

MINUTES OF A VIRTUAL SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF KOUGA MUNICIPALITY HELD ON THURSDAY, 27 MARCH 2025 AT 13:00 PM

PRESENT: Councillors

L Maree	(Speaker)
H Bornman	(Executive Mayor)
Ald D Benson	
Ald B Williams	
T Jantjes	
W Gertenbach	
H Murray	
R Foley	
F Heystek	
S Ruth	
C August	
M Nicholls	
M van Niekerk	
J Alexander	
G Stuurman	
P Oliphant	
M Yali	
W van der Linde	
K Ndzaleni	
N Ntshota	
B Human	
M Valgee	
V Zana	
E Mbuqu	
M Mbandana	
W Petersen	

**Officials &
Municipal Manager**

L Nkilishane	
C du Plessis	(Municipal Manager)
D de Jager	(Deputy Municipal Manager)
R Lorgat	(CFO)
N Machelesi	(Director: Community Services)
T Madatt	(Director: Electro-Mechanical Services)
L Ramakuwela	(Director: Planning & Development)
C de Kock	(Director: Civil & Water Services)
L Opperman	(Manager: Legal Services)
E Goliath	(Manager: Public Participation)
K Minnaar	(Chief of Staff)
C Prinsloo	(Legal Officer: Office of the Speaker)

D Klopper	(PA: Speaker)
M Basson	(Manager : Media & Communication)
S Mlonyeni	(Communications Officer)
M Rossouw	(Manager: Administration & Auxiliary Services)
M Julius	(Senior Admin Officer: Committees)
P Gunya	(Committee Officer)
R Swart	(Acting Committee Officer)

1. **NOTICE OF MEETING**

The Municipal Manager read the notice convening the meeting in terms of Section 19 of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act No. 32 of 2000) that a Special Council Meeting will be held virtually on 27 March 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

2. **OPENING AND WELCOME**

The Municipal Manager welcomed everyone present to the meeting.

3. **ABSENT WITH LEAVE**

None

4. **ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE**

Cllr B Dhludhlu
Cllr V Gunuza
Cllr N Ntengwane

5. **PRESENTATIONS**

None

6. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, CONDOLENCES & CONGRATULATIONS**

None

7. **STATEMENTS OR COMMUNICATIONS BY THE SPEAKER**

None

8. **STATEMENTS OR COMMUNICATIONS BY THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR**

None

9. **DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

None

10. **STATUTORY MATTERS**

None

11. **REPORTS BY THE OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER**

25/03/MM9 ELECTION OF SPEAKER OF THE KOUGA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

The Municipal Manager reported that he had received one nomination form proposing Cllr. L Maree for the position of Speaker.

The nomination was submitted by Alderman D Benson and seconded by Cllr S Ruth. He further confirmed that Cllr L Maree had accepted the nomination.

Cllr Zana requested that the resignation letter submitted by the previous Speaker be forwarded and enquired whether the vacancy had been formally declared. Additionally, he proposed that the Rules and Orders of Council be amended to align with all the requirements of virtual meetings.

The Municipal Manager confirmed that the resignation letter from the previous Speaker had been received and would be forwarded to Cllr Zana as requested. Regarding the amendment of the Rules and Orders, he suggested that the matter be discussed with the newly appointed Speaker because it was resolved by the Council that all future meetings will be conducted virtually.

Cllr Oliphant nominated Cllr N Ntshota for the position of Speaker

Cllr Nkilishane seconded the nomination.

The Municipal Manager requested that Cllr Oliphant fill in the nomination form in the Council Chambers together with the seconder of the nomination. He enquired whether Cllr Ntshota accepted the nomination. Cllr Ntshota accepted the nomination.

Cllr Zana requested clarity in terms of the process of nominating a Speaker.

Cllr Human expressed dissatisfaction regarding conducting of virtual meetings.

The Municipal Manager reported that two nominations had been received and enquired whether there were any additional nominations.

Cllr Zana requested a five-minute caucus.

The Municipal Manager granted the caucus from 13:25 to 13:32.

Cllr Zana enquired whether the online voting process would ensure fairness and confidentiality. He requested that the resignation letter from the previous Speaker be forwarded. He further questioned whether the

vacancy had been formally declared after the Speaker resigned. He emphasised that the Rules and Orders of Council need to be amended to align with the requirements of virtual meetings.

The Municipal Manager confirmed that the voting process would be conducted in secrecy and that confidentiality had been verified. He stated that the resignation letter had been received by both the Executive Mayor and himself.

Regarding the amendment of the Rules and Orders of Council, he requested that Cllr Zana discuss the matter with the newly appointed Speaker.

The Municipal Manager called for a vote for as follows:

In favour of Cllr L Maree: 17
In favour of Cllr N Ntshota : 10
Abstain: 0

He thereafter congratulated Cllr L. Maree on her appointment as the new Speaker of Kouga Local Municipality and formally handed over the proceedings of the meeting to her.

The Speaker thanked everyone who attended the meeting and voted. She announced that the next meeting will be held on 31 March 2025 at 10:00.

Resolved (27 March 2025)

1. That the Municipal Council elects Councillor Lorraine Maree as the Speaker of the Kouga Municipal Council, having followed the procedure set out in Schedule 3 of the Local Government: Municipal Structures Act 117 of 1998, as amended.

12. CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 13:39



5th May 2025

L MAREE
SPEAKER

DATE