

## **REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

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# **MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

OF

## **NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

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TUESDAY, 27 AUGUST 2024

1. The House met at 14:00.
2. House Chairperson Mr C T Frolick took the Chair and requested members to observe a moment of silence for prayer or meditation.
3. House Chairperson Mr C T Frolick announced that the vacancy which occurred in the National Assembly owing to the resignation of Mrs Y N Yako had been filled by the nomination Mr E Mthethwa with effect from 23 July 2024.

The vacancies which occurred owing to the resignations of Dr B F Chauke, Mr T V Mashele and Mr N G Kodwa, had been filled by the nominations of Ms N M Motaung, Mr V A Nkosi and Ms M O Seate, respectively, with effect from 8 August 2024.

Lastly, the vacancies which occurred owing to the unavailability of Mr T T Nkani and Mr M Tomsana to take up their seats in the National Assembly had been filled by the nominations of Mr C V Shongwe and Mr F S Matsa, respectively, with effect from 3 August 2024.

The members made and subscribed to oath in the Speaker's office.

4. House Chairperson Mr C T Frolick further announced that Dr M J Hlophe had been designated by uMkhonto weSizwe as its Parliamentary Leader and therefore Leader of the Opposition in terms of section 57(2)(d) of the Constitution.
5. [14:03] Members' statements.
6. FIRST ORDER [14:41]

**Debate on National Women’s Day:** Celebrating 30 years of freedom and women development.

Debate concluded.

7. SECOND ORDER [16:29]

Consideration of Report of Portfolio Committee on Sport, Arts and Culture on **Filling of vacancies on the Pan South African Language Board (PanSALB)** (Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 20 August 2024, p 2).

Mr J J McGluwa, as Chairperson of the Committee, introduced the Report.

There was no debate.

The Chief Whip moved that the Report be adopted.

Declarations of vote made on behalf of the Democratic Alliance, uMkhonto weSizwe, Economic Freedom Fighters, Inkatha Freedom Party, Patriotic Alliance, African Christian Democratic Party and African National Congress.

Motion agreed to (uMkhonto weSizwe dissenting).

Report accordingly adopted.

8. [16:41] Ms R C Adams moved without notice: That the House -

- (1) congratulates Free State-born Ms Mia le Roux who made history by becoming the first hearing-impaired woman to win the Miss South Africa pageant on Saturday, 10 August 2024, at the SunBet Arena in Pretoria;
- (2) notes that Ms le Roux, a 28-year-old, BCom Marketing student at Unisa, was diagnosed with profound hearing loss at the age of one and had a cochlear implant to help her receive sound;
- (3) understands that it took two years of speech therapy before she was able to say her first words;
- (4) acknowledges that starting her reign, Ms le Roux pledged her commitment to foster an inclusive society for marginalised groups, where “no one is left behind”, by partnering with the government and stakeholders in the private sector;
- (5) further acknowledges that she emphasised her reign will serve as an inspiration to differently abled younger girls in the country, as the Miss South Africa organisation broke pageantry beauty standards, by being inclusive and diverse of its contestants; and

- (6) extends its best wishes to Ms le Roux for the upcoming Miss Universe pageant and believes that she will make the country proud.

Agreed to.

9. Ms C Jordaan moved without notice: That the House -

- (1) notes that two learners, Ms Aimeè Stollie from the Mōrester Akademie and Ms Akhona Zondo from the Lawhill Maritime Centre at Simon’s Town School, recently returned from their 10-day voyage as part of SEAmester VII – South Africa’s Class Afloat programme;
- (2) recognises that Prof Isabelle Ansorge, Mrs Tahlia Henry (coordinators of SEAmester), Dr Courtney Puckree-Padua (Cape Peninsula University of Technology) and Dr Mariëtte Wheeler were instrumental in making this trip a reality and are recognised for encouraging curiosity in young people in the field of Marine Sciences;
- (3) acknowledges the role played by the Department of Basic Education and the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment in encouraging an interest and participation in the Marine Science field for learners, and the potential that exists in continuing to explore endeavours that will foster education in this field;
- (4) congratulates Ms Stollie for being selected as the top student of SEAmester 2024; and
- (5) thanks Mrs Henry and Dr Puckree-Padua for their commitment to shaping the future of the country’s youth.

