

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

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THURSDAY, 11 JUNE 2020

1. The House met at 14:15.
2. The Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.
3. [14:17] The Speaker requested Members to join him in observing a moment of silence for all the victims and survivors of racism, discrimination and violence in whatever form they manifest themselves.
4. [14:19] The Speaker made a general announcement regarding the sitting of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament in accordance with Rule 1A of the Standing Rules pertaining to Members in remote attendance by electronic means.
5. [14:23] Questions.
6. [15:22] Questions to the Premier without notice.
7. [15:45] Statements by Members.
8. [16:08] Response to statements by Members by Ms S G Fernandez, Minister of Social Development.
9. [16:11] Motions with Notice
10. [16:18] Mr F C Christians moved without notice: That the House thanks Bryan Habana, Siya Kolisi and Gary Kirsten for their continued humanitarian work during the COVID-19 epidemic: Springbok legend Bryan Habana donated 400 face masks to the learners at the Chris Hani Arts and Culture School in Makhaza, Khayelitsha; Gary Kirsten, former Protea cricketer, who has a seven-year relationship with the school, has continued his humanitarian work with the school; Bok skipper Siya Kolisi also donated food parcels to various schools; and wishes Bryan Habana, Siya Kolisi, and Gary Kirsten everything of the best in their future endeavours.

Agreed to.

11. Ms M Maseko moved without notice: That the House extends its condolences to the family and loved ones of the late Mr Shahied Ajam, Chairperson of the District Six Working Committee; notes that Mr Ajam was known for his love for serving his community and for his commitment to uplifting Hanover Park, as well for giving hope for the restitution of District Six; and further notes that Mr Ajam served in a project which fed approximately 9 000 people per day in 10 vulnerable communities during the nationwide lockdown.

Agreed to.

12. Ms W F Philander moved without notice: That the House extends its deepest condolences to the family and loved ones of Naledi Phangindawo and Tshegofatso Pule; notes that Naledi was brutally murdered on Saturday while attending a cultural function near Mossel Bay and that Tshegofatso was stabbed and hanged in a veld in Gauteng; and notes that these grave injustices and criminal activities tear apart our communities and families. May Naledi and Tshegofatso rest in peace as our thoughts and prayers go out to their loved ones.

Agreed to.

13. Ms N D Nkondlo moved without notice: That the House notes and calls on the provincial government to prioritise the economic recovery in the declared hotspots areas and to include rapid and urgent interventions in the pre-existing socio-economic conditions that subjected these communities to poverty, unemployment and deep levels of underdevelopment.

Agreed to.

14. Ms M Maseko moved without notice: That the House sends its sincerest condolences to the family of the late Nontsikelelo Dyasi, resident and beneficiary of the Boys Town Project; notes that Nontsikelelo was gunned down on 27 May 2020 and it is alleged that her death is linked to her role as community liaison officer in the project; and expresses our condolences and wishes Nontsikelelo's family and friends comfort and strength during this difficult period.

Agreed to.

15. Ms N D Nkondlo moved without notice: That the House calls on the Premier to attend to and engage with employers, both in the public and the private sector, regarding the concerns of workers across the province where employees are forced to keep quiet about the numbers of positive cases, lack of PPE, adherence to the basic health and safety regulations, and general conditions to curb virus infections in workspaces; and notes that this poses a serious threat to the public health system and may have negative and undesirable effects on the fight to flatten the curve in this province.

Agreed to.

16. Mr D America moved without notice: That the House extends its sincerest condolences to the family and loved ones of the late Mr Johannes Willemse; notes that Mr Willemse was a valued member of the Western Cape Traffic Law Enforcement Directorate since 1 September 2016 and that he served with great pride and a strong sense of duty; and notes that Mr Willemse passed away on 6 June 2020. Our thoughts and prayers are with his loved ones during this difficult time.

Agreed to.

17. Mr M K Sayed moved without notice: That the House notes that Mrs Shireen Gallie, Principal of The Settlers High School, who tested positive for COVID-19, is now being treated in ICU, while Mr Ronald Bantom, head teacher of the Kasselsvlei High School, also contracted the dreaded virus and spent 13 days in ICU; and wishes them a speedy and full recovery.  
Agreed to.
18. Ms W F Philander moved without notice: That the House notes with sadness and shock the passing away of Pastor Thomas Pedro, a church leader with a heart for the masses of Paarl and Drakenstein and a true inspiration for young and old; further notes that the airwaves will be quiet on Judah Sundays, a program on Radio KC, that Pastor Tom will be remembered fondly for; and conveys our prayers to Ms Shirley Pedro, their children, the church community and Drakenstein at large on this loss.  
Agreed to.
19. Mr M K Sayed moved without notice: That the House commiserates with the family and friends of Shahied Ajam, chairperson of the District Six Working Committee, who died at the age of 62 of a heart attack; and notes that he helped with the restoration of land to people who were evicted from this area by the erstwhile apartheid regime.  
Agreed to.
20. Mr A P van der Westhuizen moved without notice: That the House welcomes the ruling of the Western Cape High Court to set aside the Auditor-General's qualified audit reports on the Western Cape Department of Agriculture; notes that the court ruled in favour of both the 2017 and 2018 financial cycles; and further recognises that the court's decision confirms the Department's commitment to ensuring and maintaining a strict and transparent record of sound financial governance.  
Agreed to.
21. Ms R Windvogel moved without notice: That the House notes that Dr Keith Cloete, head of the provincial Department of Health, said over the weekend that 1 662 healthcare workers in the Western Cape, had contracted the coronavirus, of whom 300 were at Tygerberg and 15 had already died.  
Agreed to.
22. Mr A P van der Westhuizen moved without notice: That the House notes the commemoration of World Oceans Day, which took place on 8 June 2020; further notes that World Oceans Day is a movement that has been created in order to protect at least 30% of all the oceans by 2030 through protected conservation areas; and recognises with concern the decline and almost extinction of our great white shark sea family that has not been spotted on our coasts for a number of years and that has been linked to the overfishing of sharks.  
Agreed to.
23. Mr G Bosman moved without notice: That the House notes and welcomes the additional support provide by the provincial Department of Social Development to the Western Cape's residential facilities for older persons; further notes that the elderly deserve our care, support and attention, even more so during the current pandemic; and therefore appreciates the 15 000 masks and in excess of R1,7 million that has been made available by the Department for old-age homes during the COVID-19 pandemic.  
Agreed to.

24. Ms R Windvogel moved without notice: That the House notes that 2 433 new COVID-19 cases were reported in South Africa yesterday with 48 more related deaths: 37 in the Western Cape, 9 in the Eastern Cape and 2 in KwaZulu-Natal.

Agreed to.

25. Mr G Bosman moved without notice: That the House extends a warm welcome to Ms Christina Nomdo, who recently commenced her role as the first Children's Commissioner in South Africa; notes that the Office of the Children's Commissioner has autonomy to carry out its duties free from any political interference; further notes that it is greatly welcomed that Ms Nomdo has prioritised the mental wellbeing of our children as they return to school; and confirms that Ms Nomdo has the full support of the Members of this House in the execution of her duties.

Agreed to.

26. Ms R Windvogel moved without notice: That the House notes that more than 1 700 young people under the age of 20 in the Western Cape have COVID-19; and notes that 140 have been admitted to hospital and that 33 are still being treated there, as admitted last week by Dr Sadiq Kariem, the operational head of the provincial Department of Health.

Agreed to.

27. Ms R Windvogel moved without notice: That the House notes that President Cyril Ramaphosa and a senior cabinet deputation visited the Western Cape last week and that he was concerned about the highest number of COVID-19 patients in South Africa coming from this province, namely two-thirds of patients and three-quarters of deaths, and that the province might not have enough beds to deal with the disease, even in the emergency hospitals and in the CTICC.

Agreed to.

28. Ms W F Philander moved without notice: That the House notes the opening of the first COVID-19 facility at the CTICC, aptly named the Hospital of Hope; further notes that the Hospital of Hope is now the largest COVID-19 field hospital in Africa and has already admitted its first patients; furthermore extends its gratitude and best wishes to the doctors, nurses and medical personnel at the facility, noting the great sacrifices that they are making to help bring hope during this exceptionally challenging time; and wishes a speedy and full recovery to all COVID-19 patients at the Hospital of Hope and elsewhere.

Agreed to.

29. Ms A Bans moved without notice: That the House notes that the Western Cape further increased its lead in South Africa with the highest numbers of COVID-19 infections and number of patients killed in the pandemic, as this province now has about 80% of all those residents who have died and has reached 40 000 infections and 1 000 deaths this week.

Agreed to.

30. Ms M Maseko moved without notice: That the House condemns in the strongest terms the violence, vandalism, intimidation and any destruction of property at provincial housing projects in Eerste River; and denounces any criminal activity that incites violence and threatens construction teams.

Agreed to.

31. Mr L L Mvimbi moved without notice: That the House notes that the DA's very pale bosses keep a knee on the neck of the working class with high water and electricity bills; further notes that certain communities are treated badly during the COVID-19 lockdown; and notes that Colan Sylvester, mayor of Oudtshoorn, says he can no longer stay under that knee and resigned this week as the DA continues to devour itself.
- Agreed to.
32. Mr G Bosman moved without notice: That the House implores all residents to consume alcohol safely and responsibly; notes that, during the nationwide pandemic, our hospitals and medical facilities are pushed to capacity and that the excessive use of alcohol too often leads to further hospitalisation and exacerbates the strain on our medical system, including on our healthcare professionals; and requests that all Members commit themselves to spreading the message of safe alcohol consumption and responsible behaviour, something that is of even more critically importance during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Agreed to.
33. Ms W F Philander moved without notice: That the House welcomes the opening of the Grootte Schuur testing and triage centre, which commenced operations on 9 June 2020; notes that dedicated areas for separate testing, screening and triage are critical for stopping the spread of COVID-19 while allowing health facilities at the same time to continue their support for all patients in the safest way possible; and eagerly anticipates the additional 14 new testing and triage sites in the City of Cape Town, as well as the extra 20 new testing sites in non-metropolitan regions.
- Agreed to.
34. Mr G Bosman moved without notice: That the House urgently requests the national Minister of Social Development, Lindiwe Zulu, to allow the safe opening of early childhood development centres in the Western Cape; notes that both section 28 of the Constitution of the Republic and the national lockdown regulations clearly define childcare as an essential service; further notes that thousands of children rely on early childhood development centres for nourishment and care and that vulnerable children, without this service, are exposed to hunger, poverty and potential abuse; and wishes that all of us, including Minister Zulu, make good on our promise to leave no child behind (Vangasali Campaign).
- Agreed to.
35. Ms P Z Lekker moved without notice: That the House commiserates with the family and friends of Sibongiseni Gabadwa (34) of Khayelitsha who had been missing for weeks before her body was discovered stuffed into a bag not far from where a friend stays; and calls on investigators to leave no stone unturned in this case.
- Agreed to.
36. Ms A Bans moved without notice: That the House welcomes the deployment of nurses and medical care professionals from Gauteng to assist the people of the Western Cape during the COVID-19 disaster.
- Agreed to.
37. Mr M Kama moved without notice: That the House commends the South African Police Service for its sterling work that has resulted in the confiscation of more than 20 illegal firearms and the arrest of more than 35 suspects in the past week; and notes that its dedicated officers put life and limb on the line to serve their communities.
- Agreed to.

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38. Mr M Kama moved without notice: That the House notes that the good work of the SAPS could be augmented by the better execution of the Premier's Safety Plan; and calls for the focus of the Safety Plan to be shifted from just training and deploying "boots on the ground" to addressing the causative factors of crime in the province.

Agreed to.

39. Mr M K Sayed moved without notice: That the House notes that the Fairmont High School in Durbanville is today again undergoing decontamination for COVID-19 as a third teacher has been diagnosed with the virus since the school reopened last week, with a further six learners subsequently being diagnosed; and wishes all a speedy and full recovery.

Agreed to.

40. Mr M K Sayed moved without notice: That the House notes that Mr Charles Malgas of the Masiyile High School, Ms Sive Maya of the Inkanini Primary School, Ms Mkhalali of the Manyano High School and Zola Mtwisha of the Chumisa Primary School all succumbed to COVID-19 over the weekend as the virus spread like wild fire; and consoles the families and friends of these staff members in this difficult time.

Agreed to.

41. Ms P Z Lekker moved without notice: That the House sends condolences to the family and friends of Constable Siyoki, a Nyanga police officer, who was shot and killed in the line of duty this week. May her soul rest in peace.

Agreed to.

42. Mr M K Sayed moved without notice: That the House notes that Mr Faizel Adam, a teacher at the Florida High School in Ravensmead, lost his month-long battle with COVID-19; and send condolences to his family and the school, which has now lost its second teacher to the pandemic.

Agreed to.

43. The House adjourned at 17:00.

ROMEO ADAMS  
Secretary to the Provincial Parliament