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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

*Tuesday 17 March 2026 (at 09:00)
Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams*

PRESENT

Members

Democratic Alliance

Bryant, DW
Masipa, NP (Chairperson)
Mbombo, N
Wessels, DJ
Van Wyk, LD (Additional)

African National Congress

Nkondlo, ND

Patriotic Alliance

Adams, BM

Al Jama-ah

Brinkhuis, G

The following persons were in attendance:

Ministry of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism

Dr I Meyer, Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism
Ms M van Jaarsveld, Head of Ministry
Mr D Johnson, Media Officer

Department of Economic Development and Tourism

Ms J Johnston, Head of Department
Ms I Van Schalkwyk, Acting Deputy Director-General - Sector Economic Activation and Development
Mr N Joseph, Chief Director - Skills Development
Mr T Parle, Chief Director - Digital Economy
Mr T Chipeya, Director - Research
Mr H Jonker, Director - Industrial Coordination
Ms O Dyers, Director - Digital Leadership
Ms F Dharsey, Director - Municipal Economic Support

Ms R Loghdey, Director - Skills Incentives
 Ms M Parker, Director - Provincial Skills Partnership
 Ms C Julies, Director - Strategic and Operational Support
 Mr D Halim, Director - Economic Development Integration
 Ms C Van Niekerk, Acting Director- Skills Programmes and Projects
 Ms S Daniels-Robertson, Deputy Director - Office of the Head of Department
 Mr R Le Breton, Deputy Director - Management Accounting
 Ms C Titus, Assistant Director - Office of the HOD
 Ms A Razak, State Accountant
 Mr A Jacobs, State Accountant

Wesgro

Ms W Stander, Chief Executive Officer
 Mr S Gcwabe, Chief Financial Officer
 Ms G Darries, Chief of Staff

Freeport Saldanha Industrial Development Zone

Mr X Sithole, Acting Chief Executive Officer
 Mr H Boneschans, Chief Financial Officer

Atlantis Special Economic Zone

Mr M Cullinan, Chief Executive Officer
 Ms W Saib, Chief Financial Officer
 Ms F Brand, Company Secretary

WCPP Officials

Ms S Niekerk, Procedural Officer
 Ms N Mshumpela, Committee Assistant
 Ms S Hassam, Information Technology Assistant

1. Opening and welcome

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed the members of the Committee, the Minister, Head of Department, the Chief Executive Officers of the respective entities, departmental officials, and those who were watching the live proceedings on YouTube.

2. Deliberation on Vote 12: Economic Development and Tourism, in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 1–2026]

The Department briefed the Committee on Vote 12 in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 1–2026].

The Committee deliberated after which it agreed to support the Vote. The African National Congress and Al-Jam-ah did not support the Vote.

3. Consideration and adoption of Draft Committee Report on Vote 12: Economic Development and Tourism, in the Schedule to the Western Cape Appropriation Bill [B 1–2026]

Upon conclusion of its deliberations the Chairperson submitted a Draft Report. The African National Congress and Al-Jam-ah requested that their minority view be included in the Report, after which the Report was considered and adopted.

4. Resolutions

- 4.1 The Committee RESOLVED that it would invite:
- 4.1.1 The Department of Economic Development and Tourism to, prior to the next budget adjustment, brief it on its strategy to strengthen provincial industrial capability, including alignment with municipal economies, job creation and skills development, and the extent to which current budgeting supports these objectives;
 - 4.1.2 Wesgro to brief it on its funding requirements and to clarify the apparent misalignment or communication gaps with the Department of Economic Development and Tourism;
 - 4.1.3 Freeport Saldanha and the Department of Economic Development and Tourism to brief it on the status of the Saldanha Bay Industrial Development Zone, including progress on green hydrogen initiatives, associated risks and costs, and the consideration of alternative or complementary renewable energy opportunities; and
 - 4.1.4 Wesgro and the Department of Economic Development and Tourism to brief it on the effects of the Middle East conflict on tourism, trade and investment.
- 4.2 The Committee RECOMMENDED that Provincial Treasury considers reviewing and, where feasible, increasing the budget allocation to Wesgro, including exploring the use of provincial reserves, to strengthen trade and investment initiatives in response to current global economic conditions.

5. General

- 5.1 The Chairperson highlighted the ongoing construction at Cape Town International Airport and proposed that the Committee be briefed on its timelines and potential impact on visitors and tourism.

In light of this, the Committee RESOLVED that it would invite the Airports Company South Africa and Wesgro to brief it on the construction at Cape Town International Airport, including project timelines and its anticipated impact on tourism.

- 5.2 Member Nkondlo expressed support for Minister's Meyers recommendation that the Committee considers undertaking an international study visit to African countries with strong economic growth and mutual trade opportunities, including insights on the informal economy, tourism, and investment, so that lessons can be applied to benefit both the Western Cape and the continent.

The Chairperson informed the Committee that he has a planned meeting with the Deputy Speaker responsible for international relations and that, following that meeting, he will provide feedback to the Committee regarding the Committee's request for a proposed international study visit and related international opportunities.

6. Closing

The Chairperson expressed his appreciation to the members, the Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism, the Head of Department, the Chief Executive Officers of

the respective entities and departmental officials for their contribution to the success of the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'NP Masipa', written in a cursive style.

MR NP MASIPA, MPP

**CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
TOURISM**

Date: 12 May 2026