

DRAKENSTEIN MUNICIPALITY

**MINUTES OF A VIRTUAL SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL HELD ON
FRIDAY, 13 MARCH 2026 AT 08:30.**

PRESENT: Councillors (see attendance register)

Senior Officials:	Dr JH Leibbrandt	(City Manager)
	Mr S Johaar	(Executive Director: Corporate and Planning Services)
	Mr B Brown	(Chief Financial Officer)
	Mr L Pienaar	(Executive Director: Engineering Services)
	Ms E Barnard	(Executive Director: Safety and Community Services)
	Ms R Geldenhuys	(Manager: Communication and Marketing)
	Ms C September	(Manager: IDP, Research and Development)
	Mr G Dippenaar	(Chief Risk Officer)
	Mr FP Goosen	(Manager: Administrative Support Services)
	Mr P January	(Senior Administrative Officer)

ABSENT: Councillors (see attendance register)



A moment of silence was held prior to the Council proceedings.

1. APPLICATION FOR LEAVE
AANSOEK OM VERLOF
INGXELO NGU SOMLOMO

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| 1. Councillor LE Bolani | - | Apology; |
| 2. Councillor BP Duba | - | Apology; |
| 3. Councillor A Fourie | - | Apology; |
| 4. Councillor CO Klaaste | - | Apology; |
| 5. Councillor N Nongogo (Wana) | - | Apology; and |
| 6. Councillor M Zwinye | - | Apology; |

2. CONFLICT OF INTERESTS
KONFLIK VAN BELANGE
UKUGQUBANA KWEMIDLA

None.

3. STATEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER
VERKLARINGS DEUR DIE SPEAKER
INGXELO NGU SOMLOMO

None.

4. TABLING OF 2026/2027 PROPOSED ELECTRICITY TARIFFS FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
VOORLEGGING VAN DIE 2026/2027 VOORGESTELDE ELEKTRISITEITSTARIEWE VIR
PUBLIEKE DEELNAME
I-2026/2027 YEXABISO LOMBANE ELICETYWAYO LOKUTHATHA INXAXHEBA
KOLUNTU

The Deputy Executive Mayor proposed an amendment to recommendation 3.4, by indicating that the communication received from NERSA amended the date to 21 April 2026 and not 30 April 2026 as stated in the agenda. The proposal was duly seconded and accepted by Council.

Councillor AM Richards from the African National Congress (ANC) party as well as Councillor S Landsberg from the Vryheidsfront Plus party expressed their reservations regarding the increases in tariffs as fully set out in their enclosed submissions and indicated that they will abstain from voting on this matter.

Councillor AM Stulweni from the Al-Jama-Ah party also indicated that he is not in favour of the increase because of the effects on poorer households.



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Councillor RH Nell from the Independent Civic Organisation of South Africa (ICOSA) party requested that the public participation, as indicated by NESRA, be followed, while the GOOD party also rejected the increase.

The Deputy Executive Mayor responded to some of the issues raised and indicated that a workshop will be held where all these issues will be unpacked.

The matter was thereafter put to the vote, and the recommendations with the amendment carried by 33 votes to two (2) votes against and 16 abstentions.

RESOLVED that

1. The High Court judgment of 05 December 2025 and the subsequent February amendment order regarding tariff transparency be noted;
2. The tabling of the proposed electricity tariffs for the 2026/2027 financial year be approved;
3. Authority be given to the Accounting Officer to submit the tariff application and the COS study to NERSA by 31 March 2026;
4. Approval be granted that Drakenstein Municipality simultaneously conducts the local public participation in alignment with the NERSA 30-day comment window, which is from 31 March 2026 to 21 April 2026; and
5. It be noted that comments for the local public participation process close on 27 March 2026, for inclusion in the tariff application to be submitted to NERSA.

Meeting: Special Council-13/03/2026	Submitted by Department: Financial Services		
Ref no: 5/7/7	Author/s: N Keketsi		
Coll No: 2366090	Referred from:		
<u>PAR:</u>	<u>ACTION:</u>	<u>RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT:</u>	<u>DUE DATE:</u>
1-5	Implement decision	Chief Financial Officer	

The meeting ended at 09:42.

CHAIRPERSON:

J.F. le Roux

DATE:

30/3/2026

Confirmed ~~with~~ without amendments.

pj/mg



Francois Goosen

From: Moutie Richards
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2026 9:57 AM
To: Koos le Roux
Cc: Francois Goosen; Seraj Johaar; Ald Christophine Kearns; Ludia Sambokwe; Thobani Mooi; Tembikile Mangena; Ntombovuyo Godongwana; Sangolomzi Ganandana; Johan Leibbrandt
Subject: ANC input to the Special council meeting of Friday 13 March 2026

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Good morning Speaker

Please note our response for capturing in the minutes of today.

