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**MEETING MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE PREMIER AND CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS**  
**Tuesday 11 March 2025**  
**Hybrid: MS Teams and Chamber, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, 7 Wale Street, Cape Town**

## **PRESENT**

### **Members:**

#### **Democratic Alliance**

Kaizer-Philander W  
Van Minnen B (Chairperson)  
Van Wyk L  
Walters T

#### **African National Congress**

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## **GOOD**

Herron B

#### **Patriotic Alliance**

Stephens D

#### **Western Cape Provincial Parliament**

Mitchell D, Speaker  
Adams R, Secretary  
Titus V, Director: Institutional Enablement  
Petersen N, Chief Financial Officer  
Jawoodien D, Manager: Finance  
Stemele L, Director: Parliamentary Services  
Sassman M, Manager: Committees  
Uys J, Senior Parliamentary Adviser  
Le Roux, A, Senior Legal Adviser  
Vermeulen, J, Senior Procedural Officer  
Achmat W, Procedural Officer  
Mshumpela N, Committee Assistant  
Morris C, ICT Support  
Hassen S, ICT Support

## **Public attendance**

Jacobs R, ANC head of office

### **1. Welcome**

The Chairperson opened the meeting, welcoming the Speaker, Committee Members and officials from the Western Cape Provincial Parliament.

### **2. Briefing by the Western Cape Provincial Parliament on the Western Cape Amendment Bill (Determination of Number of Members) [B6 – 2023]**

The Speaker and officials from the Western Cape Provincial Parliament briefed the Committee on the subject at hand.

The current number of seats (42) was determined in 1999 when the population was 3.9 million. The population has since grown to 7.4 million, justifying a review of the number of seats.

Adv Le Roux explained that in the 6<sup>th</sup> Parliament the previous Committee considered various options for increasing the number of seats, including a formulaic approach (e.g., one seat per 100,000 residents) and a substitution approach (replacing the current number with a new fixed number).

The financial implications of increasing the number of seats were discussed, with costs ranging from R23 million for 6 additional seats to R101 million for 30 additional seats over a three-year period.

The Committee acknowledged the fiscal constraints but emphasised the need to balance financial considerations with the need for effective representation, oversight and law-making.

The Chairperson thanked the WCPP for its preparation and responses to the questions raised by the Committee members.

### **3. Resolutions/Actions**

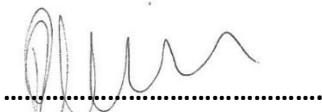
- 3.1 The Committee resolved to proceed with the process of deliberating on the Western Cape Constitutional Amendment Bill and the potential increase in seats.
- 3.2 The Committee further requested that the WCPP provide the following information, by 28 March 2025, that will inform the Committee's further deliberations:
  - 3.2.1 A written legal opinion on the effective date for implementing seat changes.
  - 3.2.2 A comparative analysis of cost implications from other legislatures that have increased their seats. This information should include how other provinces funded their seat increases, including contributions from National Treasury.
- 3.3 The Committee resolved that it would request the Department of the Premier to present on the Provincial Strategic Plan 2025-2030 and the Energy Resilience Plan at a future date.

Member Herron objected to the resolution to proceed with the process of deliberating on the Western Cape Constitutional Amendment Bill, citing that the Committee was in any event proceeding with the process of deliberating on the Bill and that it did not require a resolution in this regard. He further mentioned that the Committee could ask for the information that it required from the WCPP without stating that it resolved to proceed with its deliberations, since it was obliged to proceed regardless.

**4. Consideration and adoption of the Draft Committee Meeting Minutes of 14 February 2025**

The Chairperson submitted the Draft Committee Minutes of the meetings held on 14 February 2025, which were considered and adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 11:24.



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**MS B VAN MINNEN, MPP**

**CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE PREMIER AND CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS**

**DATE: 25 March 2025**