

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# PARLIAMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF THE WESTERN CAPE

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THURSDAY, 27 AUGUST 2020

1. The House met at 14:15.
2. The Deputy Speaker took the Chair and read the prayer.
3. [14:16] 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. [14:17] Mr D G Mitchell moved: That the existing contract of the Registrar of Members' Interests, Adv P Burgers, be extended on the same terms and conditions for a period of no longer than three months with effect from 1 September, 2020.  
Agreed to.
5. [14:18] The Chief Whip moved without notice: That, notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 20(1), precedence be given to the Subject for Discussion.  
Agreed to.
6. [14:19] The House discussed the following subject in the name of hon R D MacKenzie:  
The impact of the draconian measures by the national government on the economy, which costs South Africans their jobs, and is exacerbated by the reoccurrence of load shedding, which will result in many more job losses.  
Debate concluded.
7. [15:21] Interpellations.
8. [15:50] Questions.
9. [16:50] Statements by Members.
10. [17:14] Motions with Notice.

10. [17:20] Mr D America moved without notice: That the House extends its deepest condolences to the family and friends of Mr Piet Meyer, former Deputy Speaker of this House, who passed away on 22 August 2020 at the age of 80; notes that Mr Meyer was born on 12 August 1940 and grew up in the small village of Noupoort in the Northern Cape; further notes that he held many positions in public office and served the people of South Africa with dignity, humility and honesty over a period of four decades; further notes that he held the following positions during his tenure: Member of the Management Committee of the Vredenburg and Saldanha Bay municipalities in the 1970s; Member of the House of Representatives, 1984; Deputy Minister of Agriculture, 1987; Member of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament; Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport, Western Cape Government; Minister of Transport and Public Works, Western Cape Government; Minister of Health, Western Cape Government; Chief Whip in the Western Cape Provincial Parliament; Deputy Speaker of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament; Head of Mission: SA Liaison Office, Taipei, Taiwan; further notes that Mr Meyer will be remembered fondly by colleagues and friends across the political divide; and our hearts go out to Dr Ivan Meyer, Minister of Agriculture in the Western Cape Government, and son of Mr Meyer, and trust that the family will find solace in the legacy left behind by a true son of South Africa.

Agreed to.

The Speaker requested Members to join him in observing a moment of silence.

12. Mr F C Christians moved without notice: That the House wants to acknowledge the 11-year-old Braedon Powell who saved two men from drowning at Fish Hoek beach, referring to a recent article that highlighted how Braedon, who is part of the Fish Hoek Surf Lifesaving Nippers, a junior programme that teaches 8- to 14-year-old children life skills and knowledge of the marine environment, rescued two men; notes that Braedon was out playing with children near the beach when he caught sight of the men in trouble and without thinking rushed with a red board and saved the two men who were 150 m away from shore; and notes that Braedon should be an inspiration to others because even in the COVID-19 crisis we should still help whoever we can.

Agreed to.

13. Ms N Makamba-Botya moved without notice: That the House welcomes the recent conviction of Reagan Zietsman for the kidnapping, rape and murder of 6-year-old Delvina Europa on 24 March 2019; notes that this follows the shocking revelation that the very same man walked away with a slap on the wrist in January 2017 after he was granted a suspended sentence after being convicted of raping a 12-year-old girl; further notes that the time has come for South Africa to assess our judges and magistrates and put them on a rigorous training to assess whether they are still “fit and proper” to remain on the bench; and hopes that the court will impose a very heavy and harsh sentence on Zietsman this time for his treacherous and evil deeds.

Agreed to.

14. Mr P Marran moved without notice: That the House notes that a large suspected neighbourhood-watch member, now suspended, pinned down the young Bradley de Bruin of Wolseley over the weekend, and severely assaulted him and left him unconscious, and the young man is now in a hospital with head injuries; further notes the vigilante member then fled the town to a neighbouring province; further notes that the actions of this member of the rogue unit were recorded on a cellphone camera where De Bruin was seen pinned down, like the killed American George Floyd, by the burley member and severely beaten up while other members of the Wolseley neighbourhood watch even encouraged him, while this big vigilante man also threatened and abused De Bruin; lastly notes that the suspect handed himself over to the Wolseley police this morning amid a public outcry and race tension.

Agreed to.