Agreed to.

10. Adv B J Mkhwebane moved without notice: That the House -

- (1) notes the crisis of statutory rape, where young girls are forced into motherhood and adulthood prematurely;
- (2) further notes that many victims are unaware that they are being violated;
- (3) realises that teachers and nurses are aware of these violent crimes and yet fail to report them to the police;
- (4) acknowledges ineffective oversight by all responsible authorities on this issue;
- (5) mandates the portfolio committees of Social Development, Education, Health, Justice, and Police to:
  - (a) confer with each other on the development of a joint public participation programme to receive submissions on this matter;

(b) review legislation and if necessary, recommend amendments to enforce mandatory reporting of statutory rape by teachers and nurses; and

(c) report to the House by 31 March 2025.

Agreed to.

11. Mr S Mahlangu moved without notice: That the House -

- (1) notes with sadness the untimely passing of renowned South African actress Connie Chiume on Tuesday, 6 August 2024, at the age of 72;
- (2) recalls that she is best known for her roles in *Black Panther: Wakanda Forever* and *Beyoncé's Black Is King*;
- (3) remembers that she began her career as a nurse and teacher before turning to acting in 1977;
- (4) further remembers that she became well-known for her role in TV series such as *Inkom' Edla Yodwa*, *Rhythm City*, *Yizo Yizo*, *Zone 14*, and others;
- (5) recognises that throughout her career, she received several awards, including the National Television and Video Association (NTVA) Avanti Award for Best Actress in a Drama Series for *Soul City* in 2000 and the South African Film and Television Awards (SAFTA) for Best Supporting Actress in a Drama for *Zone 14* in 2009; and
- (6) extends its heartfelt condolences to Connie Chiume's family, friends and colleagues.

Agreed to.

12. Ms B E Machi moved without notice: That the House -

- (1) notes with a heavy heart the passing of Professor Brian O'Connell, former Rector and Vice-Chancellor of the University of the Western Cape (UWC) on Sunday, 25 August 2024, at the age of 77 years;
- (2) further notes that he served as Rector and Vice-Chancellor from 2001 to 2014 in which time he led the transition of the institution;
- (3) recognises that he was a visionary leader whose steadfast commitment to education and social justice transformed UWC;
- (4) acknowledges that his contributions were honoured with multiple honorary doctorates and the prestigious title of Commander of the Order of Leopold II, awarded by the Belgian government; and

- (5) conveys its heartfelt condolences to his family, friends and associates.

Agreed to.

13. Ms S G Khojane moved without notice: That the House -

- (1) notes the ongoing criminal investigation into the kidnapping of Joshlin Smith who disappeared on 19 February 2024 from her home in Middlepos, Saldanha;
- (2) further notes that four people have been charged with human trafficking and kidnapping in connection with the disappearance of Joshlin Smith including the mother of the missing child, her boyfriend and two other accused;
- (3) expresses grave concern that the accused confessed to selling Joshlin and was charged with trafficking for the purpose of exploitation and kidnapping;
- (4) acknowledges the support from residents of Middlepos, who went searching for Joshlin;
- (5) recognises the establishment of the Joshlin Smith Foundation by the President of the Patriotic Alliance, Mr Gayton McKenzie, to assist in the ongoing search for our green-eyed child, Joshlin, and other missing persons that have become cold cases; and
- (6) calls on the South African Police Service to keep South Africans informed of developments in this case.

Agreed to.

14. Mrs H Denner moved without notice: That the House -

- (1) congratulates Dricus (Stillknocks) Du Plessis for his successful defence of his World Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) Middleweight Championship title in Perth, Australia on Sunday, 18 August 2024, by defeating former UFC Champion, Israel Adesanya with a fourth-round submission;
- (2) acknowledges that he is the first South African to win a UFC championship and that his professional career consists of 24 fights of which he has won 22;
- (3) further acknowledges that outside of the UFC, Du Plessis is also the former Welterweight and Middleweight Extreme Fighting Championship (EFC) Champion and the former European mixed martial arts Konfrontacia Sztuk Walki (KSW) Welterweight Champion; and
- (4) expresses its pride and joy over his excellent performance.

Agreed to.

