



Wes-Kaapse Provinsiale Parlement
Western Cape Provincial Parliament
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES AND TOURISM

Monday, 13 March 2023, 08:00 – 10:00
Virtual via MS Teams

ATTENDANCE

Members:

Democratic Alliance

Murray, C (Chairperson)

Sileku, I

Van der Westhuizen, A

Al Jama-Ah

Brinkhuis, G

Absent

Nkondlo, N (ANC)

The following persons were in attendance:

Provincial Treasury

Mr M Booyesen, Director: Fiscal Policy

Ms S Robinson, Chief Director: Public Policy

Nexus Forensic Services

Mr F Labuschagne, Director

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 welcomed the officials from the Provincial Treasury, the service provider 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 the public as the presentation did not contain any personal information about the candidates.

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

Mr Booysen 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 the expertise required on the current Board.

The Committee discussed the information presented by the Provincial Treasury.

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

The Chairperson indicated that the probity outcomes of the candidates who were nominated to be appointed to the Board would be presented to the Committee.

Member van der Westhuizen noted that these reports contained personal details about the candidates and proposed that this part of the meeting be held in-camera (closed to the public).

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.

Mr Labuschagne 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. Resolutions/Actions

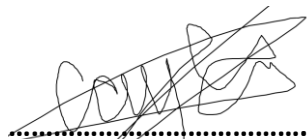
4.1 The Committee RESOLVED the following:

- 4.1.1 To proceed with interviewing candidates, who were nominated for possible appointment to the Western Cape Gambling and Racing Board, on 24 March 2023;
- 4.1.2 To send the Members' scoresheets to the Minister along with the Report on the Nominations of Candidates for Appointment to the Western Cape Gambling and Racing Board; and
- 4.1.3 To hold the interviews in-camera so that there is no unfair advantage for candidates that would be interviewed after the first candidate.

4.2 The Committee REQUESTED that the Provincial Treasury provides the following:

- 4.2.1 A question-and-answer guide for the interviews, by 17 March 2023;
 - 4.2.2 The hardcopy and electronic files on the candidates, by 17 March 2023;
 - 4.2.3 A report on the attendance of the current WCGR Board Members who applied to fill the vacancies on the Board;
 - 4.2.4 The legal opinion, which states that the Provincial Treasury cannot start with the filling of upcoming vacancies until a vacancy has arisen;
 - 4.2.5 A brief report on the legislative changes that were needed to allow the Provincial Treasury to start with the filling of vacancies before the final date of members' retirement;
 - 4.2.6 A legal opinion on the implications of having a four-year term as the norm for the WCGR Board, and an additional fifth year as an extension, taking into consideration the cost of recruitment, the lengthy process of appointment and the need for continuity on the Board; and
 - 4.2.7 A performance report for each of the current Board members who applied to fill the upcoming vacancies.
- 4.3 The Committee RECOMMENDED that the Provincial Treasury consider the matter of quorum for the WCGR Board, which was more than 50% plus one (5 out of 7 Board members were required to be present at meetings to be quorate).

The meeting adjourned at 09:55.



MS CAT MURRAY, MPP

CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES AND TOURISM

DATE: 23 June 2023