15. Ms W F Philander moved without notice: That the House expresses sincere condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of the late Councillor Henrietta Sylvester Mangenenene; notes that Councillor Mangenenene served as PR Councillor at the Langeberg Municipality and was a dedicated and committed member of the Democratic Alliance; notes that she served the DA Women's Network as a representative with passion in the Langeberg constituency in the west region; further notes that Councillor Henrietta Mangenenene was a mother for many children who were placed in her care over several years, which she raised as her very own; further notes that her compassion for cancer patients in her community and dedication to uplift rural women is truly commendable; and may the dear soul of Councillor Henrietta Mangenenene rest in eternal peace – you will be sorely missed.

Agreed to.

16. Mr M Xego moved without notice: That the House welcomes the move by the City of Cape Town, for coming to its senses for a change, and withdrawing the advertisement intending to renew a 10-year lease for the 49 hectare King David Mowbray Golf Club; further notes that the City did not withdraw the advertisement out of the wisdom of those who run it, but due to the mounting pressure from activists in favour of integrated spatial planning and the building of affordable housing; and hopes that sanity will prevail in the heads of those running the City by realising the impact of the shortage of affordable housing, especially on the land closer to economic opportunities.

Agreed to.

17. Mr L L Mvimbi moved without notice: That the House notes a 50-year-old Plettenberg Bay restaurant worker appeared in the local court on a charge of attempted murder after shooting at a colleague last Thursday; and notes that no injuries were sustained.

Agreed to.

18. Mr A P van der Westhuizen moved without notice: That the House expresses its heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of the respected and much loved 79-year-old Jane Dowie Dunn, a resident of Stanford, who unexpectedly passed away on 22 June 2020; notes that she will be sorely missed by her family, friends, her Food 4 Thought family and the Stanford community; and it is our prayer that they find solace and strength during these trying times of bereavement.

Agreed to.

19. Ms N Makamba-Botya moved without notice: That the House notes that 24 August 2020 marked one year after the rape and murder of the 19-year-old UCT student Uyinene Mrewetyana; further notes that at that time there was also an escalation in cases of gender-based violence and femicide in the country; and further notes that despite widespread protests against the scourge and calls on the President and law enforcement agencies to toughen the laws against perpetrators of these actions, nothing has been done yet as women and children remain at the mercy of these marauding criminals.

Agreed to.

20. Mr P Marran moved without notice: That the House notes the attack 77-year-old Raymond O'Grady and 74-year-old Betty O'Grady, owners of the Hillcrest Berry Farm, last Friday near Stellenbosch; further notes that Betty O'Grady escaped after being abducted and both are now recovering from the injuries they sustained; and commends the SAPS investigators who speedily arrested three suspects.

Agreed to.

21. Mr R I Allen moved without notice: That the House strongly condemns the rape of a young man in Langa; further notes with deep concern this abhorrent crime that not only was a violation of an individual's dignity but also represents a hate crime against his sexuality and that of others in LGBTQ+ communities; and further notes with concern the suffering of members of the LGBTQ+ community in this regard.

Agreed to.

22. Ms W F Philander moved without notice: That the House strongly condemns the ongoing and increasing attacks on Emergency Medical Services (EMS) staff; notes that from 1 January to 23 August a total of 43 cases have been recorded, compared with 30 cases in 2019; further notes that these senseless attacks leave the EMS frontline staff severely traumatised in their jobs, because they have to save lives while fearing for their own; further notes that when EMS staff are held up at gun point, it results in double trauma: for the staff member and possibility for a family member of anyone of us; and urges members of the public to report these attacks to their nearest police station without hesitation.

Agreed to.

23. Mr D Smith moved without notice: That the House notes that a Sunday charity drive ended in tragedy when five people were killed when a bakkie and five motorcycles crashed near Saldanha Bay.

Agreed to

24. Ms M M Wenger moved without notice: That the House commends 11-year-old Braedon Powell for his bravery in saving two men from drowning; notes that this under 12 Nipper at the Fish Hoek Lifesaving Club, after seeing two men being blown out to sea on an inflatable mattress, grabbed a kneeboard and paddled over 150 m to help them; further notes that as neither of the men were able to swim, Braedon calmed them down and had them lie in a stable position on the mattress, and pushed them safely back to shore; and congratulates Braedon for his exemplary actions.

Agreed to.

25. Mr M Xego moved without notice: That the House notes with sadness the death of a 2-year-old girl from Gugulethu who died inside a shack that caught fire; further notes that it is alleged that the mother left the 2-year-old child with other two children, aged 9 and 12, unattended; further notes that after the shack caught fire, the 9-year-old girl and the 12-year-old boy managed to escape the fire, leaving the 2-year-old behind inside a burning shack; and calls on law-enforcement officials to investigate what led to the mother leaving the children unattended and that the required punishment be imposed on her if she is found to be in the wrong.

