

PARLIAMENT

MPs back Bawa's refusal to recuse herself

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THE Section 194 Committee yesterday accepted the decision by evidence leader Advocate Nazreen Bawa not to recuse herself from the inquiry into the fitness of Public Protector Busiswe Mkhwebane to hold office.

The inquiry received a recusal application for Bawa last week from UDM leader Bantu Holomisa and Godrich Gardee Attorneys, acting on behalf of chairperson of Black People's National Crisis Committee, Chumani Maxwele.

In his letter, Holomisa said it had

come to his party's attention that Bawa was implicated in legal proceedings that called her conduct into question.

In a separate letter, Gardee said Maxwele was aware of proceedings in the Western Cape High Court where allegations were made against Bawa in June 2020, but were not substantively addressed by the legal Practice Council and the Cape Bar Counsel.

He said the records relating to Bawa's alleged misconduct were before the high court and had been resubmitted to both the legal Practice Council and Cape Bar Counsel.

Yesterday, Bawa said the complainants relied on an affidavit of

Xulu Barnabas of B Xulu & Partners Incorporated in an ongoing litigation involving the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment.

Bawa has been acting in that litigation on behalf of the department since August 2019.

She told the MPs that the complainants have no knowledge of the allegations and solely relied on whatever information they got from Xulu's affidavit. "They appear to labour under a misconception that there exists a 407-page affidavit which, in its entirety, impugns my reputation and seeks to implicate me in some sort of criminality, which I have not figured

out what, and which I have some obligation to respond (to) whether in court or in some unspecified criminal or other process."

Bawa also said she respectfully declined the invitation to recuse herself as the evidence leader before the committee as a consequence of what is occurring in those proceedings.

"I am also not a decision-maker, nor a member of this committee. The complainants have not pointed to anything done during this enquiry that warrants my removal. Of course, the decision is ultimately one the committee would inadvertently have to make," she said before delving into

details of the litigation. Holomisa said the committee had a duty to hear both sides of the story and also ask Xulu to give his version.

"She has made serious allegations of dishonesty against Xulu. The committee should not give oral presentation to the evidence leader without affording the same opportunity to those who accuse her of wrong doing," he said.

DA MP Kevin Mileham said Bawa was not the person to be investigated or take further action against.

"The allegations made by the various complainants are completely unsubstantiated," Mileham said.

POLITICS

Cracks in alliance ahead of ANC conference

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CRACKS have started showing in the ANC's tripartite alliance and its leagues in the run-up to its 55th national elective conference, expected to be held in Nasrec in December, with members disgruntled with President Cyril Ramaphosa's leadership.

The long-standing relationship between the ANC, the SACP and Cosatu was dealt a blow last month after the trade union's assertion at its 14th national congress that it would support the SACP in the 2024 general election.

If Cosatu has its way, the SACP and the ANC will for the first time contest each other, putting the Ramaphosa-led ruling party in a tight spot.

At the congress, Ramaphosa's ally ANC chairperson and Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources Gwede Mantashe, who was meant to give a message of support on behalf of the party, was jeered and booed off stage.

Cosatu and the SACP backed Ramaphosa in 2017 in a desperate move to sever ties with the Jacob Zuma faction led by Minister of Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs Dr Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma.

She was defeated, but the two are again expected to face off in the elective conference in December.

Although Cosatu, the SACP, the ANC Youth League and the ANC Women's League, including alliance partner the SA National Civic Organisation, could not divulge who they were going to support at the upcoming ANC conference, they seemed to be unhappy with the Ramaphosa-led ANC.

Speaking to the Cape Times sister newspaper, *Pretoria News* yesterday, Sanco general secretary Richard Mkhungo said: "We are not happy, but we are not in a position to outline the individual person for the current state of affairs. For now, we (as Sanco) do not have any position on who we want to become ANC president."

"But as Sanco we are not happy with the manner in which our national liberation movement has performed on a number of service delivery challenges that affect our communities."

"However, our position ... remains that we support the ANC for state power. We remain resolute until our prime structure resolves otherwise."

The ANC Youth league, which has been dissolved and has since formed a national task team to oversee the formation of a new structure, said some of its members were disgruntled with the mother body's performance.

Its spokesperson, Sizophila Mkhize said they had no position on who to support in December, but called for a youthful national executive committee that could pave the way for Minister of Justice and Correctional Services Ronald Lamola, who is expected to contest the deputy president position.

