

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

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES AND TOURISM

Wednesday, 10 February 2021 (10h00) Virtual Meeting via MS Teams

ATTENDANCE

Members:

Democratic Alliance

Baartman, D (Chairperson) Mitchell, D Van der Westhuizen, A

African National Congress

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Alternate Members

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

The following persons were in attendance:

Western Cape Provincial Parliament:

Ms Z Adams, Procedural Officer
Ms L Cloete, Senior Procedural Officer
Ms S Jones, Procedural Officer

1. Welcome and attendance

The Chairperson welcomed the Members that were present, and briefly explained the rules of engagement for virtual meetings.

Consideration and adoption of the Draft Committee Report on the Economic/Energy/Tourism Visit Week in Mossel Bay and George, from 2 to 6 November 2020

The Chairperson submitted the Draft Report for consideration and adoption by the Committee. The Chairperson also requested that Members provide input on the resolutions to be included in the Draft Report.

Members agreed on resolutions, recommendations and requests for information to be included in the Draft Report.

The Committee considered and adopted the Draft Report with additional resolutions.

3. Consideration and adoption of the Draft Committee Minutes for July to November 2020

The Committee considered and adopted the draft Committee Minutes of 21 and 26 August 2020, 9 and 11 September 2020, 7 and 15 October 2020, and both draft minutes of 27 November 2020 (11h00 and 12h00). The draft minutes of 21 August and 11 September 2020 were adopted with amendments, while the rest were adopted without amendments.

4. Committee Business

Africa Energy Indaba

The Chairperson informed the Committee that the Africa Energy Indaba would take place virtually from 1 to 5 February 2021, as explained in the previous Committee Meeting on 3 February 2021. A few Members were concerned that they would not be able to attend the Indaba the entire week as they also had other parliamentary activities to attend to during that week, and therefore, they were weary of committing to the conference given the financial implications.

The Chairperson informed the Committee that the Procedural Officer had confirmed with the Indaba's event coordinator that the sessions would be screened live from 1 to 5 February 2021, but if Members missed any sessions, they would be able to access those recorded sessions during the entire month of March 2021.

Members expressed interest in attending the conference since their concerns were addressed.

The Chairperson further indicated that one of the challenges that needed to be addressed was the proof of attendance at the conference. A suggestion was made that screenshots be used to prove that Members have accessed the conference sessions.

Western Cape Nineteenth Gambling and Racing Amendment Bill

The Chairperson informed the Committee that the WCPP Legal Adviser, Adv. R Maasdorp, and the Department of the Premier's legal Adviser, Ms A Muller, both assigned to the Western Cape Nineteenth Gambling and Racing Amendment Bill [B 1 - 2020] (the Bill), had submitted a report on their common ground and differences on the Bill. This was requested following the Committee's brief discussion on the Bill on 10 December 2020. The Report was forwarded to Members, and the Members were requested to read the Report and submit any additional questions to the Procedural Officer by Friday, 19

February 2021. These questions would then be forwarded to the legal advisers and respective Provincial Treasury officials for response by 5 March 2021. The Committee would then meet on the Report and subsequent information in the second or third week of March 2021 to decide on a way forward.

5. Resolutions/Actions

The Committee RESOLVED that the Procedural Officer would communicate to the Members via email regarding whether the use of screenshots, for the purpose of proving evidence of attendance at the Africa Energy Indaba, would be sufficient and proper for audit purposes.

The meeting adjourned at 11h17.

ADV D BAARTMAN, MPP

CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES

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DATE: 31 March 2021