

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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# PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

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THURSDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER 2021

1. The House met at 14:15.
2. The Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.
3. [14:15] 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.
4. [14:22] Interpellation.
5. [14:49] Questions.
6. [15:51] Questions to the Premier without Notice.
7. [16:12] Statements by Members.
8. [16:32] Response to statements by Members by Ms S G Fernandez, Minister of Social Development.
9. [16:35] Motions with Notice (*in accordance with Standing Rule 151*).

The Speaker made an announcement in accordance with the new Standing Rule 151, all Notices of Motion by Members are required to be delivered to the Secretary for placing on the Order Paper. These motions, duly submitted, will be published on the Order Paper.
10. [16:36] Motions without Notice (*in accordance with Standing Rule 150*).
11. Mr R I Allen moved without notice: That the House expresses its congratulations to Marlene le Roux for being honoured with the Charlotte Maxeke Award on Friday 27 August at the Bring Her Up Awards ceremony; notes that in her position as the first woman of colour to preside as CEO of the Artscape, she has tirelessly advocated the rights of youths and persons with disabilities; and further commends Ms Le Roux on her leadership, creativity and contributions to society.

Agreed to.

12. Mr F C Christians moved without notice: That the House commends the members of the 4 x 100 meter men's U 20 relay team for their victory; notes that we celebrate the victory that earned them a world record of 38,51 seconds; notes that we revel in the euphoria that lifted the collective spirit of our country on the day; notes that it is wonderful to celebrate the achievements of young people, to see them reach their full potential in their chosen field is indeed a joy and the sheer spectacle of their physical prowess on the athletic track was a sight to behold; notes that the national junior men's relay team finished off a momentous five-day campaign by the South African squad at the World Athletics U 20 Championship held in Nairobi, Kenya; notes that Mhlali Xhotyeni, Sinesipho Dambile, Letlhogonolo Molelane and Benjamin Richards broke the world record of 38,62 set by the USA in Costa Rica in July 2019; notes that the quartet also shattered the African record of 39,33 seconds; may their achievement encourage the young people of our country and the world to raise their standards; may they be an example of what can be achieved through hard work and the discipline of practice; and may their world record remain for a long time.

Agreed to.

13. Mr G Bosman moved without notice: That the House expresses its congratulations to the City's Social Development and Early Childhood Development Department on the launch of its Youth-focused Rapid Employment and Development Initiative (READI); notes that the READI programme will be invaluable in aiding the professional and interpersonal development of youths to equip them with the tools needed to enter the workforce; and further commends this initiative on its recognition of the importance of creating opportunities for young people to thrive.

Agreed to.

14. Ms L J Botha moved without notice: That the House expresses condolences to the relatives of a beloved resident of the town Eendekuil, Maria Wewers, who died on Thursday 26 August 2021 at the ripe old age of 73; notes that she leaves a large gap in her family and in the community of Eendekuil; and notes that she will be missed by the children of the community because she provided them every day at her own cost with a plate of food. Rest in peace, dear Maria Wewers.

Agreed to.

15. Mr M K Sayed moved without notice: That the House congratulates the 16 out of 50 participants who successfully completed the national government's Smallholder Farmer Development Programme to become fully fledged commercial farmers; and notes that the Department of Agriculture continues to give support to the remaining 34 candidates.

Agreed to.

16. Ms L J Botha moved without notice: That the House expresses condolences to the relatives of Winston Abrahams, beloved husband of Lyna Abrahams, and beloved resident of Lamberts Bay who died on Wednesday 25 August 2021; and notes that Winston was a mainstay in his community and that he will be greatly missed. May his soul rest in peace.

Agreed to.

17. Mr L L Mvimbi moved without notice: That the House commends the national Transport Minister, Fikile Mbalula, for extending the grace period for the renewal of driver's and car licences from 31 August 2021 to 31 March 2022 due to the disruptions of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Agreed to.

18. Mr R D Mackenzie moves without notice: That this House congratulates the provincial Department of Transport and Public Works for its recent completion of the Ashton Arch Bridge; notes that the R130 million project resulted in it being a milestone for our country: the first ever concrete-tied bridge to be built using the transverse launching method; notes that, during construction, the project provided more than 500 employment opportunities for local residents; notes that not only will this improve road transport as a whole, but it will allow for the town to use this bridge as a source of tourism; and continues to support the Department in rolling out important infrastructure throughout the province, which stands to support jobs, safety and dignity for all.

Agreed to.

19. Ms A Bans moved without notice: That the House commends national rugby captain Siya Kolisi and his Springboks for a great recovery in the latest series against New Zealand and for regaining one of the leading positions in international competition; and notes that, even when the COVID-19 pandemic may force them to abandon the present tests, we will support Kolisi's men in their future endeavours.

Agreed to.

20. [16:46] FIRST ORDER

Consideration of Report of the Conduct Committee on a complaint against an Honourable Member of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament in accordance with the Code of Conduct for Members of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament, dated 7 May 2021 (See Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, No 92, dated 27 August 2021, p 396.)

Declarations of vote made on behalf of the ANC, ACDP and DA.

Question put: That the Report of the Conduct Committee on a complaint against an Honourable Member of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament in accordance with the Code of Conduct for Members of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament, dated 7 May 2021 (See Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, No 92, dated 27 August 2021, p 396), be adopted.

Question agreed to.

The Report accordingly adopted.

21. The House adjourned at 16:55.

ROMEO ADAMS  
Secretary to Provincial Parliament