15. Ms L M Ngobeni moved without notice: That the House -

- (1) commemorates the third anniversary of the passing of a true heroine, Babita Deokaran, who tragically made the ultimate sacrifice in fighting against the corruption that continues to plague our society;
- (2) urges law enforcement agencies to ensure the urgent focus on the arrest and prosecution of all individuals implicated in her murder and to exhaust every effort to ensure that the masterminds are brought to justice;
- (3) recognises that the failure to protect whistleblowers, such as Marumo Phenya who was assassinated for exposing a corrupt syndicate operating within the Department of Home Affairs, puts many more lives at risk; and
- (4) acknowledges the critical importance of safeguarding whistleblowers who courageously stand against corruption and uphold justice in our country.

Agreed to.

16. Mr D G Kgabo moved without notice: That the House -

- (1) congratulates Team South Africa for proudly representing the country at the 2024 Paris Olympics;
- (2) acknowledges that their dedication and sacrifices were fruitful, with the team bringing home six medals – 1 Gold, 3 Silver, and 2 Bronze;
- (3) recognises that our stand-out performer was swimmer Tatjana Smith, who secured the nation's only gold medal in the women's 100m breaststroke and a silver medal in the women's 200m breaststroke;
- (4) commends the team consisting of Bayanda Walaza (who is still a teenager), Bradley Nkoana, Shaun Maswanganyi and Akani Simbine as well as Tatjana Smith, Alan Hatherly, Jo-Ane van Dyk and our rugby team the Blitzboks, for flying our flag high at the Olympic Games; and
- (5) calls upon citizens to continue supporting Team South Africa, who will be competing in the Paralympic Games from 28 August until 8 September 2024.

Agreed to.

17. Mr W M Thring moved without notice: That the House -

- (1) congratulates Karli Fourie for becoming the newest record holder as the youngest swimmer to complete the Robben Island crossing;
- (2) notes that Karlie is a ten-year-old, Grade 5 learner at Laerskool Van Riebeeckstrand in Melkbosstrand, who completed the 7.4 km swim in 3 hours and 4 minutes; and
- (3) commends Karli for her achievement, bravery and her acknowledgement that God was with her.

Agreed to.

18. Mr M S Mbatha moved without notice: That the House -

- (1) applauds Miss Mia le Roux on her remarkable achievement of being crowned Miss South Africa 2024; and that despite her disability, Mia demonstrated extraordinary resilience and determination in making her victory even more inspiring;
- (2) acknowledges Miss le Roux's commitment to advocating for women's rights and raising awareness about the urgent issue of Gender-Based Violence (GBV) in South Africa;
- (3) condemns the ongoing GBV crisis, which continues to plague our nation, highlighting the government's failure to effectively address this critical issue despite numerous pledges; and
- (4) calls on the government to take immediate, meaningful action to combat GBV, ensuring that resources are allocated, policies are enforced, and women are empowered to live free from fear and violence, as exemplified by the courageous leadership of Miss Mia le Roux

Agreed to.

19. Ms F L Shabangu moved without notice: That the House -

- (1) notes with sadness the passing of SABC Radio presenter, preacher, and Crown Gospel Music Awards founder Zanele Mbokazi-Nkambule at Parklands Hospital in Durban on Monday, 12 August 2024, at age 52;
- (2) acknowledges that Zanele Mbokazi-Nkambule was not merely a presenter but a beacon of hope and inspiration in the broadcasting industry;
- (3) remembers that throughout her tenure, she was an integral part of the Ukhozi FM family, spreading love, hope, and inspiration to countless listeners through her uplifting gospel show;

- (4) recalls that the late broadcaster is the author of four books titled *This Battle is Not Yours* (2005), *Push: You Are Closer Than You Think* (2015), *Before the Vows* (2015), and *Dear Daughter* (2017);
- (5) believes she was an extraordinary woman who exuded humility, kindness, and spiritual anointing; and
- (6) extends its heartfelt condolences to her family, friends and Ukhozi FM family.

Agreed to.

