



NAME: Altaaf Suleman

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Masters Degree in Pharmacy
- MBA from UKZN Business School

EXPERIENCE:

- He has a proven track record of business entrepreneurship having grown his business from a single retail outlet to a diversified portfolio comprising a wholesale/retail business with stores across South Africa and Mauritius.
- In addition he has 24 bedroom lodge which has broaden his knowledge and expertise of the hospitality and tourism industry.

MOTIVATION:

Altaaf will bring competencies of innovation and business acumen to the Board.

Having served as a council member for the past three years, Altaaf has demonstrated his commitment to the Durban Chamber of Commerce and Industry.



NAME: Hazel Kaiyiya

QUALIFICATIONS:

- B Com (Managerial Accounts and Finance), B Com Hons in Accounting (UKZN)
- Certified Internal Auditor
- Masters in Commerce in Leadership (Current) (UKZN)

EXPERIENCE:

- Corporate Services Executive (CEO designate), Gold Circle (August 2014 – current)
- Risk Assurance Manager, Gold Circle (May 2011 – July 2014)
- Tax Consultant, LSP Tax Consultants (March 2011 – June 2011)
- Audit Clerk / Supervisor, BDO Smith Africa (Feb 2009 – Feb 2011)
- Professional Memberships Institute of Risk Management, Institute of Internal Auditors, South African institute of Professional Accountants.
- Founder of the “Do Better” Organisation that aims to assist companies and people to realise their true potential.

MOTIVATION:

Hazel believes and embraces same values as the Chamber and looks forward to being of service to the Board. Her experience with transformation and empowerment programs will be of benefit to the Chamber, as well as her expertise in the areas of Finance and Risk Management.

As a Board member she will challenge and encourage questioning outside the comfort zone.





NAME: Faisal Mkhize

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Bachelor of Arts in Administration, Honours (UKZN)
- Post Graduate Diploma in Business Management (UKZN)
- International Executive Program INSEAD
- Challenge of Leadership INSEAD

EXPERIENCE:

- Managing Executive KZN Region, ABSA Retail and Business Bank October 2015 - current
- Regional Executive Northern Region, ABSA Private Bank
- Chief Executive Officer, Barclays Bank Mozambique January 2012 – March 2014
- Head of Market Leadership and Change, ABSA Business Bank 2010 – 2012
- Managing Executive, SMME ABSA Business Bank

MOTIVATION:

With 20 years banking sector experience Faisal is well placed to assist the Chamber to influence Business and Government in formulating Strategies and Policies that will unlock the potential of SME's and drive Public Private Partnerships in a sustainable way.

He will bring to the Board the Strategic and Operational understanding of how to lobby large Corporates and Government to support the mandate of the Chamber to achieve supplier and entrepreneurial development.



NAME: Jetendra Poorun

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Bachelor of Business Science (Unisa)
- Hospital Planning and Design Course (UKZN)
- Advanced Project Management Damelin

EXPERIENCE:

- Managing Director of Strategic Healthcare Management, a specialist management consultancy focusing on productivity, performance and profit improvement (8 years)
- Hospital General Manager at JMH – Isipingo Private Hospital and eThekweni Hospital and Heart Centre where was part of the commissioning team.
- Member of the Professional conduct Committee of the Health Professions Council of South Africa
- President of the South African Federation of Hospital engineers
- Healthcare Consultant with the Industrial Development Corporation

MOTIVATION:

Jetendra believes that there is further opportunity to market and brand the good work done by the

Durban Chamber and that his vast network of small and large businesses acquired during an eight period of managing his own business will enable this process.

His is well position to assist the Chamber in addressing healthcare issues and believes there is benefit in business and government partnering on this challenge.





NAME: Linda Ngcobo

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 2002 (SAICA Reg. No. 07984082)
- Post Graduate Diploma in Accounting (University of KwaZulu Natal)
- B.Com Degree (University of Zululand).

EXPERIENCE:

- Managing Director or AQ Rate, a Durban-based B-BBEE verification agency which has been in operation for ten years (current).
- Prior to this she ran her own consultancy (LCAN Consulting) for approximately 10 years. Some examples of projects were the BBEE verification of KZN provincial government departments and the audit readiness project for the eThekweni Maritime Cluster.
- Before venturing into her own business she was employed as the Chief Financial Officer of the KZN Provincial Department of Economic Development and Tourism.
- She completed her articles training contract with PWC and during this time worked with a number of private sector clients.

MOTIVATION:

Linda believes the Chamber has a significant role to play in influencing economic growth in Durban and with her experience in the B-BBEE industry and working with business development strategies she is well placed to assist the Chamber with achieving the goal of economic growth for the City.

She has been involved with the Chamber on a number of projects which has provided her with an understanding of the Chamber's goals, which will enable her to make a meaningful contribution to their achievement.



NAME: Mr Nigel Ward

QUALIFICATIONS:

- EDP – University of Stellenbosch

EXPERIENCE:

- Currently senior vice president and member of the board of Toyota South Africa and Toyota South Africa Motors.
- His career at Toyota South Africa spans a period of 34 years and his core areas of expertise include procurement, supply chain and engineering.
- He is responsible for input and decision making for the future Toyota Strategy in South Africa
- He serves on various Toyota executive committees including Social, Ethics, Audit and Compliance.