"All our members are supporting different candidates, and it hasn't been discussed in the formal meeting, so we have no standing positions."

"But there are different personal opinions of people within the structure."



FORMER President Thabo Mbeki addressed delegates at the A-WEB 5th General Assembly, which incorporated the A-WEB Executive Board Meeting and International Conference with delegates from electoral authorities around the world. | ARMAND HOUGH African News Agency (ANA)

DEMOCRACY

A-WEB conference supports inclusive approach

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DELEGATES attending the fifth General Assembly of the Association of World Election Bodies (A-WEB) international conference said that a multi-faceted and inclusive approach was needed in order to mitigate the risks presented to democracy and the integrity of elections.

The four-day conference hosted by the Electoral Commission was attended by 275 delegates from over 60 election management bodies (EMBs) at the Cape Town International Convention Centre and concluded yesterday.

A-WEB is the only global association of election management bodies. It was formed in 2013 and its General Assembly convenes every two years. It was the first time the meetings have

been held on the continent.

Addressing delegates, former President Thabo Mbeki said the vision and objective that the people shall govern, should be re-enforced.

"The focus must be on the systems that are put in place to ensure this takes place: that people are given the right and opportunity to elect their representatives."

"Nothing succeeds by default; the success of a democracy that delivers improved livelihoods for the majority of its people requires deliberate steps to be taken towards such attainment."

"One of these steps involves the processes by which the people are able to choose who should govern and how any mandate is given to, or withdrawn from those who are elected, hence the importance of this conference," said Mbeki.

The global impact of democratic

recession on electoral processes, the performance of EMBs, public participation, and overall election integrity were also deliberated at the meeting.

Professor Larry Diamond from Stanford University said the causes of democratic recession are as a result of the weak rule of law and weak political institutions.

"Strengthen the civic ecosystem around free and fair elections, reform and strengthen the apparatus of the state to combat corruption, revive public commitment to democratic norms and combat political polarisation," he said.

The Electoral Commission of Colombia was elected as vice-chairperson of A-WEB.

They will assume the role of chairperson for the world body in 2024 when South Africa's term of office concludes.

EXPENDITURE

Claim that Kannaland Municipality owes law firm nearly R2m

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LOCAL Government MEC Anton Bredell has expressed concern following a report that the Kannaland Municipality owes a law firm nearly R2 million in legal fees.

It is alleged that an amount of R1 831 621 remains outstanding for legal representation on behalf of two current councillors, and the former Kannaland Independent Party (KIP) speaker, Rodge Albertus.

Alleged fruitless and wasteful expenditure was discovered following the recent legal battle between the municipality and Bredell at the Western Cape High Court.

The municipality had approached the court with a two-part application earlier this month, seeking to set aside a decision by Bredell to declare a vacancy in Kannaland.

This after it emerged that former speaker Albertus was no longer a member of his party.

The municipality had argued Bredell did not have jurisdiction to make the decision and one part of the application was dismissed with costs.

DA Provincial Leader Tertuis Simmers said in addition to the outstanding amount owing to the law firm, an alleged R798 000 had been paid in these matters. He said current investigations were expected to reveal additional earlier payments.

Kannaland acting municipal manager Ian Avontuur said the matter had already been addressed.

"The recent accusations of legal management emanate from the very same unsuccessful litigants who stand to have to pay the municipality once taxed."

"The municipality is fully aware of the major barrier to access legal representation because of unattainable legal fees," said Avontuur.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Little Mowbray and Rosebank Improvement District NPC (LMRID) will be holding its Annual General Meeting (AGM). All stakeholders are invited to a review of the year's activities and planning for 2023/2024.

Date: Thursday 17th November, 2022
Time: 19h00 (registration for meeting), 19h30 (meeting commence)
Venue: Mossop Hall, cnr Cheltenham and Roseberry Roads, Little Mowbray

Resolutions presented at the AGM may only be voted on by bona fide members of the LMRID. Membership is free of charge to all owners of non-residential and/or residential property within the LMRID, but they must be registered before 10th November, 2022.

A Special Resolution will be required for the amendment of the new Memorandum of Incorporation (MOI) as contemplated in Section 16(5)(a) of the Companies Act, Act 71 of 2008.

For further information regarding AGM documentation and how to register: www.lmrid.capetown, email: info@lmrid.capetown or phone 08610 56743

GROOTE SCHUUR
COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NPC

Notice Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The Groote Schuur Community Improvement District NPC (GSCID) will be hosting an AGM. All stakeholders are invited to a review of the year's activities and planning for 2023/24.