Agreed to

26. Ms L J Botha moved without notice: That the House congratulates Warrant Officer G du Toit on his long-service award; and recognises his 38 years of services in the South African Police Service, specifically serving the Vredenburg cluster.

Agreed to.

27. Ms A Bans moved without notice: That the House commends Artscape CEO Marlene le Roux on being appointed as new chairperson of its board of directors of the Afrikaans Language and Culture Society (“Afrikaanse Taal- en Kultuurvereniging” or ATKV).

Agreed to.

28. Mr D G Mitchell moved without notice: That the House extends its thanks to Mr Tshokolo Ntombana, who heads the Nursing Unit at the Beaufort West Hospital, and who has gone above and beyond when duty called on him during the current worldwide COVID-19 pandemic; notes that Tshokolo Ntombana is a shining example of the type of individual who makes our health system stronger internally throughout this pandemic; further notes that this has not been an easy period, but his leadership has played a pivotal role in easing the fears of staff; and notes the dedication and perseverance that have been shown by Mr Tshokolo Ntombana who has served as a committed healthcare official during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Agreed to.

29. Ms R Windvogel moved without notice: That the House notes that the Cape’s and probably the world’s oldest man, 116-year-old Freddie Blom from Delft, died over the weekend in the Tygerberg Hospital.

Agreed to.

30. Mr M Kama moved without notice: That the House notes the unwillingness of the DA-run Cape Town metropolitan policing service to account to the National Assembly’s police portfolio committee by refusing to appear when invited to do so after one Khayelitsha resident, Mr Bulelani Qolani, was undignifiedly dragged around naked and assaulted on video by law-enforcement officers when they evicted him and broke down his informal structure; and denounces the officers who refused to account and commends the national parliament for starting the process to summon the City of Cape Town to force the metropolitan government to account for the way in which the widely criticised situation was handled.

Agreed to.

31. Mr M Kama moved without notice: That the House notes that a case of attempted murder is being investigated after a police sergeant on regular patrol was shot in Wallacedene on Saturday.

Agreed to.

32. Mr C M Dugmore moved without notice: That the House commiserates with the family, friends and comrades of Advocate Hishaam Mohamed, a 55-year-old human-rights activist and judicial reformer, who died suddenly on Monday due to a heart attack; acknowledges that Mohamed assisted greatly in our country's transformation; notes that he starting as a prosecutor and ended up heading the provincial Department of Justice and Constitutional Development for almost three decades; further notes that he played a big role in making mobile courts available in certain areas and own courts in Khayelitsha, Philippi and Nyanga, and giving fair access to them to all vulnerable people; and notes that this servant leader was a whip for Justice in the national assembly and constituency head in the southern suburbs at the time of his demise.

Agreed to.

33. Mr C M Dugmore moved without notice: That the House commiserates with the family and friends of the retired provincial politician Piet Meyer who died on Saturday due to pneumonia after two days in a Durbanville hospital; notes the 80-year-old Meyer was a Deputy Speaker of this legislature, Minister of Health and also Transport and Public Works and head of South Africa's diplomatic mission to Taipei; further notes that prior to joining the legislature, he served as Deputy Minister of Agriculture in the government of national unity; and notes that he was the father of Minister Ivan Meyer.

Agreed to.

34. Mr M Kama moved without notice: That the House notes that police are still investigating a Valhalla Park crash on Wednesday when a car ploughed into people killing a 5-year-old boy and injuring another 10-year-old.

Agreed to.

35. Mr M Kama moved without notice: That the House notes a 30-year-old man was killed on Sunday and a 25-year-old was injured when attackers shot at a taxi in Vrygrond.

Agreed to.

36. Mr M K Sayed moved without notice: That the House welcomes the fact that, subsequent to the ANC raising problems with failed payments over months to a small Boland company, EMDA Security, for services at schools in the Cape Winelands, the issue was addressed by the Honourable Minister Schäfer with remedial action to follow; thanks the Minister and her team; and encourages further critical yet constructive oversight relations.

Agreed to.

37. Mr M Kama moved without notice: That the House notes at least five families of the eight victims killed two years ago in an explosion, reminiscent of the explosion disaster in Beirut (Lebanon), have asked the Public Protector to investigate the Macassar event for maladministration, negligence and improper conduct after the deadly explosion at the company and also the Public Enterprises Minister Pravin Gordon for a complaint that includes possible state capture by the company Rheinmetall Denel Munition, where the rocket propellant ignited.

Agreed to.

38. The House adjourned at 18:21.

ROMEO ADAMS  
Secretary to the Provincial Parliament