

STUDENT COURT OF STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY

NOTICE OF HEARING

Ex Parte Nieuwenheyzen and Another OFFICIAL NOTICE

13 February 2025, 15:00

In terms of Rule 22 of the Student Court Rules of Procedure of 2024 (the Rules), Notice is hereby given for the hearing taking place in the matter *Ex Parte Nieuwenheyzen and Another.*

Pursuant to Rule 22(1) and 22(3), the proceeding will take place in an open Court and parties are required to present oral arguments. Whilst the Court acknowledges concerns raised by the proceedings taking place in an open Court, the Court does not deem the reason provided as one that is sufficient enough to warrant proceedings behind closed doors considering the nature of the application.

After consultation with the parties, in terms of Rule 22(4), be it known that the hearing will take place on Monday, 17 February at 17h00. The Court will sit at GG Cillie 1028, and all parties are required to be in attendance. Should a party not attend, the hearing may continue in their absence as per Rule 23(4). Please ensure that all parties are ready to commence proceedings at 17h00.

The matter will be heard before the full bench of the Court, comprising out of Risimati CJ, Mülke DCJ, Zimri J, Laker J, and Van der Watt J.



Rule 22(5)(b)(i): Rules of engagement

The hearing will be conducted in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of 2024. While the Court thanks the parties for their respectful demeanour, and decorum thus far, these principles must be maintained in addition to mutual respect for one another and each member of the Court. Rule 22(5)(a) empowers the chair to ensure a forum for sensible, orderly, and constructive debate is created and maintained.

Counsel will be required to sit separate from one another, and the audience. Should Counsel require direction from their clients, the Court may consider having a short recess to allow Counsel to do so. The granting of a recess is subject to the discretion of the Chief Justice. Whereas the hearing will adopt a formal tone, the parties are required to be in business attire. Furthermore, the normal rules of decorum will be observed.

Rule 22(5)(b)(ii): Structure of hearing

Pursuant to Rule 22(5)(c), the chair may deviate from the rule or structure outlined in terms of Rule 22(5)(b)(ii) upon good cause shown by any of the parties at the hearing.

The Court will hear arguments on the following matters:

- (a) locus standi of both applicants
- (b) the authority upon which the applicants rely to aver that the interim period will conclude upon the successful election of the SRC Chairperson
- (c) the process through which the proposed Interim Electoral Commissioner was selected and the authority on which the applicants rely to propose the candidate.

Any enquiries may be directed to the Registrar of the Student Court, Justice McNiel Zimri.

RH RISIMATI Chief Justice

On behalf of the Student Court