

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PARLIAMENT OF THE

PROVINCE OF THE

WESTERN CAPE

THURSDAY, 7 MAY 2020

1. The House met at 14:15.
2. The Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.
3. [14:26] 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. [14:30] Interpellation.
5. [14:56] Questions.
6. [15:12] Statements by Members.
7. [15:39] Motions with Notice
8. [15:58] Mr M Kama moved without notice: That the House notes that we learned with sadness of the devastating news of the passing away of Minister Fritz's mother, Theodore Fritz, at the age 93 on Freedom Day; notes that her death on Freedom Day – and in what is now known as Heroes Month – correctly bares testimony to a life that was dedicated to the people and defined her as a South African heroine; noted further she was a struggle veteran and an anti-apartheid activist who worked tirelessly in the dark days of apartheid to nurture and guide the youth in the 1980s and as a teacher by profession and an ardent community activist and comrade, she instilled discipline and moral values in both the young and the old in society – these are values espoused by Minister Fritz from his time in the UDF and his work today; and sends its condolences and flowers to Minister Fritz and his family and prays that God continues to protect and comfort them.

Agreed to.
9. Ms M M Wenger moved without notice: That the House extends its deepest condolences to the families and loved ones of the 72 COVID-19 victims in the Western Cape; and further empathises with all the residents in the Western Cape who are experiencing illness, loss, hardship and hunger brought about by this devastating pandemic.

Agreed to.

10. Mr C M Dugmore moved without notice: That the House commiserates with the family, friends and comrades of Denis Goldberg, the iconic struggle veteran hero, who died last week at the age of 87; and notes that Goldberg was a founder member of uMkhonto we Sizwe, the people's army, which had its first camp against the illegitimate apartheid regime on his Western Cape farm, and that he was one of the people who were found guilty of high treason, together with Nelson Mandela and other high profile leaders, at the notorious Rivonia trial.

Agreed to.

11. Mr D G Mitchell moved without notice: That the House notes and congratulates Mr Gideon Erasmus (fondly known as Kallie) an environmental and development attorney from Prince Albert in the Central Karoo and the founding head of the Centre for Development Studies at Unisa, for the award he received as the Environmental Law Lawyer of the Year 2020, presented by International Publication Finance Monthly; notes that for his award as the overall winner, Mr Erasmus would appear on the cover of the 2020 Awards Edition; notes that this prestigious award follows as a result of the successful private prosecution and conviction of BP Southern Africa for historical environmental offences by Uzani Environmental Advocacy; notes that this is believed to be the first successful criminal prosecution of an environmental offender by a member of civil society anywhere in the world; and notes further that this is certainly the first of its kind in South Africa.

Agreed to.

12. Ms R Windvogel moved without notice: That the House wishes ANC Member Ntombezanele Gladys Bakubaku-Vos a speedy and full recovery after she contracted the coronavirus and is now hospitalised.

Agreed to.

13. Ms R Windvogel moved without notice: That the House congratulates all law-abiding people with the general patience displayed during the levels of lockdown by wearing protective clothing, such as facemasks and gloves, by regular washing their hands, by maintaining social distancing and even by providing assistance to the vulnerable during the coronavirus pandemic; commends all who go the extra mile for their fellow human beings; and calls on all to unite behind the internationally accepted restrictions to keep the infections down as we are all together in uncharted waters. Nkosi sikelel' iAfrika! (God bless Africa!)

Agreed to.

14. Mr R I Allen moved without notice: That the House extends its gratitude to every safety officer in the Western Cape for their tireless efforts to keep our communities safe during this unprecedented time; and further acknowledges and commends the redeployment of the Department of Community Safety's Private Security and Security Support Team under the leadership of Minister Fritz, that supports the enforcement of the lockdown in the province.

Agreed to.

15. Ms A P Bans moved without notice: That the House congratulates, Christina Nomdo, the first Western Cape Child Commissioner, on her appointment and looks forward to cooperating with her.

Agreed to.

16. Ms L J Botha moved without notice: That the House notes with sadness the passing away of Sister Petronella Benjamin, the first Western Cape nurse to die due to COVID-19; and extends our sincere condolences to her family as our thoughts and prayers are with her family and colleagues during this time; and further extends our gratitude to the front-line workers who courageously face this crisis first-hand every day.

Agreed to.

17. Ms L M Maseko moved without notice: That the House congratulates Mrs Lulu Lena Sykes, a 100-year-old from Villiersdorp, on reaching 100 years of age, an amazing milestone in itself; praises her for the love, care and wisdom she has given so generously every day for 100 years; and wishes that her 100th birthday will bring her more than all the joy, wisdom, hope and love she has always given away so freely. Happy 100th birthday to her!

Agreed to.

18. Ms A P Bans moved without notice: That the House notes that Sunday was the commemoration of World Freedom Day; and notes with concern the loss of a large number of print newspaper and magazine titles due to the economic pressure of new electronic media.

Agreed to.

19. Ms L J Botha moved without notice: That the House notes with great sadness the passing away of Theodora Fritz, dear mother of Minister Albert Fritz, founder member of the Hanover Park Civic Association and professional teacher; notes that the death of a dear one has no right time and the sorrow is hard to express; and extends our deepest condolences to the Fritz family – our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.

Agreed to.

20. Mr C M Dugmore moved without notice: That the House, in memory of the contribution of Che Guevara, the legendary Argentinean doctor, who assisted in the liberation of and provided guidance to the Cuban nation, welcomes the medical brigade from Cuba that is being brought here to help fight the COVID-19 pandemic in South Africa; and appreciates the contingent that will join the Western Cape's battle against this killer disease.

Agreed to.

21. The House adjourned at 16:25.

ROMEO ADAMS
Secretary to the Provincial
Parliament