

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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THURSDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER 2019

1. The House met at 14:15.
2. The Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.
3. [14:16] The Chief Whip moved: That precedence be given to the Motion as printed on the Order Paper in the name of hon Herron and thereafter the Subject for Discussion as printed on the Order Paper in the name of hon Lekker.  
Agreed to.
4. [14:17] Mr B N Herron moved: That the House, noting that South Africa and the Western Cape lost a sporting hero and a true model with the untimely and sudden passing away of former Springbok rugby player, Chester Williams, on Friday 6 September 2019, acknowledges:
  - (a) the late Chester Williams's contribution to South African sport and to uniting South Africans;
  - (b) that his passing is a loss to our country and our province; and
  - (c) his work as a rugby coach, mentor, and his many charitable contributions;and therefore expresses its condolences to his wife, Maria, his family, friends and colleagues.  
Motion agreed to.  
The Speaker requested Members to rise and observe a moment of silence.
5. [14:31] The House discussed the following subject in the name of hon P Z Lekker:  
Taking action against gender-based violence and femicide in the Western Cape.  
Debate concluded.
6. [16:04] Interpellations.
7. [16:26] Questions.
8. [17:24] Statements by Members.

9. [17:41] Response to statements by Members by Minister B Madikizela, Minister of Transport and Public Works.
10. [17:46] Notices of Motion.
11. [17:57] Mr C M Dugmore moved without notice: That the House notes the ongoing gender-based violence in our province and nationally, and having taken note of the matters raised during the debate this afternoon and believing that it is critical that the house is fully briefed on all national, provincial and local initiatives underway in the province to prevent such violence and to support the victims, resolves to request the Speaker to constitute a multi-party committee which will plan an inclusive meeting by the end of October where all spheres of government, NGOs and other relevant stakeholders will be invited to share progress and challenges with the aim of ensuring ongoing momentum in the campaign to end gender violence and femicide.  
Agreed to.
12. Mr R D Mackenzie moved without notice: That the House extends our deepest condolences to the family of Janika Mello, whose body was found in her grandmother's backyard, and furthermore condemns the spate of gender-based violence in the Western Cape; and notes that our thoughts and prayers go out to all those affected.  
Agreed to.
13. Mr G Bosman moved without notice: That the House notes the passing of anti-apartheid photographer and artist Paul Grendon who documented the atrocities of apartheid under sometimes difficult circumstance; notes that his art also reflected on the journey into democracy and can be seen in the work that he has done with young people and displaced people; further noting that his contribution to the establishment of the Lwandle Migrant Museum and the work of the District Six Museum is well documented; and further send our condolences to his wife Tina Smith, his family and friends and wishes them all the strength during this time.  
Agreed to.
14. Mr P J Marais moved without notice: That this house unanimously pass a resolution requesting the South African or Western Province Rugby Union to honour the memory and legacy of the late Chester Williams, nicknamed the "Black Pearl" and hero in the 1995 Rugby World Cup, by renaming the Railway Stand at the Newlands Rugby stadium after him.  
Agreed to.
15. Ms W F Philander moved without notice: That this house conveys and expresses our sincere condolences and sympathy to Uncle Wilfred Williams of Paarl, which the late Chester Williams referred to as his number 1 fan, and whom Chester idolised as a young boy for playing in the nation's black team; and to his brother, Emile, sister, Anthea, wife, Maria and the children, extended families and friends and Albions Rugby Club where it all started – may God provide you with strength and acceptance during this very difficult time; and further notes that the youth of Paarl and the greater Drakenstein draws inspiration from the life of a remarkable man, who against all odds, persevered in his quest to break barriers. May the dear soul of the black pearl of Paarl, rest in peace.  
Agreed to.

16. Mr F C Christians moved with notice: That the House acknowledges Rayana Ameeroedien who invited women from all over Cape Town to free self-defence classes for the month of September; noting that an article dated 9 September 2019, highlighted Muay Thai Fighter, Rayana Ameeroedien took the initiative to offer young girls and women free self-defence classes after seeing thousands of women standing up against gender-based violence; notes that the classes are being offered at Ray's Muay Thai Fitness Academy, situated at the youth centre, Phoenix House, School of Industries in Plantation Road, Ottery; further notes we thank Rayana Ameeroedien for the selfless deed, and would like to wish her all the best for her future endeavours.

Agreed to.

17. Ms L M Maseko moved without notice: That this House commends the progress made by the Department of Human Settlements in delivering on their promise of empowering Western Cape citizens through home ownership; notes the last week Minister Simmers delivered 33 title deeds to residents of the Ebenhaeser community near Vredendal; further notes that progress were made in accelerating the delivery of title deeds to the elderly citizens of this province, such as Ms Elizabeth Pedro, 85 and Mr Koordom Cloete, 81, who waited for nearly 30 years to receive title deeds; and further noting that the Western Cape Governments promotes social inclusion through property ownership in an open opportunity society.

Agreed to.

18. Mr M K Sayed moved without notice: That the House notes that on 10 September this year the African National Congress Youth League turned 75 as it was launched at Bantu Men's Social Centre in 1944, notes further that the Youth League was formed to supplement, consolidate and give new impetus to the struggle against racial oppression as championed by the ANC, and to be preparatory political school for cutting edge leadership, some of the conditions that necessitated the formation of the Youth League still exist today; appreciates that it has produced many leaders and heroes over the years, including some MPLs that are here today, representing the ANC and some even representing other political parties; and wishes it strength as it continues to champion issues of youth in the country.

Agreed to.

19. Ms L T Botha moved without notice: That the House extends best wishes to all candidates writing examination, especially our Grade 12 learners during their final external examination period. That this House further commends teachers for the hard work towards ensuring all Grade 12 learners receive their all-important NSCs.

Agreed to.

20. Ms N Bakubaku-Vos moved without notice: That the House notes with concern the unhindered violence and barbarism perpetrated against women and children by men; notes further that many women and children are exposed to danger on a daily basis as their colleagues and teachers and/or caregivers have committed serious crimes in the past; recognises that immediate measures to halt these attacks and ensure the safety of women and children need to be implemented; and calls on Western Cape Government to compel all provincial government employees, including those employed through the EPWP in various municipalities to undergo a vetting process and report back to the house in due course.

Agreed to.

21. Ms M M Wenger moved without notice: That this House congratulates three South African representatives training at the Peninsula Canoe Club and Fish Hoek Surf Life Saving Club for their outstanding achievements in the Canoe Ocean Racing World Championships; notes the brothers Sean Rice and Kenny Rice came first and second in the Men's Canoe Ocean Racing World Championships. Sean Rice completed the 22 kilometre course 38 seconds ahead of his younger brother, Kenny; further notes that Ulvard Hart won first place in the U18 Junior Canoe Ocean Racing World Championships

Agreed to.

22. Ms D M Baartman moved without notice: That this House notes that the South African Police Service (SAPS), Western Cape Department of Social Development (DSD), Capstone Solutions NGO, the Community Police Forum (CPF) and Cllr Potgieter in Laingsburg organised a youth rehabilitation boot camp in Oudtshoorn for 27 vulnerable youth from Laingsburg between 6 and 8 September 2019; further notes that the programme included sessions such as the Code of Conduct Drill Cadet, a talent show, fitness training, the importance of school attendance, substance abuse, domestic violence, the Sexual Offences Act, bullying, positive behaviour, not being a 'runner' for drug lords, and suicide prevention; and acknowledges the theme of the camp, 'Light at the end of the Dark Tunnel', which highlighted the difficult circumstances these children grow up in and encouraged each other to choose to strive for their full potential in life; and congratulates the SAPS, the DSD, Capstone Solutions NGO, the CPF, and Cllr Potgieter for organising this remarkable rehabilitation camp.

Agreed to.

23. Ms A Bans moved without notice: That this House notes with concern and condemns the ongoing attacks on trucks on the N7; notes further that four trucks have been torched in separate incidents since Monday in the province, leaving at least one driver seriously injured after a petrol bomb was thrown in his truck while he was sleeping; calls for an urgent intervention by the Government and Police to help quell the tensions.

Agreed to.

24. Mr G Bosman moved without notice: That this House notices the passing of Mr Lincoln Hartley, who was a committed probation officer in the Department of Social Development Regional Office in Vredenburg; and notes his contribution to the department, which was evident at his funeral that was attended by officials from SAPS, Justice and local government, and convey our condolences to his family and friends.

Agreed to.

