



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

STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES AND TOURISM

Friday, 21 August 2020 (at 08:00), Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

PRESENT

Democratic Alliance

Maseko, M (Alternate)
Mitchell, D
Van der Westhuizen, A (Acting Chairperson)

African National Congress

Nkondlo, N

Economic Freedom Fighters

Makamba-Botya, N

Apology

Baartman, D (Chairperson)(DA)

PERSONS IN ATTENDANCE

Provincial Treasury

Dr N Nleya, Director: Fiscal Policy
Ms C Horten, Economist: Fiscal Policy
Dr R Havemann, Deputy Director-General: Fiscal and Economic Services

Candidates

Ms L Venter
Ms C Fani
Mr D Lakay
Dr P Du Plessis
Dr P Voges
Mr C Philander

1. Opening and Welcome

The Procedural Officer informed the Committee that the Chairperson, Adv D Baartman, had rendered an apology and was unable to chair the interviews and discussions. In accordance with Standing Rule 82(3), which states that “in the absence of the chairperson from a meeting the committee must elect one of its members to be acting chairperson at that meeting”, the Procedural Officer requested nominations of members for Acting Chairperson. Member D Mitchell (DA) nominated Member A van der Westhuizen as Acting Chairperson. Member M Maseko (DA), standing in for Member Baartman, seconded the nomination of Member van der Westhuizen for Acting Chairperson. There were no further nominations and Member van der Westhuizen was duly elected as Acting Chairperson of the Committee.

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance. The Chairperson reminded the Committee that resolved resolutions was taken at the meeting of 12 August 2020 that the discussions leading up to the interviews and the interviews themselves, would be closed to the public. The Committee noted this and agreed with the Chairperson.

In accordance with Standing Rule 74 of the Standing Rules of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament, which speaks to “Publication of Proceedings”, “The proceedings of or the evidence taken by or the report of a committee, while its proceedings were conducted *in camera*, or a summary of such proceedings, evidence or report, may not be published or divulged before the report has been printed on the authority of the Speaker or by order of the House, provided that evidence which such a committee has resolved may not be made public, may not be published or divulged.”.

2. Discussion and agreement on the interview questions to be posed to the candidates interviewing for possible appointment to the Western Cape Gambling and Racing Board

The Committee agreed on the interview questions that the candidates would be asked, and that the Chairperson would direct all the questions to candidates. The Committee also agreed that the Members would be allowed to pose follow-up questions to candidates.

The Committee commenced with the interviews.

3. Candidate Interviews

The Committee RESOLVED to conduct the interviews in-camera, as per Standing Rule 72, as they did not want the interview process to be compromised.

The Committee proceeded to interview the candidates.

An urgent legal opinion was requested due to a matter raised by Member N Makamba-Botya (EFF) regarding a foreign property that was not declared by one of the candidates on their tax income. The legal advice sought was whether this constituted non-compliance in terms of the prescripts of the Western Cape Gambling and Racing Act, 1996 (Act 4 of 1996). Adv R Maasdorp, Legal Adviser of Western Cape Provincial Parliament, addressed the concerns raised by the Committee.

The Committee, having interviewed these candidates, recommended the following candidates, in alphabetical order:

For the first immediate/current vacancy:

- Ms Chuma Fani
- Mr David Lakay
- Dr Prieur Du Plessis
- Ms Lizanne Venter
- Dr Pierre Voges

For the vacancy arising in December 2020:

- Ms Chuma Fani
- Mr David Lakay
- Dr Prieur Du Plessis
- Ms Lizanne Venter
- Dr Pierre Voges

For the first future vacancy arising in May 2021:

- Ms Chuma Fani
- Mr David Lakay
- Dr Prieur Du Plessis
- Ms Lizanne Venter
- Dr Pierre Voges

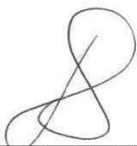
4. Consideration and Adoption of the Draft Committee Report on the Recommendations of Candidates for Appointment to the Western Cape Gambling and Racing Board

The Committee considered and adopted the draft Committee Report on the Recommendations of Candidates for Appointment to the Western Cape Gambling and Racing Board.

Minority View:

In terms of Standing Rule 90, the Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) expressed its minority view not to support the Report, as it felt that the shortlisting of candidates was a flawed process and that the Committee acted outside its mandate. Additionally, the EFF felt that one of the candidates was non-compliant as the person did not include one of their foreign properties in their tax income.

The Committee adjourned at 16:18.



**MR A VAN DER WESTHUIZEN, MPP
ACTING CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES AND
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