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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18 JUNE 2026		
Time:	**09:30am**	
Venue:	**EP-CF Thabo Mbeki**	
Present	[redacted]	Acting Chairperson
	[redacted]	Councillor
	[redacted]	Councillor
	[redacted]	Councillor
	[redacted]	Councillor
	[redacted]	Councillor (**Attended the meeting virtually**)
	[redacted]	Councillor
	[redacted]	Councillor
By Invitation	[redacted]	Acting Chief Executive Officer
	[redacted]	Corporate Secretary
	[redacted]	Chief Audit Executive
	[redacted]	Chief Financial Officer
	[redacted]	Executive: Legal, Risk and CCC
	[redacted]	Manager: Communications
Partial Attendees	[redacted]	Executive: Regions and Consumer Affairs
	[redacted]	Senior Manager: Spectrum Management
	[redacted]	Senior Manager: ICT Licensing Services
	[redacted]	Senior Manager: Compliance
	[redacted]	Senior Manager: Marketing Researcher, PRA
	[redacted]	Manager: Broadcasting Compliance
	[redacted]	Manager: Numbering
	[redacted]	Manager: Customer Complaints and Dispute Resolution
	[redacted]	Manager: Cost Modelling, PRA
	[redacted]	CCC Co-ordinator
	[redacted]	Analyst: Cost Modelling, PRA
	[redacted]	Consumer Complaints Officer
Apologies	[redacted]	Chairperson
	[redacted]	Chief Executive Officer

No.	Action Item	Person Responsible
1.	**Opening and apologies** 1.1 The Acting Chairperson declared the meeting open and welcomed all attendees. 1.2 Council noted the apologies from the Chairperson, [redacted], who had been [redacted] the Chief Executive Officer, [redacted], who was on leave. **The opening and apology were noted.**	**Chairperson**
2.	**Ratification of the agenda** 2.1 Council resolved to accede to the request made by Cllr/[redacted] to brief Council on behalf of the Chairperson, per the proxy he received from the Chairperson, in relation to the below two (2) matters: 2.1.1 A proposed meeting with the South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC) in relation to its Inquiry on Data Centres. 2.1.2 [redacted] 2.2 The above-mentioned matters would be discussed under General as agenda items 11.1 and 11.2, respectively. **The agenda was adopted with the above amendments.**	**Council**
3.	**Declaration of conflict of interest** No conflict of interest was noted.	**Council**
4.	**Minutes of the Council meeting held on 19 May 2026** **The minutes were approved as presented.**	**Council**
5.	**Matters Arising as at 18 June 2026** **This item was presented by the Corporate Secretary** Discussion / Comments [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] **Council resolved to note the matters arising, with the above-mentioned comments.**	**Corporate Secretary**

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6.	**Monthly CEO Report** **This item was presented by the Acting CEO.** <u>Discussion / Comments</u> [redacted] **Council resolved to note the report, with the above-mentioned inputs.**	**CEO**
7.	**CFO Monthly Report** **This item was presented by the CFO.** <u>Discussion / Comments</u> [redacted] the complex compliance parameters that finance staff lack the expertise to evaluate.	**CEO / CFO**

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	Council resolved to note the report, with the above-mentioned inputs.	
8.	**Litigation Management Report** **This item was presented by the Executive: LRCCC.** **Council resolved to note the report as presented.**	**CEO / Executive: LRCCC**
9.	**Internal Audit Issues Tracker** **This item was presented by the CAE.** Discussion / Comments 9.1 [redacted] **Council resolved to note the report, with the above-mentioned comments.**	**CAE**
10.	**CCC Recommendations in the matter between MTN and Session Telecoms** **This matter was presented by Cllr Catherine Mushi, supported by the CCC Co-ordinator.** Discussion / Comments 10.1 Council directed that a media statement be published on this outcome, highlighting the technical issues addressed in the judgement, as means of setting the tone on what the Authority's position is on this issue. 10.2 The final notification letters to be sent to MTN and Sessions Telecom must be checked for typographical errors. **Council resolved to approve the recommendation, as presented.**	**Cllr Catherine Mushi**
11.	**Change and Update to Licensee Information – Itakane ICT** **This matter was presented by the Acting CEO.** **Council resolved to approve the recommendation, as presented.**	**CEO / Executive: Licensing and Compliance**
12.	**Change and Update of Licensee Information – Ubuntu Technology** **This matter was presented by the Acting CEO.** **Council resolved to approve the recommendation, as presented.**	**CEO / Executive: Licensing and Compliance**
13.	**Notice in terms of section 4(3)(III) and (IV) of the Numbering Plan Regulations** **This matter was presented by the Acting CEO, supported by the Manager: Numbering.** Discussion / Comments 13.1 It was confirmed that the initiative responds to high institutional demand, noting that Gauteng Province has already submitted a formal application to launch their system as an operational prototype for the remaining eight provinces. It was indicated that similar emergency short codes proved vital during the COVID-19 pandemic. **Council resolved to approve the recommendation, as presented.**	**CEO / Executive: Licensing and Compliance**

