

MONTHLY MEETING OF JOINT ADVISORY BOARD
(COMPRISING BOARD MEMBERS OF ORLANDO,
PIMVILLE, EASTERN AND WESTERN NATIVE
TOWNSHIPS AND MOROKA), TO BE HELD IN THE
ASSEMBLY HALL, JUBILEE SOCIAL CENTRE,
WEMMER, AT 2.30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, THE
23RD FEBRUARY, 1949.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
THE 26TH JANUARY, 1949.

2. ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES :-
 - (a) Decisions of Non-European Affairs
Committee on Joint Meetings with
Advisory Boards.

 - (b) Mode of Address.

3. RENTALS : 750 HOUSES, ORLANDO WEST.

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2.30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, THE 26TH
JANUARY, 1949.

PRESENT: Mr. L.I. Venables, (Chairman), Head Office.
Mr. W.J.P. Carr, Head Office.
Mr. Morgan, Native Commissioner.
Mrs. Hoernle, Chairman, Moroka Board.
Mr. Westphal, Head Office.
Mr. Nicholas, Superintendent, Orlando.
Mr. Cadle, Superintendent, Moroka.
Mr. Swan, Superintendent, Pimville.
Mr. Schjolberg, Superintendent, Western
Native Township.
Mr. Chalker, Eastern Native Township.

Messrs:

E.P. Mothola, Moroka Advisory Board.
S. Tsosane, - do -
R. Butelezi, - do -
O.S.D. Mooki, Orlando Advisory Board.
W.S. Pela, - do -
H.B.M. Mdingi, - do -
T.S. Merafe, Pimville Advisory Board.
L.D. Mcombo, - do -
B.J. Koma, - do -
S. Mahlasgu, - do -
L. Mfeka, Western Native Township Advisory Board.
P. Vundla, - do -
H. Nkadimeng, - do -
P. Moguerane, - do -
J. Kumalo, - do -
M.H. Tlata, Eastern Native Township Advisory Board.
C.L. Matloperu, - do -
J.M. Tabete.

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As this was the first Joint Board meeting following the elections, the Chairman extended a welcome to all members, particularly those who were in office for the first time. He also welcomed the Native Commissioner, Mr. Morgan, who was present at his invitation.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 25TH
AUGUST, 1948.

The minutes of the above meeting, having been circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.

2. ARISING OUT OF MINUTES:

(a) Duties and Functions of Boards.

Mr. Pela stated that as far as he recollected

it had been/.....

it had been decided at the last meeting that the draft regulations should be discussed at this meeting.

The Chairman read the relevant extract from the minutes of that meeting:-

" After further discussion it was decided
" that a private meeting of the Joint Advisory
" Board (in the absence of officials) would be
" held when the question of the draft
" regulations would be discussed further and
" a decision reached on the proposal to form
" a sub-committee to complete the draft
" regulations."

It was therefore evident that the draft regulations should have been discussed by the Joint Board privately. The Chairman enquired if anyone had any information on the matter.

Rev. Mooki stated that the position at present was that a sub-committee had been formed, had made decisions and the draft prepared by them should now be considered by the Joint Board. He stated that if members waited after the present meeting the matter could be arranged.

(b) Visit of Minister of Native Affairs to Johannesburg Locations on Monday, 26th July, 1948.

Mr. Nkadimeng asked what the reply of the Native Commissioner had been to the complaint submitted to him that the visit of the Minister of Native Affairs had not been officially notified to the Board.

He was informed that in this connection a letter had been received by the Boards, stating that on the next occasion the Boards would be informed.

(c) Change in Government.

Mr. Nkadimeng enquired whether the Native Commissioner had attended a meeting of the Moroka Board in order to acquaint the members officially of the change in Government.

Mrs. Hoornle stated that a letter had been received stating that the Government felt that the change in Government had been sufficiently publicised in the Press and did not consider that any further action was necessary.

(d) Decisions of Non-European Affairs Committee on Joint Meetings with Advisory Boards.

At the previous meeting Mr. Aitchison was requested to investigate the result of the discussions previously held with the Non-European Affairs Committee.