MOTIVATION:

As Toyota is one of the larger manufacturers in the Durban area there is a need to be engaged with the local economy and the greater business population in order to seek areas of collaboration and synergy which will benefit the growth of the region.

Nigel believes Toyota being represented on the board of the Durban Chamber of Commerce and Industry will act as a conduit to give back to the Durban economy, by sharing Toyota's experiences which will assist in future growth.

He has a passion for developing the younger generation and future leaders.





NAME: Musa Makhunga

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Secondary Teachers Diploma, B. Paed (University of Zululand).
- Hons. B, B&A, University of Stellenbosch Business School.
- Accredited as an Executive Coach, The Institute for Independent Business (IIB).
- Personal and Business Coaching, -Coaching, Mentorship and Training, 2010.
- Certified Behaviour Analyst, Coaching Mentoring and Training, CMT International.
- Certified in Change Management Agent/Facilitator, Prisca Change Management Methodology.
- Certified as a Blue Ocean Strategy Practitioner, Blue Ocean Strategy.

EXPERIENCE:

- Musa is the founding Managing Director of HR Matters (Pty) Ltd, a strategic human resources leadership firm, with over twenty five years experience in corporate business as a human resources professional in the education, manufacturing, mining, banking, retail and development finance sectors.
- He is a facilitator, coach, mentor and social entrepreneur in his own right.
- Council Member (HR, remuneration and benefits committee) Umfolozi TVET College.
- Chairperson (Nothani Education Trust). The trust is a beneficiary of a BEE investment consortium co founded with other entrepreneurs, Bingelela Investments Consortium (2005-current).
- CEO and co founder Emnotweni Investments (Pty) which has a 30% equity in Bingelela Investment Consortium (Pty) Ltd (2005-current).

MOTIVATION:

Musa shares a passion for human potential development, which he considers as the most critical and neglected aspect of society, especially in developing nations. With this belief, his various professional achievements and international HR experience he is well placed to contribute human resources development expertise to the Durban Chamber of Commerce and Industry. He is currently a member of the DCCI Council and previously served as the chairperson of the Western Area Business Forum. Since 2010 he has served as a trustee of the DCCI Pension and Provident Funds.



NAME: Nkopodi Nkopodi

QUALIFICATIONS:

- B Sc. (Economics)
- BBA
- Hons B Com (Finance Management)
- Property Development Programme
- Management Development Programme
- Programme in Finance Management
- M Phil. Degree (Urban Infrastructure Design and Management (current)).

EXPERIENCE:

- Tongaat Hulett Developments (Pty) Ltd: Development Executive (2006 – current).
- Eskom Transmission: Land and Rights Asset Acquisition Manager (2004 – 2006), Senior Advisor: Land and Rights Asset Acquisitions (1997-2004).
- Department of Public Works: Senior Accounts Officer (1993-1996). | Senior Administrative Officer (1992-1993). | Accounting Clerk (1985-1991).

MOTIVATION:

With his experience in energy and the property industry/sectors Nkopodi will add value to the Board by utilising this experience to move the Chamber to a higher standard and to influence strategy so as to make the DCCI a business networking home for all Durban Business.

He is currently a member of the DCCI Council and the chairperson of the Infrastructure Forum. Previously, he served as chairperson of the Economic Forum and has participated in many DCCI activities over the years.





NAME: Nokuthula Luthuli

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Bachelor of Science from UKZN

EXPERIENCE:

- She commenced her career as a graduate trainee manager at Unilever, SA where she held various management positions over a period of 8 years.
- She is the founder and Managing Director of Bloom Marketing a fully-fledged marketing and advertising agency with offices in Gauteng and KZN and she has held this position for the past 10 years.
- She is a committee member of the South African Council of Shopping Centres (KZN chapter) and of the Business Women Association in KZN.

MOTIVATION:

With 21 years of collective experience as a corporate marketer and business leader Nokuthula believes she has a responsibility and solid competence to assist the Durban Chamber to realise business growth in KZN.

She has particular interest in promoting young women to realise their full potential



NAME: Palesa Phili

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Diploma in Business Information Systems, Oxford College of Education
- Advance Business Management program certificate, Technikon Witwatersrand
- Master in Business Administration, University of Johannesburg

EXPERIENCE:

- Executive head for Vodacom business in KZN
- Currently she represents Vodacom on the boards of the SmartXchange and Invotech incubation programs.
- Previously she held the role of Country Manager/Services Head within EMC Computer Systems South Africa, where she was responsible for the delivery and profitability of services across the organisation, within a diverse customer portfolio
- Prior to this, she was technical services delivery manager at Hewlett Packard SA
- She has also worked for other global technology companies including IBM Sub-Saharan Africa, Dell Computer Corporation SA and Intel Corporation SA.
- She is a member of the South African Institution for Directors

MOTIVATION:

Palesa has over 17 years experience in the IT sector working for leading multinational companies and over 4 years in executive positions within the sector. Her executive experience ranges from strong operational experience to strategic growth and market penetration into various customer environments for global leaders, qualities which will add value to the Durban Chamber Board.