25. Mr M Kama moved without notice: That the House notes and condemns the attacks and murders of police officers in the province; notes further that two police officers were murdered in two separate incidents, the first was Warrant Officer Hilton Joseph who succumbed to his injuries when they were attacked while they were on patrol duty in Mfuleni, his colleague remains in a critical condition in hospital; notes that the second was an off-duty officer, Leyden Finger, who was stabbed to death in an apparent robbery in Kleinville; welcomes the arrest of suspects for officer Joseph's murder and conveys sincerest condolences to the families of slain officers and wishes the injured cops a speedy and full recovery.

Agreed to.

26. Mr R I Allen moved without notice: That this House extends our deepest condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of Officer Jan Nieuwenhuys and Officer Simtembile Nyangiwe, and South African Police Service member Hilton Joseph who lost their lives in the line of duty; furthermore condemns the attacks on officials within the safety and security service; and notes that our thoughts and prayers go out to all those affected.

Agreed to.

27. Mr M K Sayed moved without notice: That the House notes this month marks the 50th anniversary of the murder of the courageous Imam Abdullah Haron; notes further that the religious leader and political activist was killed by the apartheid security branch in detention at the Cape Town central police station on 27 September 1969 and was buried on 29 September at Mowbray Muslim Cemetery and welcomes the decision to declare Imam Abdullah Haron's gravesite and the Al Jamia Mosque in Stegman Road, Claremont where he lead, heritage sites.

Agreed to.

28. Mr A Lili moved without notice: That the House notes that today marks 42 anniversary of Bantu Stephen Biko's assassination; notes further that he was arrested at a road block on 18 August 1977 under the Terrorism Act, 1976 (Act 83 of 1976), and taken to Walmer Police station where he was assaulted tortured into a coma, suffering major head injuries, and on 11 September he was loaded into the back of a Land Rover naked and restrained in manacles and driven to Pretoria Central Prison where he died on 12 September 1977; remembers and salutes him for his contribution in the liberation struggle of SA.

Agreed to.

29. Mr L Mvimbi moved without notice: That the House notes that the My Citi bus service has not operated in Khayelitsha and Mitchells Plain since the end of May due to contractual issues between the City of Cape Town and the N2 Express Joint Venture; notes further the City plans to pull out of negotiations and appoint a new vehicle operating company, as confirmed by Mayor Plato, Felicity Purchase, and Angus McKenzie, after giving the shareholders a deadline of 28 September for the N2 express service to be reinstated; rejects the plans of the City of Cape Town; and calls on the Provincial Minister to intervene and resolve the impasse and resume operations.

Agreed to.

30. Mr C M Dugmore moved without notice: That the House notes with profound sadness the passing of Cde Sazi Veldman, a former Robben Island prisoner, an MK combatant and an Army General in SANDF; notes further that Cde Sazi recently retired from the army and acquired his PhD; and conveys heartfelt condolences to his family, his comrades in the ANC and South Africa at large; and notes that we have lost a true soldier and combatant who was dedicated to the service of the movement and people.

Agreed to.

31. Ms A Bans moved without notice: That the House notes with concern and condemns the shooting of the Principal of Yomelela Primary School in Khayelitsha who was shot in his office during a robbery at his school; notes further that Principal Sibongiseni Dlaku was busy typing up a newly reported rape case when gunmen entered and shot him in the hand and upper abdomen, and took his laptop, phone and car keys; wish him a speedy and full recovery; and calls on the provincial government to prioritize school safety as the lives of learners and teachers continue to be at risk.

Agreed to.

32. Ms N D Nkondlo moved without notice: That the House notes that today marks the 15th year since the passing of Ray Alexander Simons, the secretary of the Communist Party in 1934 and 1935, who together with Helen Joseph, Lilian Ngoyi and Florence Mkhize helped found the Federation of South African Women (FEDSAW) which fought for women's rights and participated in drafting the pioneering Women's Charter; notes further that in 2004 she was bestowed the ANC's highest honour of Isithwalandwe for her contributions to the liberation struggle; and remembers her for her teachings and legacy.

Agreed to.

33. Mr M Kama moved without notice: That the House notes and commends the heroics of the private security firm TSU Security, which responded swiftly to a call after a 26-year-old woman from Khayelitsha, who was raped by a taxi driver for over 10 hours, was dumped near Spier Wine Estate in Stellenbosch; notes further that the victim took a taxi after 07:00 to work in Stellenbosch as usual, she was alone with the driver in the taxi, who took an unfamiliar route, and raped her until 17:00; welcomes the arrest of the suspect who was caught by security guards of TSU Security while stuck in traffic in Makhaza.

Agreed to.

34. The House adjourned at 18:25.



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