

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF WITZENBERG MUNICIPALITY, HELD IN THE TOWN HALL, VOORTREKKER STREET, CERES ON THURSDAY, 14 DECEMBER 2023 AT 09:00**

**PRESENT**

Councillor EM Sidego (DA) (Speaker)  
Councillor TE Abrahams (DA) (Executive Mayor)  
Councillor GG Laban (Witzenberg Aksie) (Executive Deputy Mayor)  
Alderman K Adams (DA)  
Councillor P Daniels (DA)  
Councillor S de Bruin (DA)  
Councillor GJ Franse (DA)  
Councillor JP Fredericks (FF Plus)  
Councillor LA Hardnek (Witzenberg Party)  
Alderman HJ Smit  
Councillor D Swart  
Alderman JJ Visagie

**Officials**

Mr D Nasson (Municipal Manager)  
Mr HJ Kritzing (Director: Finance)  
Mr J Kolkota (Deputy Director: Finance)  
Mr M Mpeluza (Director: Corporate Services)  
Ms L Nieuwenhuis (Manager: Properties and Legal Services)  
Mr CG Wessels (Manager: Administration)  
Ms M Arendse-Smith (Chief Administrative Officer)  
Mr CJ Titus (Committee Clerk)  
Ms M Prins (Word Processor Operator)  
Mr J Pieterse (Senior ICT Officer)  
Mr M Njokweni (Interpreter)

**Other attendees**

Mr D O'Neill (Municipal Manager: Overstrand Municipality)  
(Designated by Minister to chair meeting)

Dr A Karsten (Department of Local Government: Western Cape Government)

Mr M Sigasa (Department of Local Government: Western Cape Government)

**1. OPENING AND WELCOME / OPENING EN VERWELKOMING**

The Chairperson, Mr Dean O'Neill, opened the meeting and informed Council that he had been designated by Minister Anton Bredell, MEC for Local Government: Western Cape, to chair the meeting. The letter from Minister Bredell is attached as **annexure 1**.

**NOTED**

**2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE AND CONFIDENTIALITY AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION**

**2.1 Consideration of application for leave of absence, if any  
(3/1/2/1)**

An application for leave of absence from the meeting was received from Councillor AL Gili.

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

*that all applications for leave of absence from the meeting will be held in abeyance until the next meeting.*

**2.2 Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest Declaration  
(3/2/1)**

The Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest Declaration was duly signed by all Councillors. No conflict of interest was declared.

**NOTED**

**3. MOTIONS AND NOTICE OF SUGGESTIONS**

**3.1 Request for withdrawal of motion of no confidence in Speaker and Executive Mayor  
(3/2/2)**

A letter dated 11 December 2023, requesting the withdrawal of all motions submitted before 11 December 2023, is attached as **annexure 3.1**.

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

*that the request for the withdrawal of all motions, submitted before 11 December 2023, be approved and accepted.*

**3.2 Motion: No confidence and removal of Speaker from office  
(3/2/2)**

A request, dated 11 December 2023, for an urgent meeting to table a motion of no confidence and the removal of the Speaker from office is attached as **annexure 3.2**.

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

*that the motion of no confidence and the removal of the Speaker from office be approved and accepted.*

**3.3 Election of a Speaker  
(3/1/1/4)**

Alderman JJ Visagie proposed and Councillor P Daniels seconded that Councillor EM Sidego be elected as the Speaker of Witzenberg Municipality.

There were no further nominations.

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

*that Councillor EM Sidego unopposed be elected as the Speaker of Witzenberg Municipality.*

**3.4 Acceptance speech by the Speaker  
(03/1/1/4)**

The Speaker delivered an acceptance speech which is attached as **annexure 3.4**.

**NOTED**

**3.5 Handing over the chair to the Speaker  
(3/1/1/4)**

The Speaker took over the chair to preside over the meeting.

**NOTED**

**3.6 Motion: No confidence and removal of Executive Mayor from office  
(3/2/2)**

A request, dated 11 December 2023, for an urgent meeting to table a motion of no confidence and the removal of the Executive Mayor from office is attached as **annexure 3.6**.

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

*that the motion of no confidence and the removal of the Executive Mayor from office be approved and accepted.*

**3.7 Election of Executive Mayor  
(3/1/1/4)**

Alderman JJ Visagie proposed and Councillor P Daniels seconded that Councillor TE Abrahams be elected as the Executive Mayor of Witzenberg Municipality.

There were no further nominations.

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

*that Councillor TE Abrahams unopposed be elected as the Executive Mayor of Witzenberg Municipality.*

**3.8 Acceptance speech by the Executive Mayor  
(03/1/1/4)**

The Executive Mayor delivered an acceptance speech which is attached as **annexure 3.8**.

**NOTED**

**4. OTHER MATTERS**

The Speaker announced that the Council meeting scheduled for 14 December 2023 at 14:00, has been cancelled.

The next Council meeting will be held in the Town Hall, Voortrekker Street, Ceres on Wednesday, 20 December 2023 at 10:00.

**NOTED**

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 09:30.

Approved on 26 July 2024 without amendments.

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**COUNCILLOR EM SIDE GO**  
**SPEAKER**

*MJ Prins*