

SABC board vacancy: Wanted: independent, suitably qualified candidates

The Portfolio Committee on Communications will soon be interviewing nominees to fill a number of board positions for the SABC, MDDA and ICASA Council...

The Portfolio Committee on Communications has set down Wednesday 25 March 2014 to interview candidates to fill the SABC Board vacancy created by the resignation of Ellen Tshabalala. The deadline to nominate candidates is 27 February 2014.



With more political pressure on the SABC Board than ever, it is vital that a sufficient number of independent and suitably qualified candidates apply says Gavin Davis, Shadow Minister of Communications.

"If there had been a critical mass of independent Board Members in July this year, Hlaudi Motsoeneng would not have been appointed as SABC Chief Operations Officer. In the end Motsoeneng was appointed by a narrow margin of six Board Members who were in favour, to five who did not support it," says Davis, adding...

"The appointment of a new SABC Board Member is especially crucial in the light of Minister Muthambi's Memorandum of Incorporation that seeks to destroy independent public broadcasting by usurping the powers of the Board. We need a strong and independent Board that will challenge Muthambi's unlawful curtailment of its statutory authority."

Besides the filling of this vacancy on the SABC Board, the Communications Portfolio Committee will also be interviewing candidates for four vacancies on the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa's council, as well as two vacancies on the Board of the Media Development and Diversity Agency. The deadline to nominate individuals for these positions is also 27 February 2015.

Nominations and inquiries regarding all these positions should be addressed to the Committee Secretary, Thembinkosi Ngoma, Portfolio Committee on Communications, 3rd floor, 90 Plein Street, Cape Town, 8000 or emailed to tngoma@parliament.gov.za. Telephonic enquiries can be made to 021 403 3733 or 083 709 8407.

The advertisements for these positions can be obtained by clicking on the following links:

[Request for nominations of a person to fill a vacancy of non-executive member to the Board of the South African Broadcasting Corporation \(SABC\)](#)

[Request for nominations of persons to fill two \(2\) vacancies of non-executive members to the Board of the Media Development and Diversity Agency \(MDDA\)](#)

[Request for nominations of persons to fill four \(4\) vacancies on the Council of Independent Communications Authority of South Africa \(ICASA\)](#)