

# Alumni Association Representative to Council Special Election Online Meeting 2026

## NOTICE OF AN ONLINE SPECIAL ELECTION MEETING OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF NELSON MANDELA UNIVERSITY

Members of the Alumni Association are hereby cordially invited to an online Special Election Meeting of the Association to elect ONE representative to Council on Thursday, 11 June 2026 at 18:00.

In terms of paragraph 6 of the Constitution of the Association, membership of the Association consists of-

1. the Vice-Chancellor and members of the Extended Management Committee;
2. persons to whom a certificate, diploma or degree, including honorary degrees, has been awarded or conferred by the University, the former University of Port Elizabeth or the former Port Elizabeth Technikon, including the former institutions which preceded the establishment of the Port Elizabeth Technikon;
3. academic employees appointed to permanent positions at the University;
4. professors emeriti and other retired academic employees of the University and former institutions referred to in the Alumni Association constitution;
5. such other employees who were entitled to membership of the Convocations of the former University of Port Elizabeth and former Port Elizabeth Technikon; and
6. any person to whom the Executive Committee of the Association, upon invitation to or application by such person, has granted membership of the Association.

### Agenda:

1. Welcome by the President of the Association
2. Election of ONE member of the Association to serve on Council
3. Alumni Relations update
4. Closure

### Nomination of members of the Association to serve on Council (ONE position)

In terms of paragraph 11 of the Alumni Association Constitution, members of the Association can elect TWO of its members to serve on Council for a period of FOUR (4) years. The term of ONE of the Council representatives, Mrs Michelle Mbaco, expires on 30 June 2026. Mrs Mbaco served two terms on Council and there is a two-term limitation.

### Members of the Alumni Association are hereby invited to nominate in writing candidates:

- of good community standing; who have an interest in, and good understanding of higher education; and
- who have proven skills, knowledge and experience in one or a combination of two or more of the following areas, for appointment to Council:

### KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE IN AREAS THAT ENHANCE COUNCIL'S CAPACITY FOR CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND OVERSIGHT

- Risk management
- Learning and teaching
- Research
- Utilisation of intellectual property
- Law
- Human rights
- Public sector matters
- Organisational development

### KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE IN ASPECTS THAT SUPPORT COUNCIL'S OVERSIGHT OF STRATEGIC PRIORITIES OF THE UNIVERSITY, INCLUDING

- Technology innovation
- Internationalisation
- Marine and Ocean Sciences
- Health Sciences
- Humanities
- Medical sciences

### PASSION FOR, AND EXPERIENCE IN MATTERS THAT FURTHER TRANSFORMATIVE INTENTIONS OF COUNCIL AND THE UNIVERSITY, INCLUDING

- Social justice, human rights and inclusion
- Gender equity
- Sustainable development and environmental stewardship
- Transformation in general, and higher education transformation in particular.
- **PLEASE NOTE:**  
**Nominees may not be in the employ of the university or have a contractual relationship with the university.**

### Nomination process:

1. The nomination must be submitted on the prescribed nomination forms which can be obtained online together with the Alumni Association Constitution at <https://alumni.mandela.ac.za/About-Alumni/Alumni-Council-Special-Election-Meeting-2026>
2. The nomination form must be signed by three (3) members of the Association and countersigned by the nominee.
3. The completed nomination and declaration forms as well as the curriculum vitae of the nominee must be submitted to the Secretary of the Association via e-mail [ANominations@mandela.ac.za](mailto:ANominations@mandela.ac.za)
4. Nominations must be submitted by Wednesday, 03 June 2026.

### Attendance of the online Special Election Meeting:

1. Only qualifying members of the Alumni Association can attend the online meeting.
2. To attend the Special Council Election Online Meeting and participate in the election process, please RSVP by clicking on <https://forms.office.com/r/xJwKUJCgT0>
3. Members must RSVP by Wednesday 03 June 2026.

**PGG GESWINDT**  
**DIRECTOR: ALUMNI RELATIONS**  
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