



Republic of Namibia  
Ministry of Finance  
**MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

*Honourable Speakers,  
Honourable members,  
Fellow Namibians,*

**INTRODUCTION**

1. The Public Procurement Act, Act No. 15 of 2015 was promulgated and gazetted on the 31th of December 2015.
2. The Minister of Finance has been empowered by the Public Procurement Act, Act 15 of 2015(Act No. 15 of 2015), Section 11(1)(c) to appoint the Central Procurement Board members and the Review Panel members following an open, fair and transparent prescribed process of invitation, interview and recommendation by a recruitment committee.
3. The Central Procurement Board will consist of nine (9) members of which the Chairperson and the Deputy Chairperson will be employed on a full time basis for a period of five years and as such will be entitled to a monthly salary whereas the seven board members who will be employed on a part-time basis on a three year contract .
4. The Act empowers the Minister to appoint a pool of fifteen experts with qualifications to serve on the Review Panel on a temporary basis as the need may arise to adjudicate over reviews of bids should any dispute arise and may be updated annually, when necessary.

## RECRUITMENT PROCESS

### *Honourable Speaker,*

1. The Recruitment Committee comprising of members from the public and private sector assisted by the consultant, Consulting Synergies Africa received a total of 67 (sixty-seven) applications for Central Procurement Board membership. Of these sixty seven applications, 35 were shortlisted as the applicants met both the academic and experience requirements.
2. The shortlisting of the Central Procurement Board was based on the number of years of experience in various disciplines; number of years of experience in (a) procurement, (b) the applicant's own field of expertise, and (c) the gender of each candidate.
3. Following the outcome of the recruitment and the vetting processes, Government resolved to appoint members to the Central Procurement Board and Review panel as I shall present them shortly.
4. Honourable Speaker, Honourable Members Section 11, section 3 states that a person who is appointed under subsection (1) or (2) of section 11 must enter into a performance agreement with the Minister within 30 days of appointment. The Minister must; report in the National Assembly and announce by notice in the Gazette the name and the term of office of a person appointed under subsection (1) or (2) as member, Chairperson or Deputy Chairperson of the Board. It is now my honour to report to this august house the appointments as follows:
5. Mr. Patrick SWARTZ, an accountant by profession, lecturer at UNAM... is appointed as chairperson and administrative head of the Central Procurement Board for a term of five (5) years on full time basis.
6. Ms Lischen Ramukutla, an accountant by profession is appointed as deputy Chairperson and deputy administrative head of the Central Procurement Board for a term of five (5) years on a full time basis.

7. The rest of the seven Board members are appointed as follows:

**Central Procurement Board Nominations Central procurement Board members**

Name	Surname	Discipline	Position	Tenure
① Mr Patrick	SWARTZ	Accounting	Chairperson	5 Years on full time basis
② Ms Lischen	RAMAKUTLA	Accounting	Deputy Chairperson	5 years on full time basis
③ Ms Mansueta- Maria	NAKALE	Business	Member	3 years on part time basis
④ Ms Maria	IYAMBO	Engineering	Member	3 years on part time basis
⑤ Mr Hendrik Cronje	LOFTIE-EATON	Engineering	Member	3 years on part time basis
⑥ Ms Hilja	NANDAGO- HERMAN	Law	Member	3 years on part time basis
⑦ Mr Titus	NDOVE	Economics	Member	3 years on part time basis
⑧ Mr. Epaphras Pendapala	SHILONGO	Engineering	Member	3 years on part time basis
⑨ Mr Jeremia	MWADINOHAMBA	Business	Member	3 Years on part time basis

***Honourable Speaker,***

1. In terms of section 58 of the Public Procurement Act the Minister is to appoint a pool of fifteen experts with qualifications to serve on the Review Panel on a temporary basis as the need may arise to adjudicate over reviews of bids should any dispute arise and may be updated annually, when necessary.
2. Twenty eight (28) applications were received for Review Panel. Fifteen of the applicants did not meet the shortlisting criteria and only thirteen candidates were therefore interviewed for the Review Panel.

**The outcome of the recruitment and the vetting process arrived at only 6 members namely:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Surname</b>	<b>Discipline</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Tenure</b>
1. Mr Kenandei Shao	TJIVIKUA	Accounting	Chairperson	3 Years
2. Mr Michael	GAWESEB	Accounting	Deputy Chairperson	3 years
3. Mr Ono-Robby	NANGOLO	Law	Member	3 years
4. Mr Amon	NGAVETENE	Law	Member	3 years
5. Ms Selma-Penna	UTONIH	Engineering	Member	3 years
6. Ms Toska	SEM	Economics	Member	3 years

Realizing that the recommended members did not make up the required pool of 15 members, Government resolved to approach Tertiary institutions for nominations. The process is at an advanced stage. I shall table the remaining 9 members of the Review panel once the vetting process is concluded.

## **CONCLUSION**

### ***Honourable Speaker,***

1. The Public Procurement Act, 2015 and its Regulations comes in to operation on 1 April 2017 as per Government Gazette number 6255.
2. As we all know, there were a lot of publicity on the weakness of the current tender board Act in terms of governance structures, the Principles of transparency and accountability as well as value for money, in that some tenders were over inflated. There were also various courts cases in which Tender Board's decisions were set aside. However, there were also instances were court cases were ruled in favour of Government.
3. We are hopeful that with the new Public Procurement Act, coming into effect on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2017, there will be improvements in terms of Governance Structures, and the application of the principles of transparency, accountability and value for money.
4. As a way forward, All Public entities are expected to make sure that all internal structure as per Public Procurement Act, 2015 are in place.

5. All bids which are above the threshold as per regulations are submitted for the Central procurement Board for processing
6. I know take this opportunity to inform you that the current Tender Board is legally dissolved with effect from 31March 2017.

I thank you