The Chairman suggested that as Mr. Aitchison was on leave at present the matter should be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

3. SLAUGHTER OF SHEEP FOR CEREMONIAL PURPOSES.

Rev. Mooki stated that there was a section of the Native people who felt that they could only appease their ancestors by the slaughtering of sheep. At the moment they were only allowed to use goats and it was felt that these animals were not the ideal animal for all ceremonial occasions. The Zulu people were the only people who preferred a goat. The other tribes had certain ceremonies for which sheep were essential.

The meeting was unanimous that Natives should be allowed to slaughter sheep as well as goats.

The Chairman stated that he would forward their representations to the proper authorities.

4. RESTRICTION OF ENTRY OF NATIVES TO JOHANNESBURG.

Mr. Pola stated that the Native people felt very strongly on this question. They were not against the regulation of entry into the City, but felt that if the Government desired to restrict Natives entering the City, they must first rehabilitate the reserves and make conditions there livable. The only effective control of influx into the City would be to rehabilitate the reserves.

The Natives fully appreciated the position of the local authorities, who were forced by law to house Natives within their areas. The responsibility for housing Natives should have remained with the Government, which should take steps to improve the reserves. Soil erosion had taken toll of the reserves which were now unproductive and families could no longer exist there. Natives were therefore faced with two alternatives - either to work on the farms or on the mines. Farming conditions were not attractive and the farmers had done nothing to improve conditions in order to attract Native labour. Moreover farming could only absorb a small percentage of the Native population. Transvaal and Orange Free State Natives had never been keen to work on the mines, and labour had always had to be recruited from adjoining territories.

The attitude of the authorities seemed to suggest that they were forcing the Native to take up employment against his wishes. This attitude was making Natives lose faith in the authorities. He considered that pressure should be brought to bear on the Government to see that it rehabilitated the reserves.

Mr. Nkadimeng agreed with Mr. Pola, stating that the conditions on most of the farms were unbearable.

Mr. Mfeka stated that conditions were very bad and that trust and good relationship between the Native and the Government were fast declining. The only way to control influx was to open other venues for Natives.

Mr. Koma stated that the question was very complicated. Many of the causes of the trouble lay in the past and people should be prepared to forget the past and think only of the future. When the mines were first opened employers had great difficulty in getting labourers as the Native population was rich and happy on the farms. The Land Act of 1913 had greatly

altered the position, causing hardship to both the farmer and the Native. It was his opinion that if the Natives were allowed to return to the farms on the basis on which they had worked in former years, the position in the urban area would greatly improve.

Mr. Merafe stated that the influx control was causing great hardship to many Natives.

Mr. Vundla stated that in his opinion improved conditions in the reserves would not help matters.

The Chairman said that the position was a very difficult one. Mr. Vundla was correct in referring to the question as an economic one. However much the question was discussed it was beyond the powers of this meeting to change. Undoubtedly race relations in South Africa were deteriorating. Individual cases of hardship caused by influx control would meet sympathetic consideration if brought to the notice of the authorities. Natives domiciled and employed in Johannesburg would not be endorsed out of the area, but while there were urban Natives unemployed and willing and able to take up available employment, rural Natives would not be permitted to enter the City. There were shortages of certain types of labour, such as domestic servants and heavy manual labourers, and Natives willing to take up that type of employment would receive sympathetic consideration.

A Commission was likely to be appointed to go into the Native question and each section of the community would be given the opportunity of airing its views and as long as these were expressed moderately and without malice they would receive sympathetic consideration.

The Chairman advised Board members, who know of cases of individual hardship caused to Natives domiciled in the City, to report to their respective superintendents. It was not intended to cause hardship to the City dweller, but the aim was one of stabilisation.

4. NAMES OF STREETS.

The Chairman stated that the street names which had been submitted had just about been all used, and he suggested that the Board submit further names. He advised the Board, however, to bear in mind that the names required were for extensions of Orlando, which was already supplied with street names. The Boards should therefore avoid repetition as this would only lead to confusion. He reminded the Boards that the names had to be put into alphabetical order as this would facilitate strangers finding their way around the townships.

Rev. Mooki suggested that the street names be submitted by the Joint Board instead of the individual boards.

Mr. Nkadimong agreed that this would prevent repetition and decrease the amount of work involved.

