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Western Cape Provincial Parliament  
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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND  
DEVELOPMENT PLANNING**

*Tuesday, 27 August 2024 (at 09:00), Chamber, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Legislature Building*

**PRESENT**

**Members**

**Democratic Alliance**

Bryant, D W (Chairperson)  
Masipa, N P  
Johnson, P  
Wessels, D J

**African National Congress**

Stoffel, B N

**Patriotic Alliance**

Constable, N

**Freedom Front Plus**

Marais, G P

**Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning**

Mr A Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning  
Mr G Gerber, Head of Department  
Mr A Gaffoor, Director: Strategic and Operational Support (acting CD Management Support)  
Mr J Fritz, Director Finance / Chief Financial Officer  
Mr A Mohamed, Chief Director: Environmental Governance, Policy Coordination and Enforcement  
Mr P Hardcastle, Director: Planning and Policy Coordination  
Mr A Bassier, Director: Environmental Law Enforcement  
Ms J Keet, Acting Director: Environmental Governance  
Ms K Shippey, Chief Director: Environmental Sustainability  
Mr R Mukanya, Director: Sustainability  
Mr G Isaacs, Director: Climate Change  
Ms M Laros, Director: Biodiversity and Coastal Management  
Mr G Arendse, Chief Director: Environmental Quality

Dr J Leaner, Director: Air Quality  
Mr S Haider, Director: Waste Management  
Ms N Davis Wolmarans, Director: Pollution and Chemicals Management  
Mr F Mabusela, Chief Director: Development Planning  
Mr Z Toefy, Director Development Management Region 1  
Mr K Munro, Director Development Management Region 2  
Ms T Jordan, Director Development Facilitation  
Ms H Jacobs, Director: Development Planning, Intelligence Management and Research

## **CapeNature**

Dr A Naidoo, Chief Executive Officer  
Mr M Bhayat, Chief Financial Officer  
Ms N Hayward, Executive Director: Conservation Operations  
Ms C Birss, Executive Director: Biodiversity Capabilities  
Mr S Ismail, Executive Director: Eco-Tourism and Access  
Mr B Barnes, General Manager: Strategy, Governance and Risk

### **The following persons were in attendance:**

Mr J Coetzee, Procedural Officer  
Ms S Niekerk, Procedural Officer  
Ms N Mshumpela, Committee Assistant  
Ms C Morris, ICT Support  
Mr S Hassan, ICT Support

#### **1. Opening and Welcome**

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed the members of the Committee, the Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, the Head of Department, the Departmental officials and CapeNature.

#### **2. Briefing by the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning**

The Minister made opening remarks after which Mr Gerber briefed the Committee on the Department's 2024/25 Annual Performance Plan, organisational structure, mission, vision, core functions, key programmes and envisaged legislation.

The Committee deliberated.

#### **3. Briefing by CapeNature**

Dr Naidoo briefed the Committee on CapeNature's 2024/25 Annual Performance Plan, organisational structure, mission, vision, core functions, and programmes.

The Committee deliberated.

#### **4. Resolutions**

The Committee RESOLVED that it would:

- 4.1 Communicate with the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism, requesting that, as lead committee, it considers organising a joint meeting with the Standing Committee on Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning to receive a briefing from the Department of Agriculture on land reform matters to ensure that land is made available to poorer communities for farming;
- 4.2 Request the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning to brief the Committee on the integration of legislation and law reform, assessing whether these efforts will lead to stronger laws to protect the environment against the illegal occupation of land; and
- 4.3 Request the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning to brief the Committee on their role in environmental education and the extent of their collaboration with other stakeholders.

## **5. Adoption of Minutes**

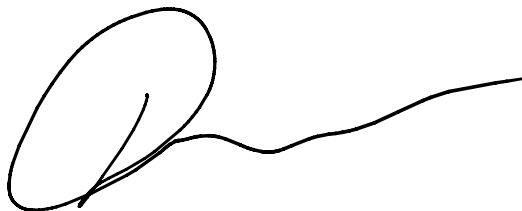
The Chairperson submitted the Draft Committee Minutes of 6 August 2024, which were considered.

Mr Masipa moved: That the Draft Committee Minutes be adopted.

Mr Marais seconded the motion to adopt the Minutes.

Agreed to.

The meeting adjourned at 12:31.

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**MR D BRYANT, MPP**

**CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING**