

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

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THURSDAY, 5 MAY 2022

1. The House met at 14:15.
2. The Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.
3. [14:18] 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] The Chief Whip moved without notice: That, notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 20(1), precedence be given to the Subject for Discussion.  
Agreed to.
5. [14:23] The Chief Whip moved without notice: That the following Members be appointed in accordance with Standing Rule 24 to act as temporary presiding officers:  
  
Maseko, L M  
Van der Westhuizen, A P  
Kaizer-Philander, W F  
Mvimbi, L L  
Baku Baku-Vos, N G  
Makamba-Botya, N  
  
Agreed to.
6. [14:24] The House discussed the following subject in the name of hon D Plato:  
  
The impact of the illicit drug trade in Western Cape on the safety, health and wellbeing of communities.  
  
Debate concluded.
7. [15:28] Questions.
8. [16:30] Statements by Members.

9. [16:52] Response to statements by Members by Mr A R Winde, Premier; Mr A W Bredell, Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning; Mr D J Maynier, Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities and Mr D G Mitchell, Minister of Mobility.

10. [16:58] 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.

11. [16:59] Motions without Notice (*in accordance with Standing Rule 150*).

12. Mr G Brinkhuis moved without notice: That the House recognises that Athlone-born skateboarder Jean-Marc Johannes is the Guinness World Record holder for the highest number of backside big spins; further recognises that the 30-year-old Johannes, a Windsor High School learner in Lansdowne, won his first skateboarding competition when he was 11 years old; notes that he has managed 18 backside big spins, beating the previous record of 12 held by the American Rob Dyrdek since 2002; further notes that Johannes smashed his latest record at the Cape Town Stadium on 6 April 2022; notes that he grew up under challenging conditions with no skateboard facilities on the Cape Flats; further notes that he is also asthmatic and, as a child, could not participate in any of the other usual sports that motivated him to try manoeuvres, such as Nollie heelflips, Fakie heelflips and boardslides; acknowledges that he recently qualified to take part in the 2022 Tokyo Olympic Games; further acknowledges that he became a professional skateboarder in 2017 and has competed on the international stage since 2011; recognises that during his international stints he has won various awards and competitions, including an accolade from Asia in the form of a Global International Podium in the Virtual Pro Skate Competition hosted by Indonesia; and extends well wishes to Petersen for making his hometown, Paarl, and South Africa proud.

Agreed to.

13. Mr G Bosman moved without notice: That the House commends Herman Maritz and Dan Wells, creators of the Eskom se Push app, for their ongoing service to the public; notes that the app seeks to keep South Africans informed about load shedding through push notifications and predictions; and acknowledges the ongoing failures of Eskom and the importance of such apps, including the recently launched City of Cape Town load shedding app, in ensuring that the public stays informed.

Agreed to.

14. Mr D America moved without notice: That the House commends the Department of the National Treasury for allowing and granting the City of Cape Town permission to undertake a feasibility study to determine the takeover of the metro rail network; and wishes the City well and pledges its full cooperation and support.

Agreed to.

15. Ms P Z Lekker moved without notice: That the House records that the holy month of Ramadan has ended for South Africa's Muslim community and wishes the community Eid Mubarak or Selamat in the greeting traditionally used in the Western Cape; and also hopes that members had a peaceful Eid.

Agreed to.

16. Mr D America moved without notice: That the House congratulates the newly elected Western Cape members of the South African National Taxi Council (SANTACO) executive committee; and wishes the new leadership well during their term of office.

Agreed to.

17. Ms L J Botha moved without notice: That the House expresses condolences after the death of Constable Jonathan Adams, who was a police officer stationed at the Redelinghuys SAPS Station and lived in Piketberg; notes that the Constable lost his life in a car crash on the morning of 28 April 2022; and notes his many years of service to the South African Police Service and his contribution to combating crime in all the stations that he has served.

Agreed to.

18. Ms R Windvogel moved without notice: That the House notes the passing away of the activist comrade Dexter Dowie in April 2022 at the age of 76; and commiserates with his family and loved ones.

Agreed to.

19. Mr F C Christians moved without notice: That the House extends its condolences to the family of the late Suraya Barden; notes that she was the school secretary of the Primrose Park Primary School in Manenberg, a position she held for more than 20 years; notes that the 61-year-old grandmother was fatally shot on her way to school; notes that her 6-year-old grandson was with her in the car at the time of the shooting (*Cape Argus*, Friday 8 April 2022 – Keagan Mitchell); and notes that our prayers are with her family, colleagues and the community.

Agreed to.

20. Mr M Kama moved without notice: That the House notes and commends the members of the South African Police Service for arresting four members of a car hijacking syndicate in Khayelitsha on 26 April 2022 after SAPS members from Harare pounced on a chop shop in Block 54, Kuyasa, where they found the suspects dismantling two vehicles; notes that further investigations showed the vehicles were hijacked in Rondebosch and Sea Point and several number plates and other car parts were also discovered in the premises; lauds police work; and calls for more resources for similar operations to address hijacking syndicates in the province.

Agreed to

21. Ms N G Baku Baku-Vos moved without notice: That the House notes with concern reports of the kidnapping of a two-month-old baby, Kai-isha Menier, who was snatched outside Shoprite in Bishop Lavis over the weekend; sympathises with the mother and family; encourages and commends the Western Cape Missing Person Unit's founder for the support they have offered to the family during this difficult time; and calls on the police to leave no stones unturned in investigating the matter and arresting the woman seen on camera snatching the baby.

Agreed to.

22. Mr M Kama moved without notice: That the House notes with concern that a police officer and three other persons were wounded during a gunfight between the police and robbers at the Eerste River post office on Tuesday; wishes all the wounded a speedy and full recovery; commends the police for the swift response; and calls on them to leave no stones unturned to bring the gun-toting criminals who managed to flee the scene to book.

Agreed to.

23. Ms N Makamba-Botya moved without notice: That the House notes that a recent Household Affordability Index for April 2022 shows that the average cost of a household food basket is currently R4 500; notes that, while the cost of a household food basket continues to rise, our people continue to grapple with issues of high unemployment, poverty and inequality; notes that the effects of COVID-19 made the situation worse and the so-called economic recovery plans initiated by various levels of the government do not seem to yield any results in helping our people escape this perpetual trap of poverty and unemployment; notes that we find ourselves in a situation in which even those who are employed and earning a minimum wage cannot afford the cost of living, let alone those that are unemployed; and notes that the situation is really bad and change must be imminent.

Agreed to.

24. The House adjourned at 17:15.

Ms M Goldstone  
Acting Secretary to Provincial Parliament