The various members of the Board held

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diverse opinions on the relative merits of the Joint Boards or the individual Boards submitting street names.

Rev. Mooki stated that a large number of people were of the opinion that the streets should not be named in alphabetical order. When this was done certain individuals who had done much more for the Native people than others were likely to have a very unimportant street named after them.

Mr. Nkadimong pointed out that in his opinion Native persons of importance in the Transvaal had been overlooked and preference given to persons from the other Provinces when the various new townships were named.

Rev. Mooki stated that when it had been decided to extend Orlando, names had to be found for the extensions. A list of names was compiled by the University and these were submitted to the Boards for approval.

The Chairman pointed out that it was now too late to change the names of the township extensions, but advised the Board to bear the point raised in mind as names would be required for further extensions at a later date.

He added that at Head Office he had sample models of Native houses for Dube township. He informed the members that they were welcome to inspect the houses, which were made to scale and gave a very good idea of what the finished house would be like. He would leave instructions at Head Office that Board members were to be allowed to inspect the model houses.

5. MODE OF ADDRESS.

Rev. Mooki stated that Advisory Board members were very dissatisfied with the mode of address used by the Non-European Affairs Department in letters written to them. They objected to being addressed merely as "Greetings" at both the beginning and end of the letter and suggested that "Dear Sir" and "Yours faithfully" be substituted instead. He pointed out that letters written by other departments of the Council, such as the Tramways and Parks and Estates Departments, and also by the Town Clerk, used the "Dear Sir" mode of address. Letters written by the Secretary for Native Affairs, the Minister of the Interior, the Native Commissioner, etc. were also addressed in this manner.

The meeting unanimously supported this opinion.

The Chairman stated that he would approach the Non-European Affairs Committee and express to them the Boards' wishes.

Mr. Pela stated that the matter had already been referred to the Non-European Affairs Committee on a previous occasion, when the reply was that the Council could not see its way clear to changing the mode of address. He felt, however, that the Non-European Affairs

Department was in a different category from the other Departments, and should have the whole-hearted co-operation of the Native people.

The Chairman stated that he would consider the matter and later make a further report to the Board.

6. RACE RELATIONS.

The Chairman stated that because of the recent increase in racial tension which was, to some extent, expressed by the recent riots in Durban, it was very important that responsible members of the community should do everything in their power to influence all their people to exercise as much forbearance as possible to prevent a similar clash in Johannesburg. Events of that nature retarded progress and people who were concerned with progress and the establishing of better relationships and better understanding desired to avoid such clashes. He had consulted with his staff, and his superintendents had been instructed to get in touch with the Board members, either informally or formally and ask them to use their influence to urge and counsel Natives to use more than ordinary restraint and forbearance. He knew that Natives were often subjected to words and deeds which were provocative and that it was not always easy to exercise restraint. He suggested that Ministers of religion and teachers in the schools be similarly spoken to and asked to preach the doctrine of tolerance and forbearance which, at the present time, was essential in order to preserve the peace. He knew that there were those who were actively engaged in trying to incite a riot - that was why it was of the greatest importance that caution in word and deed should be exercised. He asked Board members to co-operate fully with the superintendents and to report to them any intended foolhardy action which might lead to a breach of the peace.

Mr. Mfeka assured the Chairman that the Boards would do everything in their power to co-operate.

Mr. Matloporo stated that Board members were glad to see the Manager back from leave and wished him a happy and prosperous New Year.

The Chairman thanked the meeting for a helpful discussion which he was sure had been most beneficial to all. The sentiments which were expressed at these meetings were made known to members of the Non-European Affairs Committee and items of importance were submitted for their special consideration.

There being no further matters for discussion the meeting terminated at 5 p.m.

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A G E N D A.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD
ON THE 23RD FEBRUARY, 1949.
2. ALTERATION OF RAILWAY TIMETABLES.
3. ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.
 - (a) Mode of Address.
 - (b) Slaughtering of Sheep for
Ceremonial Purposes.
 - (c) Restriction of Entry of Natives
to Johannesburg.

