

## Wes-Kaapse Provinsiale Parlement Western Cape Provincial Parliament IPalamente yePhondo leNtshona Koloni

## **MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

## STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES AND TOURISM

Wednesday, 19 October 2022 (08:00)

Hybrid Meeting via MS Teams and in person in the Chamber, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, 7 Wale

Street

#### **ATTENDANCE**

## Members:

#### **Democratic Alliance**

Murray, C (Chairperson) Mackenzie, R Van der Westhuizen, A

## **African National Congress**

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### Al Jama-ah

Brinkhuis, K

#### **Additional Members**

Maseko, M (DA)(Alternate) Mvimbi, L (ANC)(Alternate)

## The following persons were in attendance:

Minister M Wenger (Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities) and officials from the Department of Economic Development and Tourism, Wesgro, Atlantis SEZ and Saldanha Bay IDZ Licencing Company

## **Members of the Public**

Mr M Mbiko, Nyanga Tourism Platform Mr L Phito, Kraaifontein Community Advisory Services Mr P Bester, Informal Economy Development Forum

<sup>\*</sup>Please see attached attendance list

## **Western Cape Provincial Parliament**

Ms Z Adams, Procedural Officer Ms L Cloete, Senior Procedural Officer Ms M Mrubata, Committee Assistant

#### 1. Welcome and attendance

The Chairperson opened the meeting and read out the rules of engagement for officials and members of the public attending via the virtual platform, MS Teams. The Chairperson allowed for brief introductions by the Minister, Head of Department of Economic Development and Tourism, Wesgro, Saldanha Bay IDZ Licencing Company and Atlantis SEZ once it was time for the deliberations on the respective 2021/22 Annual Reports.

# 2. Discussion on the 2021/22 Annual Report for the Department of Economic Development and Tourism

Minister Wenger and Mr V Dube (Head of Department) gave a brief overview of the 2021/22 Annual Report focusing on the highlights and challenges experienced in the financial year.

The Committee deliberated on the 2021/22 Annual Report of the Department.

The Chairperson thanked the Department for its preparation and responses to the questions raised by the Committee Members.

The Chairperson opened the floor for public comments and noted submissions from Mr M Mbiko, Mr L Phito and Mr P Bester.

## 3. Discussion on the 2021/22 Annual Report for the Atlantis SEZ

The Chairperson welcomed the officials from the Atlantis SEZ (ASEZ).

Mr M Cullinan (Acting CEO) gave a brief overview of the 2021/22 Annual Report of the ASEZ, focusing on the highlights and challenges experienced in the financial year.

The Committee deliberated on the ASEZ's 2021/22 Annual Report.

The Chairperson thanked the ASEZ for its preparation and responses to the questions raised by the Committee Members.

The Chairperson opened the floor for public comments and noted that there were no further questions or comments from any members of the public.

4. Discussion on the 2021/22 Annual Report for Saldanha Bay IDZ Licencing Company

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Ms K Beukes (CEO) and Dr J Stegmann (Accounting Officer) gave a brief overview of the

2021/22 Annual Report of the SBIDZ, focusing on the highlights and challenges experienced

in the financial year.

The Committee deliberated on the SBIDZ's 2021/22 Annual Report.

The Chairperson thanked the SBIDZ for its preparation and responses to the questions raised

by the Committee Members.

The Chairperson opened the floor for public comments and noted that there was a question

from Mr Bester during the Department's deliberations that should have been answered by

the SBIDZ. The Chairperson requested that the SBIDZ respond to Mr Bester in writing.

5. Discussion on the 2021/22 Annual Report for WESGRO

Ms W Stander (CEO) and Mr D Green (Chairperson of the Board) gave a brief overview of the

2021/22 Annual Report of Wesgro, focusing on the highlights and challenges experienced in

the financial year.

The Committee deliberated on Wesgro's 2021/22 Annual Report.

The Chairperson thanked Wesgro for its preparation and responses to the questions raised

by the Committee Members.

The Chairperson opened the floor for public comments and noted that there were no further

questions or comments from any members of the public.

Having concluded its business for the day, the meeting adjourned at 13h45.

MS C MURRAY, MPP

CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES AND

**TOURISM** 

DATE: 22 November 2022

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