



**Independent Communications Authority of South Africa**

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20 MAY 2025		
Time:	09:00 am	
Venue:	EP-CF THABO MBEKI	
Present		Chairperson
		Councillor
		Councillor
		Councillor
By Invitation		CEO
		CFO
		Executive: Legal and CCC
		Acting CAE
		Corporate Secretary
		Graduate - Council
Partial Attendees		Executive: HR
		Executive: Corporate Services
		Senior Manager: Communications and International Relations
		Senior Manager: Spectrum Licensing
		Senior Manager: Type Approval and Numbering / Acting Executive: Regions and Consumer Affairs
		Senior Manager: Social Policy for ICT Services, PRA / Acting Executive: PRA
		Manager: Content Services, PRA
		Manager: Broadcasting Frequency Coordination
		Manager: Service/ECS/ECNS/Post
		Acting CCC Co-ordinator
Apologies		CAE
		Councillor

No.	Action Item	Person Responsible
1.	<p><b>Opening and apologies</b></p> <p>1.1 The Chairperson welcomed all attendees and declared the meeting open.</p> <p>1.2 Apologies were noted from the CAE, [REDACTED] and Councillor [REDACTED]. Cllr [REDACTED] joined the meeting virtually.</p>	Chairperson
2.	<p><b>Ratification of agenda</b></p> <p>2.1 Council was advised of a letter from the Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies ("the Minister") in relation to proposed policy directions on applications for IECNS licences. Council was apprised of the matter under General items.</p> <p>2.2 [REDACTED]</p> <p>2.3 Council was apprised by the Executive: LRCCC of an urgent litigation matter.</p> <p><b>The agenda was ratified with the above amendments.</b></p>	All
3.	<p><b>Declaration of interest</b></p> <p>No conflict of interest was noted.</p>	Council
4.	<p><b>CEO Monthly Report</b></p> <p><b>The item was presented by the CEO.</b></p> <p><u>Council Comments</u></p> <p>4.1 [REDACTED]</p> <p>4.2 [REDACTED]</p> <p>4.3 [REDACTED]</p>	CEO

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5.	<p data-bbox="345 846 558 873"><b>Litigation Report</b></p> <p data-bbox="345 909 967 936"><b>The item was presented by the Executive: LRCCC.</b></p> <p data-bbox="345 972 570 999"><u>Council Comments</u></p> <div data-bbox="345 1035 386 1062">5.1</div> <div data-bbox="396 1035 1133 1245" style="background-color: black; height: 100px; width: 100%;"></div> <div data-bbox="345 1276 386 1304">5.2</div> <div data-bbox="396 1276 1133 1398" style="background-color: black; height: 58px; width: 100%;"></div> <div data-bbox="345 1430 386 1457">5.3</div> <div data-bbox="396 1430 1133 1581" style="background-color: black; height: 72px; width: 100%;"></div> <div data-bbox="345 1612 386 1640">5.4</div> <div data-bbox="396 1612 1133 1707" style="background-color: black; height: 45px; width: 100%;"></div> <div data-bbox="345 1738 1133 1860" style="background-color: black; height: 58px; width: 100%;"></div>	CEO / Executive: LRCCC

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6.	<p><b>Council Engagements</b></p> <p>The item was presented by the Executive: Corporate Services, assisted by the Senior Manager: Communications and International Relations.</p> <p><u>Council Comments</u></p> <p>6.1 [REDACTED]</p> <p>6.2 [REDACTED]</p> <p>6.3 [REDACTED]</p> <p>6.4 Council considered that with the appointment of four (4) new Councillors imminent the travel plan will be revisited, therefore Council resolved to only approve international engagements up to and including 24 July 2025.</p> <p>6.5 Council further resolved that Cllr [REDACTED] should join the delegation comprising of the Chairperson and the CEO, to the WSIS + 20 High-Level Event 2025, to take place in Geneva, Switzerland on 7 – 11 July 2025.</p> <p>6.6 Council directed that all officials who will be attending international regulatory events, must motivate why they should attend those events.</p>	CEO / Executive: CS

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	<b>Council resolved to approve the international meetings and the nominated Council attendees, for the listed meetings up to (and including) 24 July 2025, as indicated above.</b>	
7.	<p><b>SABC Application for a DAB+ Trial RFS Licence Extension</b></p> <p><b>The item was presented by the Executive: Licensing and Compliance, supported by the Manager: Broadcasting Frequency Coordination.</b></p> <p><u>Council Comments</u></p> <p>7.1 Council reminded management of its previous directive to submit the Delegation of Authority (DoA) to Council for consideration and approval, in order to empower management to process and approve certain licensing notifications to improve the Authority's efficiency and turn-around times. Routine or administrative applications, such as test licences, should be delegated to management insofar as permitted by law.</p> <p>7.2 It was confirmed that the process for preliminary amendments to the ICASA DoA has started. The proposed amendments will be aligned to Council's guidance, in consultation with the Executive: LRCCC, and brought to Council for approval.</p> <p><b>Council resolved to approve the submission as presented.</b></p>	<b>CEO / Executive: Licensing and Compliance</b>
8.	<p><b>Change of Licensee Information – Lycamobile South Africa (Pty) Ltd</b></p> <p><b>The item was presented by the Executive: Licensing and Compliance.</b></p> <p><u>Council Comments</u></p> <p>8.1 Council emphasised that section 2 of the Electronic Communications Act, 2005 mandates the Authority to create opportunities for Historically Disadvantaged Groups (HDGs) and accordingly requested the Licensing and Compliance Division to review and update HDG ownership data across all licensees to ensure the information is readily available when required.</p> <p><b>Council resolved to approve the submission as presented.</b></p>	<b>CEO / Executive: Licensing and Compliance</b>
9.	<b>WaveSouth Telecom - Application for the Transfer of Ownership and Reasons Document</b>	<b>CEO / Executive: Licensing and Compliance</b>

