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Western Cape Provincial Parliament
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES AND TOURISM

Wednesday, 26 October 2022

Hybrid: In person in the Committee Room 2, 4th Floor, 7 Wale Street and Virtual Meeting via MS Teams

ATTENDANCE

Members:

Democratic Alliance

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

African National Congress

Nkondlo, N

Alternate

Makamba-Botya, N (EFF)

Absent

Brinkhuis, G (Al-Jama-ah)

The following persons were in attendance:

Provincial Treasury

Ms C Horton, Economist: Fiscal Policy
Mr M Booyen, Acting Chief Director: Public Policy Services
Ms S Robinson, Chief Director: Public Policy Services

Nexus Forensic Services

Ms N Hayward, Senior Consultant

Mr J Maluleka, Senior Consultant

Western Cape Provincial Parliament:

Ms Z Adams, Procedural Officer

Ms L Cloete, Senior Procedural Officer

Ms N Mshumpela, Committee Assistant

Mr J Vermeulen, Senior Procedural Officer

1. Welcome, Attendance and other

The Chairperson welcomed the officials from Provincial Treasury, the service providers from Nexus Forensic Services, Members and members of the public to the meeting.

The Chairperson informed the Committee and members of the public that the presentation on the candidates nominated to fill the vacancy on the Western Cape Gambling and Racing Board (the Board) would be open to public as the presentation did not contain any personal information about the candidates.

The Chairperson also indicated that the probity outcomes of the candidates who were nominated to be appointed to the Board would also be presented to the Committee, however, this report contained personal details about the candidates, including information about their families, bank details, and home ownership details and addresses. The Chairperson indicated that Members should resolve whether this section of the meeting should be closed to the public (held in-camera), given the sensitive and private nature of the information contained in the probity reports. The Members agreed that this part of the meeting should be closed.

The Chairperson noted the Rules of Engagement for virtual meetings and proceeded with the agenda items below.

2. Briefing by the Provincial Treasury on the process to fill the vacancy on the Western Cape Gambling and Racing Board

Ms Horton briefed the Committee on the subject at hand, breaking down the qualifications of the candidates that were nominated for possible appointment to the Western Cape Gambling and Racing Board (the Board), and expertise required on the current Board.

The Committee discussed the information presented by the Provincial Treasury. The Committee noted that there were a number of outstanding information concerning candidates that still needed to be obtained by the Department or the Service Provider.

3. Briefing by Nexus Forensic Services on the Probity Outcomes of Candidates

Ms Hayward briefed the Committee on the probity outcomes of the candidates. The Committee held a brief discussion on the report.

This session of the meeting was held in-camera, therefore, in accordance with Standing Rule 74 of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament's Standing Rules, the proceedings of this matter cannot be divulged or published.

4. Discussion on the Resolutions to be included in the Committee's Report on the 2021/22 Annual Report Deliberations that took place on 19 October 2022

The Committee deliberated on the resolutions, recommendations and requests for information to be included in the Committee's report on the 2021/22 Annual Reports of the Department of Economic Development and Tourism and its Entities; Saldanha Bay IDZ Licencing Company SOC Ltd (Freeport Saldanha IDZ), Wesgro and Atlantis SEZ.

The resolutions were included in the Committee's final report.

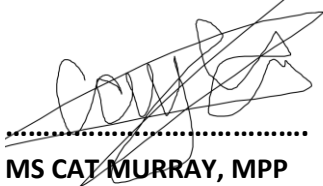
5. Resolutions/Actions

5.1 The Committee RESOLVED the following:

- 5.1.1 To proceed with interviewing candidates, who were nominated for possible appointment to the Western Cape Gambling and Racing Board, on 11 November 2022 on condition that the outstanding information (this includes outstanding employment records, tax certificates, MIE and the conclusion on the debt review matter) could be provided by the Provincial Treasury or the Service Provider to the Committee by 1 November 2022;
- 5.1.2 That the Provincial Treasury provide a legal opinion on (a) what it means to be of good financial standing and what is required thereof, and (b) what the implications are for sourcing outstanding information from candidates at this point of the process, and whether this prejudices the other candidates who have submitted information timeously;
- 5.1.3 That the Provincial Treasury should provide a question and answer guide for the interviews, should they take place;
- 5.1.4 To send the Members' score sheets to the Minister along with the Report on the Nominations of Candidates for Appointment to the Western Cape Gambling and Racing Board, if the Committee chooses to proceed with the interviews;
- 5.1.5 To hold the interviews in-camera so that there is no unfair advantage for candidates that would be interviewed after the first candidate;
- 5.1.6 Each interview would be 30 minutes in length, followed by a ten-minute discussion period, and the Committee would meet for 45 minutes prior to the interviews to discuss and finalise the interview questions; and

5.1.7 To invite the National Treasury to brief the Committee on the new instruction notes that seem to be a challenge in terms of procurement harmonisation between the National Treasury and Provincial Treasury.

The meeting adjourned at 11:48.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cat Murray', is written over a horizontal dotted line.

MS CAT MURRAY, MPP

CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES AND TOURISM

DATE: 22 November 2023