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14.	**Approval of Credit Notes for Applications to Amend RFS Licences** **The item was presented by the Acting CEO, supported by the Senior Manager: Spectrum Licensing.** [redacted] **Council directed that a Council Submission be expediently brought to Council for consideration, appending a draft delegation of authority as well as a draft policy/framework, in terms of which all subsequent requests for credit notes, shall be processed.**	**CEO / Executive: Licensing and Compliance**
15.	**Application by the SABC 3 for Exemption from Compliance with Licence Conditions to Broadcast Sport of National Interest** **This item was presented by the Acting CEO, supported by the Senior Manager: Compliance and the Manager: Broadcasting Compliance.** **Council resolved to approve the recommendation, as presented.**	**CEO / Executive: Licensing and Compliance**
16.	**Hot FM Amendment Application** **This item was presented by the Acting CEO, supported by the Senior Manager: ICT Licensing Services.** Discussion / Comments 16.1Council raised concern with the lack of scientific methodology to rationalise the requested 15% quota. Council resolved to note the commercial constraints of the licensee, which warrantied the application. 16.2Council directed the Licensing and Compliance Division to develop rigorous, data-driven models to evaluate formatting shifts scientifically going-forward. **Council resolved to approve the recommendation, as presented.**	**CEO / Executive: Licensing and Compliance**
17.	**Establishment of a Council Committee for the Amendment of CAP Regulations** **This item was presented by the Executive: Regions and Consumer Affairs, supported by the Manager: Customer Complaints and Dispute Resolution.** **Council resolved to approve the establishment of the Council Committee but reserved its decision to appoint the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of the Committee, pending the conclusion of an on-going Council Committee re-allocation exercise.**	**CEO / Executive: Regions and Consumer Affairs**
18.	**Establishment of a Council Committee for the Amendment of the Code of Conduct for ECS and ECNS Licensees Regulations** **This item was presented by the Executive: Regions and Consumer Affairs, supported by the Manager: Customer Complaints and Dispute Resolution, and the Consumer Complaints Officer.** **Council resolved to approve the establishment of the Council Committee but reserved its decision to appoint the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of the Committee, pending the conclusion of an on-going Council Committee re-allocation exercise.**	**CEO / Executive: Regions and Consumer Affairs**
19.	**Analysis of SAPO's Operating Procedure Manual (OPM) for the financial year ending 31 March 2026** **This item was presented by the Senior Manager: Marketing Researcher, supported by the Manager: Cost Modelling and the Analyst: Cost Modelling.** **Council resolved to approve the recommendation, as presented.**	**CEO / Executive: PRA**

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20.	**ICASA and Lesotho Communications Authority (LCA) Agreement on Co-operation and Co-ordination on Telecommunications and Broadcasting Services** **This item was presented by the Executive: Engineering and Technology.** **The recommendation was approved, as presented.**	**CEO / Executive: Engineering and Technology**
21.	**SAHRC Inquiry in relation to Data Centres** **This matter was presented by Cllr/Dr Tshifhiwa Maumela, per the proxy granted by the Chairperson.** <u>Discussion / Comments</u> 21.1 Council raised concern over the effectiveness of the Communications Team's media scans, noting that only the Chairperson picked up the erroneous fundamental aspects of the SAHRC Inquiry as encroaching on the Authority's mandate. 21.2 Council was advised that the Chairperson confirmed via email that he had dispatched an urgent letter to the SAHRC pointing out these governance overlaps and demanding a high-level bilateral roundtable to stop the dispute from escalating in national media. 21.3 Council requested that a Council alignment session be scheduled with regard to this matter, ideally before the proposed roundtable discussions with the SAHRC. **Council resolved to note the brief, with the above-mentioned comments.**	**Chairperson**
22.	[redacted] [redacted] [redacted]	**Chairperson**
23.	**Closure** The Acting Chairperson then thanked all who were present in the meeting and declared the meeting adjourned at 15h35.	**Chairperson**

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