Speaker, the ANC sees the NERSA-approved increase of 9.01% for 2026/2027 as untenable and a further burden on the community. High electricity increases such as this are already unaffordable and will be a further blow to the poorer communities.

As the ANC we call on action to resist passing such high increases which will not benefit the poor households.

The ANC welcomes the minister of Electricity's plan to address the surging electricity costs and the plan to mitigate the high electricity costs which erode the household income.

However, we call on the DA led municipality to do more to stop illegal electricity connections to reduce electricity losses.

We also call on the DA not to use this as a political tool to score political points when there is none to score.

We raise our objections to the fact that we only received the agenda less than 24 hours ago.

We want to know why this meeting was called on such short notice?

Why is the time for public participation only 2 weeks?

When will this matter be advertised in the printed media?

The ANC will therefore abstain from the voting process as we wait for the workshop promised by the Speaker.

We would like the ANC's view to be recorded in the minute as presented here today.

Thank you

Regards

Moutie Richards



Francois Goosen

From: Stephan Landsberg
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2026 6:55 PM
To: Koos le Roux; Keagen Gertse; Councillors; Ald Christophine Kearns
Cc: Johan Leibbrandt; Seraj Johaar; Bradley Brown; Louis Pienaar; Editha Barnard; Gerrit Dippenaar; Rozan Jaftha CA(SA); Cindy September; Riana Geldenhuys; Francois Goosen
Subject: Re: VIRTUAL SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING - 13 MARCH 2026 AT 08:30

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Dear Speaker Ald Le Roux

The VF Plus want to express our disappointment that a Media release has been put out by the Mayor on behalf of Council before the item have serve before Council.

The VF Plus is not in agreement of any increases from Nersa but the Council input must be respected, also by the Mayor before Media Releases go out.

We would also want our disappointment to be put in the minutes.

Regards

Stephan Landsberg
Councillor

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SURNAME	NAME	TITLE	SIGNATURE
ADAMS	JH	CLLR	✓
ADAMS	ND	CLLR	✓
AMERICA	D	CLLR	✓
ADRIAANSE	MM	ALD	✓
ANDERSON	JV	CLLR	✓
ANDREAS	MA	CLLR	✓
APPOLLIS	AMB	CLLR	✓
ARENDSE	LC	CLLR	✓
ARNOLDS	RB	CLLR	✓
BARON	E	CLLR	✓
BESTER	TG	CLLR	✓
BOLANI	LE	CLLR	Apology
CAROLISSEN	D	CLLR	✓
COMBRINK	A	CLLR	✓
COMBRINK	GC	ALD	✓
CUPIDO	FP	CLLR	✓
CUPIDO	JW	CLLR	✓

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CYSTER	L	CLLR	✓
DE KOCK	J	CLLR	✓
DU PLESSIS	AJ	CLLR	✓
DUBA	BP	CLLR	Apology
FOURIE	A	CLLR	Apology
GANANDANA	S	CLLR	✓
GERTSE	KJ	CLLR	✓
GODONGWANA	N	CLLR	✓
GOUWS	E	ALD	✓
GRAVEL	S	CLLR	Absent
JACOBS	B	CLLR	✓
JACOBS	BT	CLLR	✓
JACOBS	CM	CLLR	✓
JACOBS	F	CLLR	✓
JOOSTE	MCC	CLLR	✓
KEARNS	C	ALD	✓
KLAASTE	CO	CLLR	Apology
KOEGELENBERG	RA	ALD	✓
KORABIE	SE	CLLR	✓

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LANDSBERG	S	CLLR	✓
LE ROUX	JF	ALD	✓
LIEBENBERG	SJ	CLLR	✓
MARALACK-BOONZAAIER	VL	CLLR	✓
MANGENA	TC	CLLR	✓
MILLER	J	CLLR	✓
MOOI	TP	CLLR	✓
MOSES	VR	CLLR	✓
NELL	RH	CLLR	✓
NONGOGO (WANA)	N	CLLR	Apology
RICHARDS	AM	CLLR	✓
ROSS	S	ALD	✓
SAMBOKWE	LS	CLLR	✓
SAUERMAN	ND	CLLR	✓
SEPTEMBER	JA	CLLR	✓
SMIT	J	CLLR	✓
SOLOMONS	EA	CLLR	✓
STOWMAN	AC	ALD	✓
STULWEN	AM	CLLR	✓

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DR JH LEIBBRANDT CITY MANAGER	✓
B BROWN CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	✓
S JOHAAR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: CORPORATE AND PLANNING SERVICES	✓
L PIENAAR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: ENGINEERING SERVICES	✓
E BARNARD EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: SAFETY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES	✓
R. Geldenhuys	✓
G. Dippenaar	✓
C. September	✓