

Minutes of the 14th Special Council Meeting of the Local Council for Beaufort West
held in the Council Chambers, 15 Church Street, Beaufort West
on Tuesday, 12 August 2025 at 10:08

Present:

Alderman JJ Van Der Linde [**Speaker**]

Councillors GJ Duimpies [**Acting Executive Mayor**], AM Slabbert, E Links, O Haarvoor, LBJ Mdudumani, CL De Bruin, LV Piti, S Jooste, JDK Reynolds and S Essop

Absent:

G Pietersen [*apology*]

In service:

Acting Municipal Manager [AC Makendlana], **Director: Infrastructure Services** [L. Nqotola] **Acting Director: Financial Services** [BS Jacobs], **Senior Manager: Community Services** [M.C. Tshibo], **Senior Administrative Office:** [Johanna Visagie] and **Human Resource: Intern** [CJ. Prince]

1. OPENING AND WELCOMING

The Speaker welcomes the community, councillors and officials present at the meeting and requests Councillor S Jooste to open the meeting with a prayer. The Speaker informs Council that the new Executive Mayor and the Mayoral Committee will be elected at this meeting. The Speaker request that the community to remain silent and orderly during the meeting:

The Speaker informs Council of the voting procedure that a nomination form will be completed by the Chief Whips and Administration will oversee the counting of the votes in order to be fair and transparent. In addition mentions that no caucus will be allowed during the voting process.

2. APOLOGIES

Councillor LV Piti renders an apology on behalf of Councillor G Pietersen who is out of town.

3. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE MAYOR

3/4/1

Councillor CL De Bruin asks for a caucus.



The Speaker grants the caucus at 10:15.

At resumption of the meeting at 10:45 the following were:

Present:

Alderman JJ Van Der Linde [**Speaker**]

Councillors GJ Duimpies [**Acting Executive Mayor**], AM Slabbert, E Links, O Haarvoor, LBJ Mdudumani, CL De Bruin, LV Piti, S Jooste, JDK Reynolds and S Essop

The Speaker informs Council that due to the resignation of the previous Executive Mayor, an Executive Mayor must be elected in terms of Section 36 of the Municipal Structures Act. He furthermore stated that the election will be conducted in accordance with Schedule 3 of the Municipal Structures Act.

The Speaker informs Council, that Councillor G Pietersen will be present via social media (WhatsApp) platform since Councillor G Pietersen is struggling to log in via the Microsoft teams link. Councillor G Pietersen request to be present for the voting procedure and be excused afterwards. The Speaker grants the request made by Councillor G Pietersen.

The Speaker informs Council that the election of the Executive Mayor will proceed. The acting Municipal Manager issues nomination forms for the election of the Executive Mayor, upon receipt of the nomination form, the Speaker announces that two nomination forms were received as follows:

Councillor O Haarvoor seconded by Councillor JDK Reynolds propose Councillor GJ Duimpies as Executive Mayor.

The Speaker asks Councillor GJ Duimpies if she accepts the nomination as Executive Mayor, whereby Councillor GJ Duimpies confirms her acceptance of the nomination.

Councillor LBJ Mdudumani seconded by Councillor LV Piti proposed Councillor CL De Bruin as Executive Mayor.

The Speaker asks Councillor CL De Bruin if he accepts the nomination as Executive Mayor, whereby Councillor CL De Bruin confirms his acceptance of the nomination.

Councillor LV Piti wants to know in terms of legislation whether someone can accept a new position whilst in a position. The acting Municipal Manager clarifies by stating any Councillor can be nominated and partake in the election.

The Speaker than explains the procedure for casting of the votes that each Councillors present will deposit the ballot papers in the ballot box.

Councillor G Pietersen joins the meeting at 11:17 and administration issue him with 1 ballot paper. Councillor G Pietersen excuses himself at 11:19 after casting his vote.



Upon completion of the voting process the Chief Whips are requested to come forward along with administration for the counting of votes.

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The results were announced by the Speaker and as follows:-

5 Votes in favour of Councillor GJ Duimpies seconded by Councillor JDK Reynolds proposed Councillor O Haarvoor as Executive Mayor.

7 Votes in favour of Councillor CL De Bruin seconded by Councillor LV Piti proposed Councillor LBJ Mdudumani as Executive Mayor.

1 Councillor abstain.

THUS RESOLVED

The Speaker announces Councillor CL De Bruin as duly elected Executive Mayor of the Beaufort West Council.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE MAYORAL COMMITTEE 3/4/1

The Speaker requests the newly elected Executive Mayor to deliver his speech.

The Executive Mayor open his speech by informing Council he is surprised with the voting results and therefore did not prepare a speech. Furthermore, the Executive Mayor thanked the Almighty, the Councillors and the members of the community. The Executive Mayor informs the meeting he will try his best to serve the community and the ANC component for nominating him as Executive Mayor. The Mayor further states that the Municipality is under FRP and with that said everyone need to work together in order to come out of Financial Recovery Plan by the year 2026.

Councillor E Links request a caucus and the Speaker grants the caucus at **11:28**.

At resumption of the caucus at 11:38 the following were:

Present:

Alderman JJ Van Der Linde [**Speaker**]

Councillors CL De Bruin [**Executive Mayor**], GJ Duimpies [**Acting Executive Mayor**], AM Slabbert, E Links, O Haarvoor, LBJ Mdudumani, LV Piti, S Jooste, JDK Reynolds and S Essop

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The Speaker allows the newly Executive Mayor to report back and announce the Executive Mayor Committee. The Executive Mayor announces that the members of the Executive Mayoral Committee will be the Deputy Executive Mayor, Councillor O Haarvoor and Councillor S Jooste.

NOTED



The Speaker requests the public to leave the Council Chambers for the discussion of item 5 on the agenda.

5. APPOINTMENT OF SELECTION PANEL: VACANCY: MUNICIPAL MANAGER

4/3/1

See Separate Minute Book.

6. MEC CONCURRENCE: APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, MR. BS JACOBS: COMMENTS FROM THE MEC

4/2/1

See Separate Minute Book.

ADDENDUM-AGENDA

7. CALL FOR ENROLMENT INTO SALGA CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMMES FOR MUNICIPAL COUNCILLORS AND SENIOR MANAGERS DELIVERED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE SALGA CENTRE FOR LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE (SCLG) FUNDED BY THE LGSETA

10/3/2/3/4

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The Speaker requests the acting Municipal Manager to give Council an overview of the item in question.

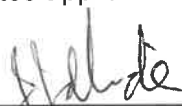
The acting Municipal Manager clarifies by explaining that if Councillors already attended the training it is not needed to attend again. The acting Municipal Manager draws to Council attention to the fact that Beaufort West Municipality will be responsible to pay for the traveling and accommodation.

That Councillors who are interested in attending the training should submit their names to the Municipal Manager's office.

**UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED
THUS RESOLVED**

The meeting adjourns at 12:41.

Minutes approved this _____ day of _____ 2025.



Alderman JJ Van Der Linde
[Speaker]