

EPPF BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION: 2020

Dear Pensioner/Deferred Pensioner

In the previous Election Bulletin, we provided you with detailed information on the size and composition of the EPPF Board of Trustees, as well as the candidate nomination rules and procedures.

The candidate nomination phase is now complete and we are now entering the voting phase. The purpose of the voting phase is to allow you an opportunity to vote for the candidates of your choice to represent you on the EPPF Board of Trustees, if successful.

In this Election Bulletin, you will find the full information about the rules, procedures and guidelines pertaining to the voting phase. Also included are the CVs, election statements of the candidates as well as a single ballot paper with instructions on how to cast your vote. Remember, you may choose any one of the available options of casting your vote as indicated in the information pack included herewith. It is therefore very important that you take time to familiarise yourself with all information contained herein before casting your votes.

Participating in this election is not only your right, it is your responsibility. It is an opportunity that is created every four years to allow you to choose the people you consider suitable to represent you as pensioner/deferred pensioners on the EPPF Board of Trustees.

Finally and to ensure a free and fair election, an independent body, KDBS Consulting ("KDBS"), is overseeing the election process. Please direct all your election-related queries to KDBS for the attention of Mr Thobile Thomas: the Independent Electoral Officer on the toll-free number: 0800 128 452 between 08:30 and 16:30 weekdays only, or alternatively email: info@eppfelection.com. You may also visit www.eppfelection.com to get more information about the elections.

Yours sincerely,

Linda Mateza
Chief Executive and Principal Officer

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members



WHAT IS THE VOTING PHASE ABOUT?

The Voting Phase is an opportunity for you to vote for your preferred candidates from the ten (10) candidates who were shortlisted during the Candidate Nomination Phase.

HOW MANY CANDIDATES AM I ALLOWED TO VOTE FOR?

There are ten (10) candidates on the ballot paper and they are arranged in alphabetical order by surname.

You **may vote for a minimum of one (1) and a maximum of two (2) candidates** only.

The two (2) candidates who receive the most number of votes will be deemed elected to the Board as Trustees from the pensioner/deferred pensioners.

Voting for less than one or more than two candidates will render your ballot invalid and your votes will be disregarded during the vote-counting process.

WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENT OPTIONS FOR CASTING MY VOTE?

You have the choice of casting your votes through one of the following voting channels (choose one only):

- a) **Postal Voting; OR**
- b) **Internet Voting System; OR**
- c) **USSD Voting System; OR**
- d) **SMS Voting System**

Please note that the voting channels (b) to (d) will only be accessible for casting votes from 2 January to 28 February 2020

Remember, you may only choose one voting channel only from the above. If for any reason, you decide to use more than one voting channel, please be aware that only the votes that reach the Independent Electoral Officer first, will be considered. **All others will be disregarded.**

VOTING OPTION A: WHAT ARE THE POSTAL VOTING PROCEDURES?

Before you can cast your votes through postal mail, you must make sure that you have received the full Voting Pack consisting of the following elements:

- a) **Voting Phase Election Bulletin (this document)**
- b) **A single ballot paper containing the names of all the pensioner/deferred pensioner candidates.**
- c) **Free postage-paid Business Reply Envelope (BRE)**

If you are missing any of the three elements you must immediately contact the Independent Electoral Officer.

Thereafter, you must follow the steps below:

Step 1: Make a cross (✗) or tick (✓) in the space provided next to each of the candidates of your choice on the ballot paper. **Remember, you may vote for a minimum of one and maximum of two candidates only.**

Step 2: Complete your pensioner/unique number and your South African ID/passport number (for those without RSA IDs) in the space provided at the bottom of your ballot paper and sign it.

Step 3: Fold your ballot paper, insert it inside the postage-paid Business Reply Envelope (BRE) and seal it.

