
- investigated
- issues
- item
- judged
- latest
- likelihood
- maintain
- members
- mitigate
- monitor
- nominated
- noted
- notified
- obstacles
- opportunity
- options
- outlined
- overcome
- overview
- papers
- pointed out
- policy
- possibility
- presented
- previous
- previously
- principal
- principle
- probability

- process
- progress
- prompted
- proposals
- proposed
- provided
- provisions
- pursued
- raised
- received
- recognised
- recommended
- recorded
- referred
- regarding
- regulation
- reinforced
- reiterated
- reminded
- report
- reported
- representatives
- represented
- requested
- requirements
- resolved
- responded
- response
- review
- revised
- revisions
- selected

- significant
- specific
- stakeholders
- stated
- strategy
- subject to
- substantive
- suggested
- summarised
- tabled
- trends
- undertook
- updated
- value
- welcome











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## Useful Words and Phrases #2

Here are some useful phrases that can be used as a reference tool for professionals engaged in the minute taking process. Please note that the fictitious initials 'AJC' are used to denote the participant's name.



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#### **USEFUL PHRASES**

- After discussion it was resolved that
- AJC advised that
- AJC advised the committee
- AJC commenced his presentation by
- AJC commented that
- AJC concluded his report by
- AJC concluded the discussion by
- AJC drew attention to
- AJC drew the board's attention to
- AJC emphasised that
- AJC explained that
- AJC expressed concern that
- AJC further advised that
- AJC informed the meeting
- AJC introduced the paper
- AJC made reference to the discussions
- AJC made reference to the question raised by
- AJC made the point that
- AJC outlined the
- AJC pointed out that
- AJC raised the issue of
- AJC read a prepared statement to the meeting as follows
- AJC requested that
- AJC requested that in future
- AJC responded that
- AJC stressed the need for
- AJC suggested that
- AJC then summarised the
- AJC undertook to
- AJC updated members
- AJC, making reference to
- Discussion took place

- Following further discussion it was agreed that
- Following on from the discussions relating to
- In a detailed discussion
- In connection with
- In response to a question from
- In response to questions raised by
- In response to suggestions made by
- It was agreed
- It was decided
- It was noted
- It was proposed that
- It was resolved that
- Reporting on her recent visit to
- The board agreed
- The board approved the
- The board congratulated
- The board recognised that
- The board requested
- The board welcomed the initiative
- The chairperson referred to
- The chairperson reminded board members
- The chairperson requested an update
- The chairperson welcomed
- The committee believed that it was important
- The committee noted
- The committee was asked to note
- The committee was assured that
- The committee was informed that
- The company secretary was requested
- The following points were noted
- The meeting discussed
- The meeting noted
- The secretary confirmed that
- The secretary reported that
- The secretary was instructed to
- There was discussion about
- With regard to the situation in