Date: 2022-11-17
Time: 16:30
Venue: Belmont Conference Centre

Resolutions presented at the Members meeting can only be voted on by bona fide members of the Groote Schuur Community Improvement District (GSCID). This membership is available free of charge to all owners of non-residential property within the Groote Schuur Community Improvement District (GSCID) footprint, but they must be registered before or on 2022-11-10.

A Special Resolution will be required for the adoption of the new Memorandum of Incorporation (MOI).

For further information, documentation and how to register go to www.gscid.co.za (GSCID web page), e-mail info@gscid.co.za or call 021 685 8185

CAPE TOWN
CENTRAL CITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NPC

Notice of Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The Cape Town Central City Improvement District NPC (CCID) will be hosting an AGM. All stakeholders are invited to a review of the year's activities and planning for 2023/24.

Date: Monday 14 November 2022
Time: 16h45
Venue: Nasdak, Media24, 40 Heerengracht, Cape Town, 8001

Resolutions presented at the Members' meeting can only be voted on by bona fide members of the CCID. This membership is available free of charge to all owners of commercial and/or residential property that falls within the CCID footprint, but they must be registered before 7 November 2022.

For further information, documentation and how to register go to www.capetownccid.org or e-mail stephen@capetownccid.org or call 021 286 0830.

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INVITATION TO REGISTER ON WESTERN CAPE COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND TRAINING COLLEGE'S DATABASE OF PROSPECTIVE SUPPLIERS

The Western Cape Community Education and Training College hereby invites Prospective Service Providers to apply to be registered and included in their Supplier Database. The invitation is open to new service providers who did not have an opportunity to submit their database registration forms. Suppliers who are already on the database should only apply if they have updated their company information, etc Changed ownership, updated tax information, updated BBBEE – status.

Suppliers may register on the following fields of speciality, services, and supplies.

Office Services and Administration	Education and Training	Consulting Services
Office Furniture	Mentoring and Coaching	Audit, Risk Management, and Investigation
Stationery and Printing	Skills Training and summits	Legal Services
General Repairs and Maintenance	Competency assessments	Accounting and Reporting
Cleaning Services and Cleaning Materials	Accredited Training Providers	Social Facilitation (Water and Sanitation)
Catering Services	Education Equipment and Textbooks	
Courier Services and Messenger Services		Travel and Accomodation
Office Appliances	Information Technology	Conference Facilities
Office Equipment	Information technology consumables	Hotels
Hygiene Services	Software and Hardware supplies	Guest Houses
	Telephone maintenance and supplies	Lodges
	Server maintenance	Car Hire
Other Supplies	Installation and maintenance of network	Travel Agencies
Protective Clothing and Uniform	Repairing and upgrading of computers/printers	Shuttle Services
Protection and Security Services	Software support and training	Passengers Transport
Flower Supplies and Maintenance	ICT Support Services	
Fuel and Oil Supply		
Motor Vehicles	Marketing and Advertising	
Motor Vehicle Wheels	Marketing and Communication	
	Promotional Items (Corporate Gifts)	
Construction Services	Booklets and Publication Expert Annual Report Product	
Civil Engineering	Branding	
Electrical Engineering Works	Signage (billboards, banners, promotional material etc)	
General Building Works	Special Events/ Function Management Services	
Mechanical Engineering Works		
Specialist Works		
Plumbing, Electrical Materials and Tools		

Service providers are requested to submit the following documents: Proof of Central Supplier Database (CSD) report, Company registration document, Company profile, certified ID copies of company members, Valid original tax compliance certificate, BBBEE – certificate, CDB certificate for construction services, PSIRA for security services, Education and Training companies should be registered with regulatory bodies and qualifications accredited by SAQA. All professional firms should submit valid membership certificates from their relevant bodies/authorities.

Supplier database registration forms can be obtained from Western Cape CET College Central Office, The Physical Address is WJ Louw Building, 9 Old Paarl Road, Beville 7530. The Finance Department will be on the First Floor, Office No. 107. The prescribed database registration forms can be downloaded from the WCCETC website <http://www.wc.cetc.edu.za> as well.

For enquiries, please contact the Finance Department on 021 180 1021 / 021 180 1022 or via email SCM@wc.cetc.edu.za or Finance@wc.cetc.edu.za.