

# Gawanas-Vugs fired from NAC board

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Beverley Gawanas-Vugs

**FORMER Namibia Airports Company deputy board chairperson Beverley Gawanas-Vugs, who was unceremoniously removed from her position yesterday, has expressed shock, and thinks the works minister might have mixed up her name.**

Gawanas-Vugs, who was acting board chair, was removed by works minister John Mutorwa and replaced with businessman Leake Hangala as the board chairperson.

Speaking to *The Namibian*, Gawanas-Vugs said she was not informed of what was coming her way, nor was she told of any past transgressions she had committed while serving as deputy chairperson, or lately as acting board chairperson.

“I was shocked by the news. I only found out about my removal through a media statement. In fact, I had to call the minister, hoping he had made a mistake and confused my name with that of Grace Mohamed, who resigned but will continue working until 1 December 2018.”

“But he confirmed to me that there was no mistake, and I had indeed been fired,” said Gawanas-Vugs.

Although Gawanas-Vugs' term was only coming to an end in July next year, Mutorwa told *The Namibian* that he has reasons for removing her.

"I just removed her. I have my reasons to remove her. After extensive consultations, my ultimate decision was to remove her," he said, adding that he cannot disclose his reasons.

But the fired acting board chairperson demanded answers.

"He should have given me reasons so I can counter them. There was no warning, or anything like that. This is wrong in all aspects, even procedurally it is wrong," she said.

Gawanas-Vugs has been acting as chairperson following the resignation of Rodgers Kauta two months ago.

Kauta served as the board's chairperson since his appointment in September 2016, and resigned before his term ended following differences with fellow board members over the removal of Albertus !Aochamub as the chief executive officer of the company.

Mutorwa said in a statement that the decision to appoint new board members was arrived at after extensive consultations and focused discussions.

Irene Visser will serve as the board's deputy chairperson, while Rudolph Rittman, Grace Mohamed and Ipupa Kasheeta will continue holding their positions as directors.

Mutorwa said the terms of the new NAC board chairperson and that of vice chairperson took effect from yesterday, 11 October 2018, and will end on 1 August next year