



**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING HELD ON 17 FEBRUARY 2021 AT 09:11  
UTC VIA ONLINE CONFERENCING SYSTEM**

**Present:**

Mr Eddy Kayihura (EK)	Member	Chief Executive Officer
Mr S.Moonesamy (SM)	Member	Indian Ocean
Prof Habib Youssef (HY)	Member	Northern Africa
Dr Abdalla Omari (AO)	Member	Eastern Africa
Mr Benjamin Eshun (BE)	Member	Non-Geographical
Mr Serge Ilunga (SI)	Member	Central Africa
Mr Vika Mpisane (VM)	Member	Southern Africa

**In Attendance:**

Mrs Guylaine Laiyra	Snr. Executive Assistant*
Me Ashok Radhakisoon	Legal Counsel

**Apologies:**

Mr Oluwaseun Ojedeji (OO)	Member	Non Geographical
Dr Adewale Adedokun (AA)	Member	Western Africa

**AGENDA**

1. Welcome
  - 1.1 Disclosure of Conflict of Interest
  - 1.2 Adoption of Agenda
2. Recall Committee
3. Policy Development Process
4. Board Election Process and Guidelines

## **BUSINESS OF THE DAY**

### **1. Welcome**

The Chair welcomed the members present and opened the meeting at 09:11 UTC.

A roll call was carried out to confirm quorum. The Board agreed to waive notice of 14 days for convening meeting.

### **1.1 Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**

One member VM declared conflict of interest on Agenda Item no 4 and will leave the meeting prior to the start of discussion on that particular agenda item.

### **1.2 Adoption of Agenda**

The Agenda was adopted as circulated. Proposed SI Seconded BE.

## **2. Recall Committee**

The Board took note of the report of the Recall Committee and the outcomes that both PDWG Co-Chairs were recalled with immediate effect as at 4 February 2021.

## **3. Policy Development Process**

The CEO made a summary of the report from Management on the present situation within the Policy Development Process and Working Group; and the related recommendations as circulated to the Board.

The Board thoroughly debated about the PDWG situation and the possible way forward. The Board discussed whether there was consensus yet while considering the mailing list debates as well as the summary received from one participant / member of the PDWG on the way forward to address the vacancy of co-chairs.

After discussion, the Board made the following decisions.

1. The PDWG is encouraged to adopt consensus approach on the way forward about how to resolve the situation at hand,
2. Time is of essence and there is the need to act since the PDWG is at stand still

3. The CEO will communicate with the PDWG about the foreseeable challenges to hold an election.

*VM left at 10:08 UTC*

#### **4. Board Election Process and Guidelines**

The Board reviewed the Board Election Process and Guidelines as circulated. One member pointed out that the Eastern Africa Seat should not be for a 2-year term, but for 3 years in the next election cycle as per the bylaws and advisory from the AfriNIC legal team given after 2020 elections.

After discussion, the Board approved the Board Election Process and Guidelines with AO abstaining from the vote.

#### **Resolution 202101.598**

WHEREAS the Board has reviewed the AFRINIC Election Processes and Guidelines;  
RESOLVED to adopt the new Election Processes and Guidelines as amended.  
Proposed BE. Seconded HY. AO and EK abstained. Resolution passed.

#### **5. Closure**

The Chair moved to close the meeting at 10:51 UTC. Proposed HY. Seconded AO.

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