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PRESENT: Mr. L.I. Venables, Chairman.
Mr. J.G. Swan, Pimville.
Mr. J.M.K. Chalker, Eastern Native Township.
Mr. D.M. Cadle, Moroka.
Mr. T.D. Nicholas, Orlando.
Mr. V.B. MacFadyen, Orlando East.
Messrs. J.J. Masopha, Orlando Advisory Board.
W.S. Pela, -do-
O.S.D. Mooki, -do-
L.P. Kumalo, -do-
P.Q. Vundla, Western Native Township Advisory
Board.
J.M. Kumalo, -do-
P.S. Malunga, -do-
P.J. Moguerane, -do-
H.M. Nkadimeng, -do-
J.M. Tlake, Eastern Native Township Advisory
Board.
M.H.T. Plata, -do-
J.R. Monareng, -do-
D.M. Tabete, -do-
C.L.L. Matloporo, -do-
S.S. Mahlangu, Pimville Advisory Board.
P. S. Merafe, -do-
D.J. Koma, -do-
S.J. Mbokaze, Moroka Advisory Board.
R.S. Ntwana, -do-
L.D. Ncwana, -do-
J. Moneni, -do-
E.P. Motholo, -do-

APOLOGIES: Mr. K. Morgan, Native Commissioner, Johannesburg.
Mrs. A.W. Hoernle, Chairman, Moroka Advisory Board.
Mr. L.J. Mfekda, Western Native Township Advisory Board.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE
26TH JANUARY, 1949.

Mr. Nkadimeng requested that the following
paragraph be substituted for paragraph 1, Item 1(d), on page
2 of the minutes :-

" In reply to a matter raised by Mr. Nkadimeng,
" at the previous meeting, Mr. Aitchison was
" requested to investigate the result of the
" discussions previously held with the Non-
" European Affairs Committee."

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There being no other amendments, the minutes were confirmed.

2. ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

(a) Communication to Advisory Boards of decisions of Non-European Affairs Committee.

Mr. Venables intimated that a full report had been sent out to the Boards dealing individually with the items raised at the last meeting with the Non-European Affairs Committee.

Mr. Nkadimeng stated that he had only received his copy last night and consequently had had no time to study it.

Mr. Venables informed the meeting that any matters arising out of the report should be discussed at the next meeting of the Non-European Affairs Committee with the Joint Board to be held on the 6th April, 1949, and if they had any matters for the Agenda they should submit them to Head Office as soon as possible.

Rev. Mooki raised the question of allowances for Board members and read out a resolution passed by the Non-European Affairs Committee at its meeting held on the 9th November, 1948.

The Chairman stated that as the resolution was a decision of the Non-European Affairs Committee he could not discuss it. He agreed that the Committee's decision was made on his recommendation but the Committee was his superior authority and therefore any decision they made could not be discussed by him. If the Board had any comments to make they should place them before the next meeting with the Committee.

(b) Mode of Address.

Mr. Venables stated that he had discussed the question with the Chairman of the Non-European Affairs Committee, who felt that it should be discussed by the Committee at its next meeting to be held on the 3rd March, 1949.

Mr. Venables undertook to report further on the matter in due course.

Mr. Nkadimeng stated that there were a few items arising out of the minutes which he would like to discuss.

(i) Slaughtering of Sheep for Ceremonial Purposes.

Mr. Nkadimeng enquired whether the Chairman had received a reply from the Authorities in regard to the slaughtering of sheep.

Mr. Venables stated that a letter had been received from the Meat Controller in which it was stated that owing to the scarcity of sheep, it would not be possible to agree to the request as to do so would disturb the existing quota arrangements. The Meat Controller was not prepared to change his ruling.

The Chairman intimated that he had referred the matter to the Native Commissioner for comments by that Department but it would be some time before a reply could be expected from that office.

(ii) Restriction of entry of Natives to Johannesburg.

Mr. Nkadimeng referred to the minutes of the last meeting wherein it was stated "the Manager intimated that Natives domiciled and employed in Johannesburg would not be endorsed out of the area, but while there were urban Natives unemployed and willing and able to take up available employment, rural Natives would not be permitted to enter the City". Mr. Nkadimeng enquired whether this would mean that a Native living in Johannesburg but working in Randfontein, who lost his employment, would be ejected from his house in Johannesburg.

