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Western Cape Provincial Parliament  
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MEETING MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE PREMIER AND CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS  
Tuesday 25 March 2025  
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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**Patriotic Alliance**

Stephens D

**Apology**

Herron B – GOOD

**Western Cape Provincial Parliament**

Vermeulen, J, Senior Procedural Officer

Achmat W, Procedural Officer

Mshumpela N, Committee Assistant

Morris C, ICT Support

**1. Welcome**

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed the Committee members.

**2. Discussion on the Public Administration Management Amendment Bill [B10B–2023] (Sec 76)  
and the Public Service Amendment Bill [B13B–2023] (Sec 76) bill**

The Chairperson updated the Committee on the status of the two bills, noting that a briefing from the Department of Public Service and Administration (DPSA) was received on 22 November 2024. The

Committee also received the programme from the National Council of Provinces (NCOP) on 24 March 2024.

Given the tight timeline, with the Negotiating Mandate due on 13 May 2025, the Chairperson suggested holding virtual public hearings on 25 April 2025. This would ensure meeting the deadline for submitting the Negotiating Mandate.

The Committee discussed this proposal.

### **3. Discussion on the process to appoint a Western Cape Commissioner for Children**

The Chairperson presented on the process related to the appointment of a Commissioner, after which the following key points regarding the appointment of the next Western Cape Commissioner for Children was discussed:

#### **3.1 Legal Framework and role clarification**

- 3.1.1** The appointment process must comply with the Western Cape Commissioner for Children Act and the provincial constitution.
- 3.1.2** The Commissioner's role includes advising government, monitoring children's rights, and influencing policy.

#### **3.2 Nominations process**

- 3.2.1** 61 nominations were received, 44 nominees accepted the nomination, 16 nominees did not respond to communication requesting whether they accept or declined the nomination, and 1 nominee declined the nomination.
- 3.2.2** Nominees submitted CVs, IDs, qualifications, and references.
- 3.2.3** A public objection period is underway, however objections will only be considered after shortlisting.

#### **3.3 Shortlisting and interview criteria**

The 2019 scoring framework will serve as the baseline, with potential adjustments.

- 3.3.1** Key criteria include mandatory qualifications: South African citizenship; expertise in children's rights, human rights, or public policy; and no political/state employment at the time of the appointment.
- 3.3.2** Scoring categories:
  - 3.3.2.1** Academic qualifications (e.g., law, social work).
  - 3.3.2.2** Fit and proper status (integrity, criminal/credit checks).
  - 3.3.2.3** Practical experience (child advocacy, research).

#### **3.4 New considerations:**

- 3.4.1** Review of social media/public statements for relevance to the role.
- 3.4.2** Structured interviews to assess suitability.

### **4. Resolutions/Actions**

4.1 Relating to the Public Service Amendment Bill [B 13B–2023] and the Public Administration Management Amendment Bill [B 10B–2023] (S76) (NCOP) the Committee resolved:

- 4.1.1 To hold virtual public hearings due to time constraints and because the bills were not contentious.
- 4.1.2 That the bills will be advertised in English, Afrikaans, and isiXhosa (in the Cape Times/Argus, Burger and Vukani) and through the Western Cape Provincial Parliament communications unit and the Public Outreach Unit.
- 4.1.3 That written comments would be accepted until 24 April 2025.

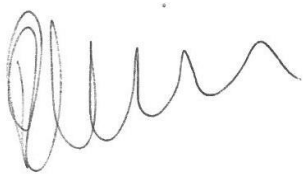
4.2 The Committee resolved the following relating to the process regarding the appointment of a Commissioner for Children:

- 4.2.1 To hold a workshop on 2 April 2025 to finalise the shortlisting criteria.
- 4.2.2 Members must submit their individual shortlists after which the Committee would finalise the shortlist on 8 April.
- 4.2.3 Interviews would be conducted from 15 – 17 April 2025.
- 4.2.4 The Committee will report its recommendations to the House by 24 April 2025.
- 4.2.5 Nominees who missed the submission deadline for CVs, IDs, and references will be excluded from the process.
- 4.2.6 The Chairperson would confirm whether the Committee budget could be used to cover expenses for members during the interview period as the interviews would occur in Cape Town during the Constituency period..

## **5. Consideration and adoption of the draft minutes of the Committee meeting of 11 March 2025**

The Chairperson submitted the draft minutes of the Committee meeting that was held on 11 March 2025, which were considered and adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 09:53.



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**MS B VAN MINNEN, MPP**

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

**DATE: 25 March 2025**