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10.	<p><b>Constitution of a Council Committee for the Orbicom Application for Transfer of Control</b></p> <p>The item was presented by the Executive: Licensing and Compliance.</p> <p><u>Council Comments</u></p> <p>10.1 Council resolved to approve the establishment of the Council Committee and appointed Cllr [REDACTED] and Cllr [REDACTED] as the Chairperson and Co-Chairperson, respectively.</p> <p>Council resolved to approve the submission as presented.</p>	CEO / Executive: Licensing and Compliance
11.	<p><b>Status Update – ASMS (Re-tabling)</b></p> <p>The item was presented by the Executive: Licensing and Compliance, supported by the Senior Manager: Type Approval &amp; Numbering.</p> <p><u>Council Comments</u></p> <p>11.1 [REDACTED]</p> <p>11.2 [REDACTED]</p> <p>11.3 [REDACTED]</p> <p>11.4 [REDACTED]</p> <p>11.5 [REDACTED]</p>	CEO / Executive: Licensing and Compliance

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12.	<p><b>Change of Licensee Information – Network for Next Generation (Pty) Ltd</b></p> <p>The item was presented by the Executive: Licensing and Compliance.</p> <p><b>Council resolved to approve the submission as presented.</b></p>	<b>CEO / Executive: Licensing and Compliance</b>
13.	<p><b>Zero-rating of mobile content provided by PBOs</b></p> <p><b>The item was presented by the Executive: Licensing and Compliance, supported by the Senior Manager: Spectrum Licensing.</b></p> <p><u>Council Comments</u></p> <p>13.1 Council recommended exploring the zero-rating of mobile content provided by PBOs as a pilot project under the Authority's Microsoft E5 licence, in collaboration with the CIO. It was noted that existing Microsoft applications could support this initiative and should be fully utilised beyond standard tools.</p> <p>15.1 Council emphasised that all IT-related projects must be overseen by the CIO to ensure proper governance and system integration. It was further advised that HR should assist to identify internal users for testing, and that a formal project delegation and implementation plan be developed for Council's consideration.</p> <p><b>Council resolved to note and approve the submission as presented.</b></p>	<b>CEO / Executive: Licensing and Compliance</b>
14.	<p><b>Complaint by [REDACTED] in relation to Bok FM</b></p> <p><b>The item was presented by the Executive: Licensing and Compliance.</b></p> <p><b>Council resolved to note the submission as presented.</b></p>	<b>CEO / Executive: Licensing and Compliance</b>
15.	<p><b>Constitution of a Council Committee for the Review of the Municipality Elections Regulations</b></p> <p><b>The item was presented by the Senior Manager: Social Policy for ICT Services, PRA, assisted by the Manager: Content Services.</b></p>	<b>CEO / Executive: PRA</b>

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	<p><u>Council comments</u></p> <p>15.1 Council resolved to establish a Council Committee to review the Municipality Elections Regulations, to be chaired by Councillor [REDACTED] and co-chaired by Councillor [REDACTED]</p> <p>15.2 Council emphasised the importance of assessing readiness for the upcoming elections, with particular attention to areas beyond the Authority's regulatory purview. These include infrastructure, connectivity, community engagement, and other issues identified in the report on the previous local government elections. It was noted that the previous compliance and business process reports remain available and should inform the Committee's ongoing work.</p> <p>15.3 Council recommended that the Committee should engage with internal stakeholders, including the IT Division, and consider early consultation with the IEC to ensure coordinated planning and preparedness.</p> <p><b>Council resolved to approve the submission as presented.</b></p>	
16.	<p><b>CCC Recommendations: Witbank FM</b></p> <p>The item was presented by Cllr [REDACTED], supported by the Acting CCC Co-ordinator.</p> <p><b>Council resolved to approve the submission as presented.</b></p>	Cllr [REDACTED]
17.	<p><b>CCC Recommendations: CloudSeed (Pty) Ltd</b></p> <p>The item was presented by Cllr [REDACTED], supported by the Acting CCC Co-ordinator.</p> <p><b>Council resolved to approve the submission as presented.</b></p>	Cllr [REDACTED]
18.	<p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>The item was presented by the CEO, assisted by the Acting Executive: Regions and Consumer Affairs.</p> <p><u>Council Comments</u></p> <p>18.1 [REDACTED]</p>	CEO / Acting Executive: Regions and Consumer Affairs





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21.	<p><b>Letter from the Minister regarding proposed policy directions on applications for IECNS licences</b></p> <p><b>This item was presented by the Chairperson.</b></p> <p>21.1 Council was advised of a letter (appending draft GG notice), received by the Chairperson from the Minister in relation to a proposed policy direction on applications for IECNS licences.</p> <p>21.2 Council considered that with the envisaged Inquiry: (a) the Authority must look into the integrity of its IT systems, specifically the ASMS – given the stats that will have to be drawn pursuant to the Inquiry; (b) The need for a Council Committee to be established pursuant to the Inquiry; (c) The allocation of funds for the project, and the need for the review of the budget in this regard; and (d) the Risk Assessment and implications of the project on the ICASA APP and OPP.</p> <p><b>Council resolved to note the update.</b></p>	Chairperson
22.	<p><b>Date of the next Council meeting</b></p> <p>The date of the next Council meeting was confirmed as Tuesday, 10 June 2025.</p>	Chairperson
23.	<p><b>Closure</b></p> <p>The Chairperson thanked all attendees for their participation and declared the meeting adjourned at 15h20.</p>	Chairperson

  
 Mothibi G. Ramusi  
 (Chairperson)

Date: 11/06/2025