Mr. Venables stated that if the man was the registered tenant of a house in Johannesburg he could not be disturbed under the Location Regulations if he subsequently found work in another district. He had been trying to get other local authorities on the Reef to accept this as a matter of policy at least until the housing scarcity was relieved and at a recent meeting of the Association of Administrators of Non-European Affairs for the Witwatersrand, the officials agreed with this view.

In reply to a query raised by Rev. Mooki, Mr. Venables stated that if a person was not a registered tenant he could be endorsed out.

Mr. Venables thought that the control of influx would not affect registered tenants. They would actually be protected against competition from people coming from the rural areas.

Mr. Nkadimeng referred to the shortage of labour and was of the opinion that if wages and conditions were improved any shortage in special categories of labour would improve.

Mr./....

Mr. Venables agreed with Mr. Nkadameng's remarks.

Mr. Nkadameng stated that he had recently seen a report in which the Chairman gave certain figures on influx control and he requested the Chairman to answer the following questions at the next meeting of the Board :-

- (a) How many people have been compulsorily endorsed out of Johannesburg since the introduction of influx control?
- (b) How many to each province or district?
- (c) What provision has been made for their transport and welfare to where they have been sent?
- (d) How many were married and how many were unmarried?
- (e) How many dependents did each have?

The Chairman agreed to discuss these points at the next meeting.

Considerable discussion took place on the question of sub-tenants being ejected from Johannesburg but as the matter had been discussed fully at the previous meeting and a decision reached, the Chairman concluded the discussion and requested members to report to their respective Superintendents on any individual cases of hardship caused to Natives domiciled in the City.

(iii) Street Names.

In reply to Mr. Nkadameng, the Chairman stated that his reason for asking the Boards to submit a surname once only was to avoid confusion. He illustrate how in certain different European districts of town some streets had the same name and this led to confusion especially in so far as postal services were concerned. If the Boards submitted a surname once only there would not be confusion.

The Chairman intimated that he had referred the naming of new townships to the University to obtain an impartial opinion from an outside authority.

(iv) Race Relations.

Mr. Nkadameng stated that he had approached the ministers and teachers on the question of preaching racial tolerance but many thought that by doing so they would be entering into politics.

Mr. Venables intimated that he did not want people to be involved in politics. His wish was for them to preach the doctrine of tolerance and to show the people that riots, such as had occurred in Durban, only made the

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position worse, especially for the Non-Europeans. However it was within the discretion of the ministers and teachers whether or not they preached such a doctrine.

3. RENTALS : 750 HOUSES : ORLANDO WEST.

The Chairman explained that this question had been referred to him by the National Housing and Planning Commission. The position was as follows -

In the middle of 1941, the Council applied to the Government for monies for a housing scheme. A balance sheet of the scheme, including full particulars of the scheme, rentals, types of houses, etc. had to be provided and the suggested rents for the 750 houses were -

£1.5.0. for a three-roomed house, and
£1.10.0. " "four-roomed "

In due course these were approved by the Government.

Shortly afterwards the Council decided to reduce all rentals by 10% and this resulted in the above rentals being reduced to -

£1.1.8. and £1.8.2. respectively.

The new rentals were submitted to the Union Native Affairs Department, passed and promulgated.

During the past year the Council made application to convert the sub-economic loan that was originally granted for the erection of these house and to increase the amount to cover additional costs of making roads, street lighting and social services and it was necessary to increase the original loan. When the application was made to the Housing Commission Section of the Government they asked why the Council had charged the lower rentals when £1.10.0. and £1.5.0. had been fixed. The position was explained to them and they suggested that in view of the annual loss sustained, the original figure should be re-applied and that the rentals should be increased to £1.10.0. and £1.5.0. again.

The matter was referred to the various Boards for their comments and the following replies were received :-

ORLANDO. That in view of the present unsettled state of affairs among the urban Africans, the requests that have been made from time to time for a reduction in rentals and the unsatisfactory state of the houses in question, this Board respectfully requests the City Council not to implement the request of the National Housing and Planning Commission as this would give rise to grave misunderstanding and unrest among the tenants.

Pimville/...

