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The South African Council for Educators is a statutory body responsible for regulating the teaching profession and has as one of its core functions the investigation of complaints submitted to it in relation to allegations of teacher misconduct.

Council received a complaint relating to allegations of corruption and fraudulent qualifications against Ms. Nomarashiya Caluza, who is a member of the SACE council. As these allegations were being processed like any other complaint received, she recused herself from all council; activities to allow the process to continue without any undue influence.

The investigation then proceeded through an established team of investigators. This process was conducted in a thorough manner and also due processes of verification of the complaint on fraudulent qualifications was done.

On the 08 February 2019 , the Ethics Committee was presented with the findings of both the investigation and verification processes which were as follows:

1. Corruption allegations

The investigation process could not establish or find any evidence to support the allegations and therefore recommended that there is no reason for SACE to pursue this matter.

2. Fraudulent qualifications

As part of verifying the allegations SACE received the following reports which confirmed that indeed the qualification in possession of Ms Nomarashiya Caluza was authentic, this was based on the report from the Hawks which was drawn up in 2016 and the SAQA validation of the qualification and declaration that Ms. Nomarashiya Caluza is the rightful owner of the Qualification. SAQA is the qualifications authority in

South Africa and it was important for Council to verify with this body.

On the basis of both these recommendations, Council through the Ethics Committee resolved that:

1. It accepted the recommendation of the investigation panel;
2. Ms. Nomarashiya Caluza be absolved of all the allegations leveled against her; and

In line with the above Ms. Nomarashiya Caluza will resume her duties as a SACE Councilor with immediate effect.

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