

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TOP 5 OFFICIALS, HELD AT CHAIRPERSON'S RESIDENCE: 07/12/2008

AGENDA

1. Over-view of the political situation in the province.
2. Restructuring of municipalities
3. Elections
4. Closure

In attendance were the provincial chairperson, deputy chairperson, provincial secretary and the treasurer. The deputy provincial secretary sent her apology.

1. Over-view of the political situation in the province.

The chairperson raised the following points:

- Some PEC members are rumoured to be working underground for COPE.
- There is a need to flush-out those working for COPE at regional, sub-regional working for COPE at regional, sub-regional and branch levels.

Decision:

It was decided that:

- a) The provincial deputy chairperson must lead an investigation into moles of COPE within the ANC structures.
- b) Findings of this investigation must be kept confidential, be discussed only at officials level.

2. Restructuring of municipalities

Concerns were raised about the following municipalities: Nkomazi, Emalahleni, Mbombela and Umjindi. Issues of concern are:

- i. Defiance of ANC directives by councilors and officials.
- ii. Non-performance of councilors and senior officials.
- iii. Composition of the mayoral committees.

Decisions

It was decided that at Nkomazi:

- a) The municipal manager must remain suspended.

- b) The REC be told never to try to reverse this decision,
- c) Cde Thoko Mashiane be deployed as municipal manager after the hearing.
- d) All this be done before the general elections.
- e) The provincial secretary must process all the above.

-Emalahleni

- a) The mayor must be re-called with immediate effect,
- b) The suspension of the municipal manager must be lifted with immediate effect,
- c) A replacement mayor be found by the provincial deployment committee.

-Mbombela

- a. The mayor be met by the deployment committee,
- b. The mayor be informed about the decision of the PWC in relation to the composition of the mayoral committee.
- c. Any act of defiance by the mayor be subjected to a disciplinary process.
- d. The speaker's case be finalized by the disciplinary committee, be resolved before the elections.
- e. The municipal manager be re-instated and the ANC caucus be instructed by the deployment committee to stop the disciplinary hearing against the municipal manager.

-Umjindi

- a) An investigation be carried out by the deputy chairperson on the delays causing the dismissals of the municipal manager and the chief financial officer,
- b) The role of James Nkambule in the municipality be investigated, as well as his links to law enforcement agencies,
- c) The mayor be re-called before the elections, and cde Gerald Sono be deployed as mayor,
- d) The speaker be re-deployed as an ordinary councilor and cde Derrick Ndlovu be re-deployed as a speaker.
- e) Cde Tailor Nsimbini be deployed to the mayoral committee,
- f) The provincial secretary must process these matters.

3. Elections

An assessment was presented by the chairperson. In his assessment, the following points were raised:

- ❖ ANC structures are weak at branches levels,
- ❖ There is confusion over the lists circulated in the province
- ❖ The PEC does not have capacity to handle the elections (an observation by the NEC)

Decisions:

- ✓ The chairperson and deputy chairperson must meet and resolve their differences,
- ✓ Officials must visit all sub-regions together with the PWC, to stress unity.

4. Conclusion

Before closing the meeting, the chairperson informed the meeting that James Nkambule has made a sub-mission to the NEC. Which if not defended, may lead to the dissolution of the PEC and REC's. The chairperson was urged to seek a meeting with James Nkambule and try to win him over.

The meeting adjourned at 22h30.