PIMVILLE: The Advisory Board members decided that as they were not familiar with conditions obtaining in Orlando, they were not competent to express an opinion on the matter.

MOROKA: The Board recommended that the rentals for the Orlando West four and three-roomed houses remain at £1.8.2. and £1.1.8. respectively.

WESTERN
NATIVE
TOWNSHIP: No reply.

EASTERN
NATIVE
TOWNSHIP: The Board recommended that this matter be placed on the agenda for consideration at the next meeting of the Joint Advisory Board.

The Chairman then declared the matter open for discussion.

Rev. Mooki said that the question not only affected Orlando but all future townships of Johannesburg. The people were dissatisfied with the houses in many respects and to raise the rents would only lead to trouble. The average Native earned from £7. to £8. per month and to pay £1.10.0. rent would be a heavy burden. In his opinion the rentals should be left at the present rates.

Mr. Pela supported Rev. Mooki. He considered that the rentals should be decreased rather than increased. The people wished for an economic rather than a sub-economic housing scheme but because of present costs this was impossible. Also in his opinion matters affecting a particular township should not be referred to other townships but should be discussed with the respective Advisory Board.

Mr. Ncwana intimated that the resolution quoted by the Chairman in regard to Moroka's comments on the rentals was incorrect. The Board had actually recommended that the rentals remain the same and he did not know how the Chairman had received the other resolution.

Various other opinions were expressed and it was generally agreed by the Boards that the rentals should not be increased.

Mr. Venables intimated that he would convey the Board's decision to the Council.

4. ALLOCATION OF HOUSES FOR SCHOOL TEACHERS.

The Chairman stated that the item had been raised by Mrs. Hoernle who unfortunately was ill and unable to attend. The Native Commissioner had also been invited but owing to another engagement was not able to be present.

Mr./.....

Mr. Venables stated that great difficulty was being experienced in finding teachers for schools unless accommodation could be provided. He enquired whether the Boards would be agreeable to the allocation of two houses out of every fifty to school teachers.

Mr. Matloporo was of the opinion that school teachers already received a quota.

Mr. Masupha raised the point that if after these teachers were allocated houses they lost their positions, they might refuse to leave the houses and the new teachers would then have no accommodation. He suggested that houses be built inside the school grounds, leased to the school concerned so that when a teacher left he would have to leave the house as the new teacher would automatically take over the house.

Rev. Mooki read to the meeting the following motion of the Western Native Township:-

" That houses be allocated to applicants
" in their chronological order; provided
" that a certain percentage shall be left
" to the discretion of the Department for
" allocation to ministers of religion,
" teachers, doctors, medical students,
" attorneys and articted clerks. Without
" prejudice to sub-tenants whose sub-tenancy
" had already been reported and known on or
" before the 14th April, 1948."

Mr. Venables stated that if the meeting agreed to this motion he would recommend accordingly.

Mr. Pola supported the suggestion made by Mr. Masopha that houses should be built on the vacant land adjoining schools.

Mr. Venables reminded members that in most cases there was insufficient ground to erect a house on the school site. The Education Department insisted on a certain amount of vacant land surrounding each school and would not agree to houses being built on this land. Also by building separate and scattered houses the housing programme would be hindered and would lead to greater costs. The building position at the moment was very acute. He had been informed that certain building materials are likely to become scarcer and the normal building programme might have to be cut.

Mr. Pola suggested that the matter be discussed by the Joint Board without the Chairman, and thereafter a further discussion could be held with the Chairman.

Rev. Mooki however contended that the resolution had been made and no further discussion was necessary. They had agreed to allocate so many houses to teachers and he did not understand why the matter had been raised again.

After further discussion the Chairman put the following alternatives to the meeting -

- (a) that the matter be referred to the next meeting of the Joint Board to give the Boards an opportunity of discussing the matter at their own meeting; or
- (b) that the meeting agree that two houses out of every fifty be allocated to teachers, etc., in accordance with the motion passed by the Western Native Township Advisory Board.

Seven members voted in favour of (a) and ten in favour of (b).

As the majority of the meeting were in favour of priority being given to school teachers, ministers, etc., the Chairman declared the motion carried.

There being no further matters for discussion the meeting terminated, the time being 4.30 p.m.

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