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**BOARD NOTICE 588 OF 2024****South African Council for Social Service Professions****Social Service Professions Act 110 of 1978****NOTICE IN TERMS OF REGULATION 11 ON THE ELECTION ONE PERSON IN TO SERVE AS A MEMBER ON THE 5<sup>TH</sup> SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL SERVICE PROFESSIONS IN TERMS OF SECTION 5(1)(B) OF THE SOCIAL SERVICE PROFESSIONS ACT 110 OF 1978****1. DEFINITIONS**

*“ballot sheet”* means a sheet of paper used to cast a secret vote either in paper and/or electronic format

*“candidate”* means a person who has been nominated in terms of the Regulations and who qualifies to be elected, and whose name was announced in Board Notice 562 of 2024.

*“polling day”* means the last day that a voter may vote (in the case of these elections, it is 30 April 2024)

*“returning officer”* means the officer referred to in regulation 4, and is legally responsible to oversee and manage the SACSSP elections;

*“voter”* means person registered in terms of the Social Service Professions Act 110 of 1978 and who are entitled to vote in terms of the relevant Regulations

**2. POLLING DAY**

2.1 Notice is herewith given in terms of regulation 11 of the *Regulations relating to election of members of the South African Council for Social Service Professions* (Government Notice No R. 1698 published in Government Gazette 19644 of 31 December 1998) (‘the Regulations’) on election of one person in to serve as a Member on the 5<sup>th</sup> South African Council for Social Service Professions in terms of section 5(1)(b) of the Social Service Professions Act 110 of 1978 (‘the Act’).

2.2 The polling day for the election of one person in to serve as a Member on the 5<sup>th</sup> South African Council for Social Service Professions in terms of section 5(1)(b) of the Act is: **30 APRIL 2024**

2.3 No votes cast by a voter after 16h00 on 30 April 2024 will be accepted by the Returning Officer.

- 2.4 A voter may only vote on the Ballot Sheet issued to him or her by the Returning Officer, either by electronic mail (email) or by postal mail.

### **3. ELIGIBLE PERSONS THAT ARE ENTITLED TO VOTE IN THE ELECTIONS**

- 3.1 In accordance with the Regulations a person is entitled to vote if he or she meets the following criteria:

- 3.1.1 Registered with the SACSSP as a *child and youth care worker* in terms of section 18A of the Act.
- 3.1.2 Registered with the SACSSP as an *auxiliary child and youth care worker* in terms of section 18 of the Act.
- 3.1.3 Is a South African citizen.
- 3.2 Practically, if you are registered as a child and youth care worker or auxiliary child and youth care worker, and your annual fees are paid up to date, you may vote for election of one person in to serve as a Member on the 5th South African Council for Social Service Professions in terms of section 5(1)(b) of the Act, subject to Act and Regulations.

- 3.3 The following persons are not allowed to vote according to the Regulations:

- 3.3.1 Student child and youth care workers and student auxiliary child and youth care worker are not allowed to vote.
- 3.3.2 A person, even if registered in terms of section 18A of the Act, who is not a South African citizen.
- 3.3.3 Social workers, social auxiliary workers, student social workers and student social auxiliary workers are not allowed to vote for nominees in terms of section 5(1)(b) of the Act.

### **4. VOTING PROCEDURES**

#### **4.1 General**

- 4.1.1 The election of one person in to serve as a Member on the 5<sup>th</sup> South African Council for Social Service Professions in terms of section 5(1)(b) of the Act will take place per electronic ballot paper, subject to paragraph 4.5.
- 4.1.2 The procedures for electronic voting are explained in paragraph 4.4 and, where applicable, for manual or paper voting is explained in paragraph 4.5.

#### **4.2 Child and youth care workers and auxiliary child and youth care workers**

- 4.2.1 Every child and youth care worker and auxiliary child and youth care worker registered in terms of section 18A of the Act and eligible to vote in terms of the Regulations (voter) shall receive via electronic mail (email), to the email address as on the Register (kept in terms of section 19 of the Act), before or on 2 April 2024 with a web-based link that will direct a voter directly to the following electronic Ballot Sheets:

- Ballot Sheet 1B

- 4.2.2 A voter needs to verify upon receipt of the email referred to in paragraph 4.2.1 that the web-based link directs him or her to the aforementioned Ballot Sheet. If it does not, he or she needs to inform the Returning Officer immediately, but not later than 12 April 2024, in writing at email address

[elections@sacssp.co.za](mailto:elections@sacssp.co.za) as to allow for the correct link to be send. No request after 12 April 2024 will be accommodated.

