

Report of the Portfolio Committee on Trade, Industry and Competition on the request by the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition to make recommendations with regard to candidates for the position of the Chairperson of the Board of the National Lotteries Commission, dated 3 December 2025

1. On 21 October 2025, the Speaker referred a letter dated 20 October 2025 from the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition to the Portfolio Committee on Trade, Industry and Competition for consideration and report (*see ATC dated 21 October 2025*).
2. In his letter, he requested that the relevant Committee of the National Assembly make recommendations regarding the suitability of nominees for appointment as Chairperson of the Board of the National Lotteries Commission (NLC) in terms of section 3(3) of the Lotteries Act (Act No. 57 of 1997).
3. In terms of section 3(3) of the Lotteries Act, “The member contemplated in paragraph (a) of subsection (1) shall be appointed only after the Minister, has by notice in the *Gazette* and in not less than two newspapers circulating in every province invited interested parties to nominate persons suitable for appointment as chairperson and the relevant committee of the National Assembly has made recommendations to the Minister in relation thereto after a transparent and open process of considering persons so nominated, having due regard to the functions of the Board”.
4. He further indicated that a call for nominations had been published in the Government Gazette on 19 September 2025, in the *Mail & Guardian* (26 September to 2 October 2025 edition), and in the *Sunday Independent* on 21 September 2025.
5. The nomination period closed on 6 October 2025, resulting in 22 nominations being received by the Minister. The *curricula vitae* of these nominees were subsequently forwarded to the Portfolio Committee on Trade, Industry and Competition in the National Assembly for consideration.

6. The Committee convened on 22 October 2025 and finalised the shortlist of candidates to be interviewed for the position of Chairperson of the Board of the NLC. The shortlisted candidates were:
- Mr T Bonakele
 - Ms J Hermans
 - Mr W Manthe
 - Adv N Memani
 - Ms M Mosing
 - Adv L Nevondwe
7. On 10 November 2025, the Committee received a letter from Mr W Manthe formally withdrawing from the process for the consideration of Chairperson of the Board of the NLC.
8. On 2 December 2025, the shortlisted candidates were interviewed for the position of Chairperson of the Board of the NLC.
9. The Committee convened on 3 December 2025 to commence its deliberations and to seek consensus on the candidates to be recommended for the Minister's consideration ranked in terms of their performance within the interviews.
10. In light of the above, the Committee recommends that the House requests the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition to consider the following candidates for the position of Chairperson of the Board of the National Lotteries Commission:
- Mr T Bonakele (scored 89 out of 100)
 - Ms M Mosing (scored 71 out of 100)
 - Adv L Nevondwe (scored 69 out of 100)

Report to be considered.