



The Chairperson of the Board
Western Cape Tourism, Trade and Investment Promotion Agency
18th Floor, SA Reserve Bank Building
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8001

Dear Prof Figaji

RE: POSITION AS CHAIR OF WESGRO

I hereby accept your resignation as a director on the Wesgro Board and further note that this coincides with the final day of your current term as a director. As discussed in person yesterday, 29 June 2020, I have decided not to renew your position as a director on the Board for a third term.

The assertions that you have made in your letter dated 30 June 2020 in this matter are wholly incorrect.

At all times I have acted in a manner consistent with my roles and responsibilities as a member of the Provincial Executive.

Whilst I believe in the independence of the Wesgro Board, no level of independence should be without due oversight. In terms of the Wesgro Act, the Agency is governed by the Board, which reports to the Western Cape Government. As the Minister responsible for executive oversight of the Agency and the Board, I have a responsibility to ensure that there is good governance, that the Board is acting in line with their powers and duties, and that the decisions being made with regard to the expenditure of public funds are done so in a prudent manner.

My correspondence with yourself and the Board in this matter, as well as my request for legal advice, has all been done in the scope and spirit of executive oversight. Regardless of the motivation for reaching the decision to increase the Chief Executive Officer's (CEO) salary, the extent of the increase, which is funded by public money, demanded that I take steps to understand the decision and to determine whether the Board had followed due process in arriving at the decision.

I cannot, nor do I have any intention to force the Board to change its mind, nor can I force the CEO to agree to renegotiate the contract already signed. What I can do, is request the Board to re-apply its mind to the decision in consultation with the CEO in the light of the current fiscal climate which has become more acute since my previous letter dated 6 April 2020.

I would like the Board to properly apply their minds to the argument that I have presented in my letter dated 25 June 2020, to consult the CEO, and to reach a conclusion. This is not interference, this is oversight, which is expected and required when it comes to public expenditure.

This is also in line with my responsibilities as the Provincial Minister of Finance in terms of section 18(c) of the PFMA to "promote and enforce transparency and effective management in respect of revenue, expenditure, assets and liabilities of provincial departments and provincial public entities."

In closing, I would like to thank you on behalf of the Western Cape Government for your service to the Wesgro Board. During your tenure, you offered your time and expertise to the Board to ensure that Wesgro reached its targets and delivered on its strategic goals, which is certainly acknowledged and appreciated.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Maynier', with a large, stylized initial 'M'.

MR DAVID MAYNIER

PROVINCIAL MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES

DATE: 30/06/2020