Step 4: Immediately mail your BRE back to the Independent Electoral Officer. Please note that the BRE is self-addressed and is postage free. You, therefore, do not need to pay for its postage back to the Independent Electoral Officer if posted from anywhere inside South Africa.

Should you use any other envelope to post your ballot, please address it to Independent Electoral Officer, EPPF Trustee Elections, Postnet Suite 305, Private Bag X3, Northriding, 2162. Please note that you will have to pay postage costs/buy a postage stamp.

VOTING OPTION B: WHAT ARE THE INTERNET VOTING SYSTEM PROCEDURES?

Internet voting allows you to vote anywhere and at anytime of day during the voting period by using any internet-connected device such as a cell phone, tablet, personal computer, laptop or voting kiosk. **To vote using the Internet Voting System you must have either a valid cellular phone number or valid email address that is registered on the EPPF member database as at 31 October 2019.** Prior to the start of the voting phase on 2 January 2020, you will receive via your email and/or SMS a full **Internet Voting Guide** containing the following:

- a) An Internet Voting System **Unique Access Key**. Please note that this is different from your pensioner number/unique number and is a personalised number intended to give you unique access to the Internet Voting System. **You, therefore, MUST NEVER share your Internet Unique Access Key with anyone.**
- b) An Internet Voting System link.

Upon accessing the Internet Voting System using the link provided, you will be able to view the full ballot paper as well as candidate CVs and election statements.

If you have not received your Internet Voting Guide, or cannot access the Internet Voting System, you must immediately contact the Independent Electoral Officer on **0800 128 452** between 08:30 and 16:30 weekdays only, or alternatively email: info@eppelection.com.

VOTING OPTION C: WHAT ARE THE USSD VOTING PROCEDURES?

USSD voting allows you to vote using any cellular phone. It is a **free service** and does not require an internet connection or airtime. **To vote using the USSD Voting System you must have a valid cellular phone number that is registered on the EPPF member database as at 31 October 2019.**

At the start of the voting phase (2 January - 28 February 2020), you will receive an SMS inviting you to register to vote using USSD by requesting a USSD Voting Pin Number. Please note that this is a personalised and unique number which is specifically intended to give you access to the USSD Voting System. **You, therefore, MUST NEVER share your USSD Voting Pin Number with anyone.** Upon accessing the USSD Voting System, you will be able to access the full ballot paper as well as voting instructions.

If you have not received your USSD Voting System invite, or cannot access the USSD Voting System, you must immediately contact the Independent Electoral Officer on **0800 128 452** between 08:30 and 16:30 weekdays only, or alternatively email: info@eppelection.com

VOTING OPTION D: WHAT ARE THE SMS PROCEDURES?

SMS voting allows you to vote using any cellular phone. Unlike the USSD Voting System, the SMS Voting System is not free and you, the member, will bear the cost of the SMS. The SMS cost is charged at standard rates. Free SMS's do not apply.

At the start of voting phase (2 January 2020 – 28 February 2020), and to give you access to the SMS Voting System you will receive an SMS containing the **SMS Voting System Number** and also inviting you to request your SMS Voting System **Pin Number**. This is a personalised and unique number which is specifically intended to give you personalised access to the SMS Voting System. **You, therefore, MUST NEVER share your SMS Voting Pin Number with anyone.**

Upon accessing the SMS Voting System, you will be able to access the full ballot paper as well as voting instructions.

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ELECTION EVENT	WHEN?
Voting Phase	2 January - 28 February 2020 @ 16:30
Counting votes and Preliminary Results Announcement	1 - 30 March 2020
Objections and Dispute Resolutions	1 - 30 April 2020
Final Results Declaration	4 May 2020

ELECTION CODE OF CONDUCT

It is the duty of both members and their candidates to safeguard the credibility, free and fairness of the election. For this purpose, an Election Code of Conduct for both candidates and members has been approved by the EPPF and is available on the EPPF election website, or on request from the Independent Electoral Officer.

ELECTION SUPPORT CENTRE

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