



OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

JUDICIAL SERVICE COMMISSION

MEDIA STATEMENT

This serves as a reminder to the Law Bodies and members of the public that the closing date for comments on the suitability or otherwise of candidates nominated for the position of Chief Justice is Monday, 10 January 2022.

Comments on Candidates Nominated for the position of Chief Justice

1. On 02 December 2021 the Judicial Service Commission (JSC), through a media statement, informed the public of the list of four names submitted by the President of the Republic of South Africa to the JSC to be considered for appointment to the position of Chief Justice as part of the consultation process envisaged in section 174(3) of the Constitution.
2. The four nominees, Acting Chief Justice R M M Zondo, President M M L Maya, Justice M R W Madlanga and Judge President D Mlambo have all accepted their nominations. Furthermore, they have submitted the required questionnaire for Judges and all the necessary and standard documentation required for persons who seek to be appointed as Judges on 10 December 2021.
3. Law bodies, members of the public and all other institutions with an interest in the work of the JSC, are invited to make written submissions, if any, on the suitability or otherwise of the President's nominees for appointment as the Chief Justice and any other information which they deem to be relevant to the entire selection process. These comments should be directed to the Secretariat of the JSC at Chiloane@concourt.org.za and TPhaahlamohlaka@judiciary.org.za, [Cc: JSC@judiciary.org.za](mailto:JSC@judiciary.org.za). Comments for each nominee must be submitted on a separate page in both pdf and word version document. Comments must reach the Secretariat by no later than **10 January 2022**. **No comments received after the closing date will be considered.**
4. Upon receipt of the comments, the nominees will be invited for public interviews scheduled to take place from **01 to 05 February 2022** in Gauteng to determine the suitability or otherwise of the nominees. Details of the time and venue shall be communicated in due course to the media and the public at large.

Issued by the Judicial Service Commission

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