

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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# PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

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THURSDAY, 21 MAY 2020

1. The House met at 14:15.
2. The Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.
3. [14:17] The Deputy 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] The Chief Whip of the Majority Party (Ms M M Wenger) moved: That, cognisant of section 116(2)(c) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996, which provides that “The rules and orders of a provincial legislature must provide for ... financial and administrative assistance to each party represented in the legislature, in proportion to its representation, to enable the party and its leader to perform their functions in the legislature effectively ...”, the House hereby resolves to authorise the Speaker of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament to determine the matters provided for in section 116(2)(c) of the Constitution. In determining such matters, the Speaker is accountable to the House and must report to it when any such determination is made. If the House is not in session, any such determination must be ATC’d within 14 days.

Agreed to.

5. [14:23] Questions.
6. [15:27] Statements by Members.
7. [15:46] Response to statements by Members by Ms N Mbombo, Minister of Health.
8. [15:50] Motions with Notice
9. [16:01] Ms W F Philander moved without notice: That the House notes with sadness the passing away of the third, fourth and fifth healthcare workers in the Western Cape who succumbed to COVID-19; notes that their service to the people in the Western Cape did not go unseen; and notes further that our thoughts and prayer are with their loved ones.

Agreed to.

10. Ms W F Philander moved without notice: That the House notes with sadness the passing away of Reverend Doctor Professor Mary-Anne Plaatjies-Van Huffel; notes further that Prof Plaatjies-Van Huffel was a pioneer: she was the first woman reverend of the Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa; she was the first woman actuary of the Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa (URCSA) Western Cape; the first woman moderator of the general synod of the URCSA in 2012; and in 2013 she was elected as one of the vice presidents of the World Council of Churches and as president for Africa of the World Council of Churches; notes further that she was a remarkable person with strong leadership traits; notes further that she will be remembered for the important contributions that she made locally and internationally; notes further that she was a woman of principle who moved the boundaries of stereotyping for all generations and the generations after us; and expresses condolences to the Rev Dawid van Huffel, her sisters, her extended family and her beloved church community.

Agreed to

11. Mr R I Allen moved without notice: That the House wishes the Western Cape Muslim community a blessed Eid Mubarak in the coming days; notes that the month of Ramadan has been a time for reflection, prayer, giving and sacrifice; and wishes all Muslims a happy and peaceful day.

Agreed to.

12. Mr M K Sayed moved without notice: That the House notes that Ms Noluthando Nogcinisa, member of the Western Cape Provincial Executive Committee of the ANC Youth League, has been hospitalised after she contracted COVID-19; notes further that Comrade Noluthando was moved away from the quarantine site in Dennebos to the Ceres Hospital after her condition became serious; and wishes her a speedy and full recovery.

Agreed to.

13. Ms M M Wenger moved without notice: That the House expresses good wishes to Christians who celebrate Ascension Day today (Thursday), and wishes that this occasion be celebrated with peace and love.

Agreed to.

14. Ms R Windvogel moved without notice: That the House sends condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of Anncha Kepskey, professional nurse and assistant manager of the trauma unit at the Tygerberg Hospital in Bellville, who died of COVID-19 on Wednesday; and notes that Sister Kepskey is the fifth health worker in the Western Cape to become a victim of the pandemic.

Agreed to.

15. Ms P Z Lekker moved without notice: That the House notes that a 82-year-old Mbekweni resident tested positive for the coronavirus and was sent back home to self-quarantine; and calls on the provincial Department of Health to investigate this matter and to report urgently about it to this legislature.

Agreed to.

16. Ms L M Maseko moved without notice: That the House applauds the work being done by the Western Cape Department of Human Settlements in continuing social housing projects during the lockdown period; and notes that this is part of the Western Cape Government's efforts to provide sustainable human settlements to those who need it the most.

Agreed to.

17. Ms R Windvogel moved without notice: That the House notes that honourable Gladys Bakubaku-Vos, ANC senior legislature member, has fully recovered from COVID-19 and is back at work to serve her community.

Agreed to.

18. Ms W F Philander moved without notice: That the House extends sincere appreciation to all community organisations and individuals in the Drakenstein municipal area that are working day and night to provide social relief and assistance to the vulnerable in society in Drakenstein; further extends sincere appreciation to all donors and all volunteers who are opening their hearts daily to social relief initiatives; and commends these tireless efforts during this challenging time.

Agreed to.

19. Mr R D MacKenzie moved without notice: That the House recognises the work being done by Al-Maamana, a volunteer group based in Mitchells Plain, which has taken up the task of feeding hundreds of residents during this difficult time and also notes the humanitarian efforts being made by the NGO's and NPO's in mitigating the impact of hunger in the absence of SASSA.

Agreed to.

20. Ms R Windvogel moved without notice: That the House notes with sadness the death of a 62-year-old Overberg resident who became the first casualty of COVID-19 in that region last week; and sends condolences to all the families and friends of those who have died due to coronavirus-related problems.

Agreed to.

21. Mr R I Allen moved without notice: That the House commends the Hawks on a successful drug bust of 36 kg cocaine on the N1 in Cape Town; notes that drugs and gangsterism are stealing our young people's future; commits to continue and ramp up its efforts to build the society's resilience to crime, in families, in the school environment and among young people at risk as a result of the harm caused by substance abuse; and calls on all law enforcement agencies, together with the entire criminal justice system, to play their role in ensuring that drug premises are closed and criminals brought to book.

Agreed to.

22. Ms A Bans moved without notice: That the House bids a Central Karoo resident a speedy recovery who became the first recorded positive patient in that region on Monday.

Agreed to.

23. Ms P Z Lekker moved without notice: That the House commiserates with the family, friends and colleagues of Prof Mary-Anne Plaatjies-Van Huffel (61) of the Faculty of Theological at the University of Stellenbosch who died on Tuesday after an operation; and also notes she was the first black ordained preacher of the Dutch Reformed Missionary Church.

Agreed to.

24. Ms P Z Lekker moved without notice: That the House notes the attack on and robbery last week of Nokuthula Bolitye, ANC ward councillor in Crossroads, and her 13-year-old son; and bids them a speedy recovery from the wounds that they sustained.

Agreed to.

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25. Ms N D Nkondlo moved without notice: That the House notes and calls for the urgent establishment of COVID-19 Committee of the Community Work Programme (CWP) that will investigate the socio-economic impact of COVID-19 on women and children in the province, including poverty, hunger, job losses, general labour conditions, including child care support in both the public and private sector, as well as to include gender-based violence (GBV) during this period; further calls for an investigation into the impact of COVID-19 on women-owned enterprises and how their basic human and labour rights have been undermined during this time; and calls for a report to be tabled during a Women's Parliament in August 2020.

Agreed to.

26. [16:32] The House discussed the following subject in the name of hon B N Herron:

Addressing spatial justice in the Western Cape: centuries of injustice and three democratic decades of neglect.

Debate concluded.

27. The House adjourned at 17:42.

ROMEO ADAMS  
Secretary to the Provincial  
Parliament