- 4.2.3 Upon the receipt of the email referred to above a voter may exercise his or her right to vote in the following categories:
- (a) section 5(1)(b): election of one child and youth care worker (to fill a vacancy on the 5<sup>th</sup> South African Council for Social Service Professions).
- 4.2.4 A voter shall exercise his or her right to vote no later than 16h00 on the Polling Day, which is **30 April 2024**.
- 4.3 A ***paper ballot sheet*** and accompanying documents will be issued by the Returning Officer to:
- 4.3.1 A voter contemplated in paragraph 3.1 who expressly inform the Returning Officer in writing by 5 April 2024 that he or she wishes to cast his or vote on a paper ballot sheet, where after such ballot sheet will be dispatched to him or her in accordance with paragraph 4.5.
- 4.3.2 A voter who has no email address entered against his or her name on the Register kept in terms of section 19 of the Act shall be required to only use the paper ballot sheet manual procedures for the purpose of the elections.
- 4.4 **General procedures for voting with an electronic ballot paper**
- 4.4.1 All eligible voters shall receive an email from the Returning Officer that spells out the procedures related to the electronic voting as prescribed in the Regulations.
- 4.4.2 The mentioned email will provide a single web-based link that will direct a voter directly to the applicable ballot sheet(s). The procedures for voting will be clearly indicated in the electronic ballot paper and should be studied carefully by the voter before he or she proceeds to cast a vote.
- 4.4.3 A ballot sheet that is not completed correctly shall be deemed spoiled in terms of the Regulations and the votes on that ballot sheet will not be counted.
- 4.4.4 A voter must indicate in the identification section all the required details, which includes his or her SACSSP registration number to be used as first verification and ID number as second verification. The remainder of the details are information that is required to be on the Register kept by the SACSSP in terms of section 19 of the Act and are required to be inserted as final verifications for electronic voting.
- 4.4.5 A voter needs to note that once he or she has submitted an electronic ballot sheet, he or she will not be allowed to retract, amend or resubmit a ballot sheet, neither may he or she submit a paper ballot sheet.
- 4.5 **General procedures for manual voting using paper ballot sheet**
- 4.5.1 Eligible voters, subject to paragraph 4.3, shall receive:
- (a) a *unique ballot sheet* contains the names of the nominees who may be voted for, as well as the instructions on how to vote and in which category he or she may vote;
- (b) an *identification envelope* to be completed and to place the ballot sheet in; and

- (c) a cover envelope to place the identification envelope (with the ballot sheet inside) in and return to the SACSSP.

- 4.5.2 The procedures for voting will be clearly indicated on the paper ballot sheet and should be studied carefully by the voter before he or she proceeds to vote.
- 4.5.3 Paper ballot sheets to a voter contemplated in paragraph 4.3.2 shall be dispatched by 8 April 2024 to the postal address as on the Register kept in terms of section 19 of the Act. If such a voter has not received a paper ballot sheet by 15 April 2024, he or she must contact the Returning Officer at [elections@sacssp.co.za](mailto:elections@sacssp.co.za) immediately.
- 4.5.4 A voter needs to note that once he or she has submitted paper ballot sheet, he or she will not be allowed to retract, amend or resubmit a ballot sheet, neither may he or she submit an electronic ballot sheet.
- 4.5.5 A paper ballot sheet submitted by postal mail must reach the Returning Officer no later than 14 May 2024 (14 calendar days after the Polling Day) and will only be accepted as a valid ballot sheet if the date stamp of the Post Office shows that it was mailed before or on 30 April 2024. Any paper ballot sheet posted after 30 April 2024 shall be rejected.

## 5. NAMES OF PERSONS NOMINATED FOR ELECTIONS

- 5.1 The names of the persons appearing in the paragraph that follows are of persons duly nominated for elections in the prescribed manner by 16h00 on 1 March 2023 following the request for nominations published by [Board Notice 398 of 2023](#) published in the Government Gazette No. 48017 of 10 February 2023, and who meet the prescribed requirements as set out in the applicable Regulations.
- 5.2 The names of nominees were announced by [Board Notice 562 of 2024](#) published in the Government Gazette No. 50138 of 16 February 2024.
- 5.3 The names of the nominees appearing in paragraph 6 are final and will appear on the Ballot sheets for the election of one person in to serve as a Member on the 5<sup>th</sup> South African Council for Social Service Professions in terms of section 5(1)(b) of the Act.

## 6. ELECTION OF ONE CHILD AND YOUTH CARE WORKER IN TERMS OF SECTION 5(1)(b) OF THE ACT

- 6.1 Election by child and youth care workers and auxiliary child and youth care workers of one person in to serve as a Member on the 5<sup>th</sup> South African Council for Social Service Professions in terms of section 5(1)(b) of the Act in alphabetical order by surname.
- 6.2 Child and youth care workers and auxiliary child and youth care workers registered in terms of section 18A of the Act and eligible to vote, may vote for no more than *one (1)* of the following candidates on BALLOT SHEET 1B.

SURNAME	FIRST NAMES	SACSSP Registration number
GALLANT	Elwin Edgar	9010504
MANGO	Victor Khuthadzo	9005334

NDHLOVU	Philani Lipworth	7000581
SHABANGU	Xolani	9000956

7. The outcome of the election of one person in to serve as a Member on the 5<sup>th</sup> South African Council for Social Service Professions in terms of section 5(1)(b) of the Act will be published not later the 30 calendar days after the closing date of the polling by Board Notice in the Government Gazette in terms of regulation 15(11) of the Regulations.



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**Date**