



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS OF PERSONS TO SERVE AS INTERIM TRUSTEES ON THE BOARD FOR AGRI-BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (ADA) FOR A PERIOD OF 90 DAYS

Notice is hereby given by the Honourable Member of the Executive Council for Agriculture and Rural Development, Mr BM Zuma, to invite nominations of members to serve as interim members on the Board of the Agribusiness Development Agency (ADA).

ADA is a Provincial Public Entity reporting to the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Agriculture and Rural Development and falling under Schedule 3C of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act No. 1 of 1999 - PFMA).

The Board is the Accounting Authority of the entity and is responsible for:

- a) Giving effect to the ADA mandate and its strategy of in order to achieve its objectives;
- b) Providing guidance and direction to the Chief Executive Officer concerning the exercise of the functions of the entity;
- c) Notifying the Honourable MEC of any matter that may prevent or materially affect the achievement of the objects or financial targets of the entity; and
- d) Referring to the Honourable MEC any matter concerning the adverse functioning of the entity;
- e) Exercising the duty of utmost care to ensure reasonable protection of the assets and records of the entity;
- f) Acting with fidelity, honesty, integrity and in the best interests of the entity in managing the financial affairs of the public entity; ensuring compliance with the PFMA.
- g) On request, disclosing to the Honourable MEC or the Legislature to which the entity is accountable, all material facts, including those reasonably discoverable, which in anyway may influence the decisions or actions of the Honourable MEC or that Legislature; and
- h) Seeking, within the sphere of influence of that accounting authority, to prevent any prejudice to the financial interests of the state.



Nomination Procedure:

Candidates must:

- Be fit and proper persons, collectively possessing appropriate knowledge or proven experience in the fields of, amongst others:
 - agricultural sector;
 - preference will be given to youth, women and people living with disabilities;
 - governance and leadership background;
 - economics, business development practice or legal;
 - be a South African Citizen; and
 - be resident in the Province of KwaZulu-Natal.

Written nominations must be submitted and must contain the following information and documents:

- The full names, address and contact numbers of the person or organisation making the nomination;
- A signed acceptance of the nomination by the nominee;
- A comprehensive Curriculum Vitae of the candidate nominated, providing the following information:
 - Full names; Identity number and gender;
 - Latest address and contact details including: cellular telephone number/s and /email address/es;
 - Certified copy of Identity Document;
 - Certified copies of academic qualifications;
 - Previous experience quoting dates and organisations or institution concerned;
 - At least two (2) names and contact details of references;
 - Details of other directorships presently and previously held; and



- Any other information that may be of assistance to the Honourable MEC in consideration of the nomination.
- A written statement declaring whether or not the candidate is disqualified from being appointed as a member of the Board.

Any or more of the following shall be grounds for disqualification of nominees:

- A person is disqualified from being appointed to the Board or from or from remaining on the Board, by reason that he or she –
 - is or becomes an unrehabilitated insolvent;
 - is or has been declared by a competent court to be of unsound mind;
 - is directly or indirectly interested in any contract relating to the entity and fails to declare his or her interest and the nature thereof in the manner required by the entity's constitution;
 - is a person under curatorship;
 - has at any time been removed from an office of trust on account of misconduct involving theft or fraud; has been convicted and sentenced to a term of imprisonment without the option of a fine, except that the responsible Member of the Executive Council may, upon a person who is nominated for appointment disclosing full details of an offence in an affidavit, condone a conviction in a manner that is consistent with clause 106(1)(e) of the Constitution:

Provided that a disqualification in terms of this ground ends five (5) years after the sentence has been completed; and
- Fails to disclose an interest in accordance with the declaration of Board members as required by the entity's constitution, or, attended and participated in the proceedings of the Board while having an interest as contemplated in and set out in the entity's constitution.

Strict compliance with the nomination requirements is essential.

Nominations must be e-mailed to nomzamo.mhlongo@kzndard.gov.za or hand delivered to the office of the Head of Department, Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, 1 Cedara Road,

Cedara; on or before midday on the 02 February 2024 (***closing date will not be less than 5 working days from the date of publication, closing at midday 02 February 2024.***)

Enquiries may be directed to Ms Sibongile Mchunu on 033 - 343 8241, email: sibongile.mchunu@kzndard.gov.za or Ms Nomzamo Mhlongo on 033 - 355 9397, email nomzamo.mhlongo@kzndard.gov.za

Correspondence shall only be sent to the successful nominees.