NAME: Dr Pravin Thakur

QUALIFICATIONS:

- B. Paed (UDW), B.A. (Hons), B. Ed.(Unisa), M.A. (UKZN), PhD. (Wits)
- Post Graduate Diploma in Financial Planning (NQF 8) – UFS
- Advanced Post Graduate Diploma in Financial Planning (NQF 8) – UFS

EXPERIENCE:

- A high school educator for 17 years.
- Representative of Liberty Life since 1997.
- Member of the FIA (Financial Intermediary Association of South Africa).
- Member of the FPI since 2001 (Financial Planning Institute of South Africa).
- Member of the MDRT – Qualified 14 times and now a Life Associate (Million Dollar Round Table, an international organisation of insurance professionals comprising the world's highest achievers in the life insurance industry).

MOTIVATION:

Dr Thakur, is a personal and corporate financial advisor based in Durban. With his wide industry experience, broad financial knowledge and academic background he is well positioned to offer comprehensive financial planning advice to the Durban Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

He has served as a Board member of the DCCI for two terms and is currently a Council member. In 2012 he received a special commendation for "rendering distinguished service to the SMME Mentorship Committee".



NAME: Rod Stainton

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Chartered Accountant

EXPERIENCE:

- Businessman and property developer who has developed a variety of residential buildings, office parks and small light industrial facilities
- He is involved in multiple aspects of land development, including development management, project management, quantity surveying and cost control, subsidiary contracting, civil and earthworks, real estate finance and governmental relations.
- He is currently involved with Keystone Park, a 152-hectare light industrial warehousing and logistics precinct located within the primary growth corridor between Durban and Pietermaritzburg and Cornubia Square, a 1.5 billion mixed-use development.

MOTIVATION:

Rod will bring financial, infrastructure development and entrepreneurial expertise to the Durban Chamber Board.





NAME: Russell Curtis

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Degree of Chartered Associate, Institute of Bankers SA.
- Post-graduate Diplomas in Financial Management, Project Management, Corporate Finance, and Securities Brokerage (US SEC).
- Executive Certificates in Strategic Investment Promotion and Advanced Financial Modelling (amongst others).
- Post graduate Degree in Business Administration.
- MBA in Public-Private Partnerships (current).

EXPERIENCE:

- Russell is currently in charge of the Durban Investment Promotion Authority within the EThekweni Municipality, a position he has held for the last eleven years.
- He is an executive on the City's Catalytics Projects Team in the Deputy City Manager's Office.
- He has fifteen years experience in corporate banking and financial services in the USA and South Africa.
- KZN Committee member of the Institute of Directors of SA for nine years and a past KZN chairperson for three years.
- Founding member of the KZN Sustainable Energy Forum.
- Internationally he was on the UN Investment Advisory Council for 2008/9 and a World Investment Forum Panelist at the UN's W.I.F. in 2010 and 2014.



MOTIVATION:

Russell's current passion is to further expose the core strengths of Metropolitan Durban to would-be investors and business tourists. This together with his management and leadership skills will add value to the DCCI.

Russell has served as a Board/Council Member of the Durban Chamber of Commerce and Industry for nine years, until early 2015.

NAME: Subashnee Moodley

QUALIFICATIONS:

- BA, LL.B (UKZN 1994-1998).
- Member of SAPOA.
- Member of the KZN Chapter of Women in Property Network.

EXPERIENCE:

- Director, Livingstone Leandy (conveyancer and notary).
- Subashnee has been in legal practice for fifteen years and has spent the last thirteen in the conveyancing department. She acts for most South African banks in relation to commercial and residential property finance.
- After completing her degree she worked as a research clerk at the Constitutional Court. She then returned to Durban and completed her law articles with Livingstone Leandy in May 2000 and was appointed as Associate in 2002 and a Director in 2003.



MOTIVATION:

Subashnee has been nominated to the Livingstone Leandy management committee annually since 2005 and as a director for 12 years she will bring a sound understanding of the associated roles and responsibilities to the DCCI, as well as her legal expertise.

She has in the past served as a member of the Umhlanga Business forum.



NAME: Zama Phakathi

QUALIFICATIONS:

- B. Com Degree

EXPERIENCE:

- CEO and owner of Splendid Marketing and Communications a Media Management, Publicity and PR Company based in Durban.
- Director of Beyond Boundaries (Pty) Ltd, an infrastructure and commodities focused business which is penetrating into Africa.
- Her last position was that of Marketing & Communications Manager for the Durban Chamber of Commerce & Industry, a position she held for about 3 years.
- Previously she worked for a number of organisations, including Transnet, Savannah Fine Chemicals and UKZN.

MOTIVATION:

Zama is well networked, provincially and nationally and has delivered talks at numerous events and conferences throughout the Country.

She is a dynamic business woman which is demonstrated by her various business awards and has a zest for life. These qualities and her experience as a former member of the DCCI management team will definitely add value.

