

**Minutes of the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of Radio Islam held virtually on  
Wednesday the 25 August 2021, at 20H00**

**Agenda**

1. Welcome – Qiraat
2. Reading the notice to convene the AGM meeting.
3. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous AGM held on 07 October 2020  
Matters arising from the above minutes
4. Chairperson’s address
5. To consider and if seen fit to approve the activities of Radio Islam.
6. Discussion of the Audited Financial Statements -  
Adoption of the Financial Statements
7. Appointment of auditors
8. General

**1) Welcome and Qiraat:**

Br Abdul Hafiz Mahomed opened the meeting at 20H00 and welcomed all to Radio Islam’s 26th Annual General virtual meeting.

He thanked all for registering online and introduced the panel that presented the station Br Abdul Hafiz Mahomed (Chairman), Qari Basheer Ahmed Patel (Vice Chairman), Br Mohammed Mia (Treasurer), MI Heider A E Dhorat (Station Manager), Br Muhammed Dadabhay (Integri-fin) and MI Sulaimaan Ravat (Programmes Manager).

**Qiraat** – By Qari Basheer Patel

**Attendance : 233 members were registered online to participate – Apologies** MI Umar Sithole

**2) Reading the notice to convene the 25th Annual General Meeting:**

The notice was posted timeously to 600 members and advertised in the media.  
The minutes were read by the Secretary Apa Zunaida Moosa Wadiwala.

**Adoption of the minutes:** Br Muhammed Dadabhay and seconded by Br Liaqat Laher.

MI Sulaimaan Ravat went through a presentation on how the virtual meeting was to progress and unfold.

**3) Matters Arising – None**

**4) Chairman’s Address comprised of a brief summary of the Annual report.** Was read by Qari Basheer Patel

**Topics covered were:**

Scope of the report  
The Role of Community Radio during COVID-19  
Radio Islam Hajj Broadcast 1441  
News, current affairs and themes covered  
Social Media  
Production  
Social Media, Outreach and production  
KZN Activities  
Ramadhan Broadcast 1442/2021  
Staff Development, Listeners Association  
Constitution  
Website  
Financial Overview  
Appreciation

**Adoption of the Chairman’s Address:** Br Muhammed Mia moved for adoption and Seconded by MI Sulaimaan Ravat

### **The Audited Financial Statements**

Were read and displayed via Microsoft Teams to all online participants by Br Muhammed Mia, it covered all aspects of Radio Islam's finances interalia: Auditors report, income and expenditure statement, profit and loss and balance sheet.

**Adoption:** Br Muhammed Dadabhay moved for the adoption of the Audited Financial Statements, seconded by Br Sulaimaan Patel

Activities of the Radio Station is concerned, do we consider it and if so do we see it fit can we approve it

### **7) Appointment of Auditors:**

Br Mohammed Mia moved for appointment of the same Auditors Karolia and Jeena Inc and MI Habib Bobat seconded it.

### **8) General**

**Br Liaqat Laher:**

**Question 1:** What is the viability of the Medium Wave?

**Question 2:** Can we put up billboards when entering Lenasia that says "Welcome to Lenasia the Home of Radio Islam" and could we have Radio Islam's well-wishers to sponsor them?

**MI Heider A E Dhorat responded:**

**Answer 1:** Medium Wave is why we have a license from ICASA and it is our primary form of broadcast transmission. Medium Wave is still the only option we have available; unfortunately, there are no FM frequencies available. Therefore, we will continue broadcasting via Medium Wave, 70 % of our advertising income comprises of revenue which we generate from through Medium Wave. For the benefit of the listeners, we are undertaking a major upgrade of the Medium Wave. We have invested in a brand new transmitter last year, which was not installed, it came from America. The cost of the upgrade is one and half million rands. It will comprise of a new Earth Mat, a security wall 3m high, isolation transmitter room, fuel room, new STL link etc. The upgrade will take about 2 months. At the moment the transmission has been severely affected. We request its listeners to bear with us. We hope Insha Allah that the upgrade would increase radius to a great extent.

**Answer 2:** It is a very good suggestion. It was brought up some time back, it was a bit costly. We were trying to save money for the this upgrade. However, I think it is needed and Insha Allah we will try and discuss it at the next Board meeting and create a budget for it Insha Allah.

### **SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING:**

Discussion and Adoption of the Memorandum of Incorporation (Constitution) in terms of the Companies Act of 2008.

Synopsis was given by Attorney Ismail Vally

**MI Heider Dhorat:** As mention, the Constitution was uploaded onto the website 3 weeks prior to hosting this AGM. We have received input from a brother from the UK:

**Dr. Prof Iqbal Elias:** the one concern raised is that why is it limited to a South African situation, where a South African ID would be needed.

**MI Heider Dhorat responded:** There are 3 types of licenses in South Africa ie, Commercial, National which is Government owned and Community. We fall under the Community radio station and we have been granted a Medium Wave License. Therefore we are restricted and bound and regulations and rules of ICASA. Therefore our membership will be limited to South Africans more so within the broadcast area of Radio Islam and that is also via Medium Wave. There are other suggestions in terms of empowerment etc, we have forwarded them to our Board Members, Insha Allah they will look into it favourably. Another suggestion by him was acquiring particular skills in terms of co-option etc, we take cognizance of that

and Insha Allah will discuss at our Board meeting in terms of certain skills. Sometimes we do not get it in an open election type of a situation and we need those skills. We are thankful to Almighty Allah that our present Board Members comprises of four Chartered Accountants or BCom degrees, we have a good amount of business acumen and skills on our Board. We also have an HR Committee, where we have three Attorney's Alhamdulillah. We have Ulama, female representatives as well. This mix has brought Radio Islam to where it is and the general feeling in South Africa is that, Alhamdulillah Radio Islam in terms of fulfilling its mandate has fulfilled it.

This was a one year process all the Board members were involved, it was a tedious process and they really applied their mind. We do not say that it is a full proof constitution but it will definitely improve and streamline the way we run the organization.

**MI Shafique Hajee:** As far as the Board Members of Radio Islam are concerned. How many terms can they serve on the Board? Are the current Board members on the Board for longer than they should be? To give an opening spacing for others to sit on the Board of Radio Islam. What is the procedure coming to the election situation.

**MI Heider Dhorat responded:** The current constitution states that the Board members can serve for two terms ie; 5 years and 5 years. When you have an open election anybody can vote for whoever they want to. Elections are held every 5 years. In the past 23 years we noticed that per election we have many new Board members coming in and perhaps we had one or two old members who stayed on and there has been a healthy rotation of members.

**Dr. Prof Iqbal Elias:** I wish Radio Islam could focus more on community empowerment in terms of scientific enhancements and invention that is progressive Muslims of historic Iraq.

**Votes:**

**Yes - 59**

**No – 0**

For the purpose of record we had more than 233 persons who registered online to participate in the AGM. However, only 83 who have joined online. I have received a number of WhatsApp that they are finding it difficult to join in through Microsoft Teams as people are not so Techno savvy.

**Alhamdulillah the Constitution has been adopted.**

Qari Basheer Rendered the closing Duas.

With no further business to transact, the AGM ended at 21h30.

**Chairman**

**Abdul Hafiz Mahomed**