

## OBSERVATORY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

### Deferred Election of the OBSID BoD

**Date:** Monday 04 December 2017 at 18.00  
**Venue:** Observatory Community Centre, Rawson Street, Observatory  
**Present:** 59 Obsid members, 4 residents, 3 visitors, 2 staff members and 1 job shadowing intern  
10 by proxy  
Attendance register: see appendix 1 attached and the AGM minutes book for the original.

#### 1. Registration (from 17:30 to 18:00)

All present signed the attendance register and received ballot forms. All biographies of the nominated directors for the meeting were also e-mailed to the members and posted on the website.

#### 2. Welcome and Apologies

##### 2.1 Membership – resignations and new

##### 2.2 Quorum to constitute a meeting

Nishendra Moodley welcomed all members, residents, visitors and staff present at the Deferred Election of the OBSID BoD Meeting.

#### 3. Election of Board Members

All the outgoing directors introduced themselves and their portfolios.

Nishendra Moodley explained the reasoning behind the deferred election and that the board decided to increase the board to nine members. The reasoning for a nine director board is that it becomes easier with elections when a third of the board needs to stand down and with an uneven number, decisions will never be deadlocked. All the members on the board have decided to step down, except for Graham Porter and Jeanine Schouw, who have resigned. Nishendra Moodley thanked both directors for their contribution to OBSID.

All the members have availed themselves for re-election, including Carolyn Neville who has reviewed her position.

Nishendra Moodley made the following open remarks: He advised that it was quite important to engage in the election and confront the elephant in the room. There have been highly divisive factions operating and it is worthwhile naming the fact that we have been experiencing a high level of divisiveness amongst different factions in this community and having interacted with both, I can testify that neither is ideological or problematic and there is a huge commonality between these groupings. The ideas around accommodating arts and culture, does not mean undermining the importance of public safety and our urban management agenda. And similarly emphasising and protecting our gains that we have increased public safety does not have to exclude arts and culture in the Observatorian definition of good urban management. Before rooting yourself into any particular faction, I urge people to first test the logic and rational, intentions, validity and conspiracy theories of others. In my chairperson's address at the last AGM, I asked that when it was time to vote you do so wisely and elect a board that would not be subservient and compliant, but to elect one that is willing to fulfil its duties independently without fear or favour. Today, I further ask you as you vote, not to vote factionally, but that you vote for unity and the best possible candidates.

After his opening remarks, Nishendra Moodley highlighted the procedure of the election. All the nominations have been indicated with a short biography and photograph. Each candidate was afforded two minutes to speak with regards to their background and what they could contribute to OBSID. A ballot form has been allowed, because of the fixed amount of candidates. After hearing from each candidate, votes would be casted. Proxies received have been taken into account and has been added to your ballot form. Ballots will be collected by Claudine Majiet and counted by Eddie Scott and Joepie Joubert. After casting ballots members could leave or wait for the outcome.

Dale Ford requested that a proposal be made that the members accept a board consisting of nine directors before ballots were cast.

Nishendra Moodley requested that Claudine Majiet inform the meeting of its standing regarding a quorum, before he made proposals and requested counter proposals.

Claudine Majiet informed the meeting that there was a quorum. Fifty-nine members present plus ten proxies, with a total of sixty-three required for a quorum. Seventy new members registered since the AGM and a total of one hundred and two prior to the AGM to date, for this financial year.

Penny Morrell queried the names on the ballot, as she thought it would be a secret ballot, but Nishendra Moodley informed the meeting that it was not to be a secret ballot and that the ballot vote was safer or more accurate than a showing of hands.

Howard Richman queried when proxies were received and he was advised by Claudine Majiet that the 10 proxies were received prior to Friday, 01 December 2017 before 2pm and proxies received thereafter were null and void.

Nishendra Moodley proposed that the meeting accept that the board consists of nine directors and requested any counter proposals.

There was no counter proposal and Nishendra Moodley requested that it could be assumed that it is unanimously accepted.

There was a unanimous vote to approve the board to consist of nine directors.

**Decision:** The proposal to accept the board to consist of nine directors was passed unanimously.

Lucinda Bates queried if the ballot would be accepted if a mistake is made and struck through with a signature next to it. Claudine Majiet advised that a new ballot rather be given.

Nishendra Moodley advised the meeting that the board portfolios were not elected by members, but by the board.

Each candidate had two minutes to address the members in the order appearing on the ballot.

Thereafter ballots were casted, collected and counted by the City.

Claudine Majiet announced the voting results:

**The results of the election of the OBSID BoD are as follows: The first nine have been elected as OBSID Directors.**

<b>1. Nishendra Moodley</b>	<b>58</b>
<b>2. Jodi Allemeier</b>	<b>57</b>
<b>3. Gareth Leyman</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>4. Stephen Killick</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>5. Tauriq Jenkins</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>6. Trevor Hughes</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>7. Carolyn Neville</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>8. Justin Ashley</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>9. Edwin Angless</b>	<b>35</b>

10. Howard Richman	34
11. Werner Steyn	27
12. Sheila Barsel	26

#### **4. Adjournment**

Nishendra Moodley did a vote of thanks to the ISL staff, members, directors, community organisations, visitors and staff for attending and declared the meeting closed.

The meeting closed at 6.45pm

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CHAIRPERSON