20. Mr S M Gana moved without notice: That the House -

- (1) recognises the excellent work done by Sergeant Glenda Mathebula, a committed member of the South African Police Service stationed at Tzaneen Police station;
- (2) notes that as part of the Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offences Unit (FCS), she successfully led the investigation that resulted in a life sentence of a 38-year-old man who raped his 11-year-old niece;
- (3) further notes that in February, she led an investigation that resulted in Thabang Makgopa and Arone Makhubele being sentenced to a combined four life sentences for rape, robbery and assault;
- (4) recognises that she has been at the forefront of investigating cases of rape and sexual violence in Tzaneen; and
- (5) commends and encourages Sergeant Glenda Mathebula and the team of FCS investigators for the sterling work in investigating family violence and sexual offences in Tzaneen.

Agreed to.

21. Ms N L Webster moved without notice: That the House -

- (1) notes with deep sadness the passing of Mr Mduduzi Welcome Nhlebela, a dedicated servant of his community and the country, on the 14th of August 2024;
- (2) recalls that Mr Nhlebela was a provincial and national candidate for Build One South Africa (BOSA), and he continuously worked for the protection and upliftment of minorities in his community, where he advocated for the rights and inclusion of marginalised groups and individuals;
- (3) acknowledges Mr Nhlebela's multi-faceted talents as an activist, transcriber, video editor, and journalist, whose work gave a voice to those whose stories needed to be heard;

- (4) further acknowledges that, despite being wheelchair-bound, Mr Nhlebela's determination and resilience made him a striking example of courage and commitment to the causes he believed in; and
- (5) extends its heartfelt condolences to his friends, colleagues, and family during this difficult time.

Agreed to.

22. Ms M L Mmolotsane moved without notice: That the House -

- (1) congratulates South African swimmers Ryk Neethling, Roland Schoeman, Lyndon Ferns and Darian Townsend on being inducted into the South African Sport Hall of Fame, this week;
- (2) notes that all four swimmers shattered the world record to claim Olympic gold in the 4x100m freestyle relay at the Athens Olympics in 2004;
- (3) further notes that the four reunited at the ceremony for the first time in 16 years;
- (4) believes that they have raised the South African flag internationally and the nation is proud of their achievements; and
- (5) wishes them nothing but success in all their future endeavours.

Agreed to.

23. Ms D C Christians moved without notice: That the House -

- (1) notes with sadness the passing of Mr William Smith on 21 August 2024, at the age of 85 years;
- (2) further notes that Mr Smith was an esteemed educator who revolutionised Mathematics and Science education in the Republic;
- (3) remembers that Mr Smith's pioneering work to transcend the classroom to bring Mathematics and Science into the homes of millions through the *Learning Channel* on the South African Broadcasting Corporation channels during the 1990s made quality education accessible to learners across the country, regardless of their background, creating hope and opportunity during a critical time in our country's history;
- (4) acknowledges that Mr Smith's contributions were widely recognised, and earned him numerous accolades, including the prestigious National Order of the Baobab in 2019, awarded by President Cyril Ramaphosa, acknowledging his exceptional service to education;

- (5) recognises that while Mr Smith leaves behind an enduring legacy, his passion for education and his innovative spirit will continue to inspire future generations; and
- (6) conveys its deepest condolences to the friends and family of Mr Smith during this time of bereavement.

Agreed to.

24. Mr S I Subrathie moved without notice: That the House -

- (1) notes the passing of a well-known academic and heritage expert Professor Muxe Nkondo on Sunday, 18 August 2024, at the age of 83 years;
- (2) further notes that he was formerly vice-chancellor of the University of Venda, deputy vice-chancellor of the University of the North and a Harvard Andrew Mellon Fellow in English;
- (3) understands that Professor Nkondo served on numerous boards and associations across the continent and internationally;
- (4) believes his vast experience led to the conceptualisation of the Liberation Heritage Route;
- (5) further believes that his ideas and their application have impacted on lives and institutions across the globe and also inspired a diaspora of academics, leaders and administrators who have benefited from Professor Nkondo's inexhaustible intellect and interest in the betterment of humanity; and
- (6) conveys its heartfelt condolences to his family, friends and associates.

Agreed to.

25. Ms T K Bodlani moved without notice: That the House -

- (1) notes with contempt the senseless murder of the renowned academic and scientist, Dr Dorcas Lekganyane, affectionately known as Didi, allegedly at the hand of her abusive partner at their residence in Johannesburg, in July 2024;
- (2) remembers that Dr Lekganyane held several accolades for her groundbreaking work, including being listed in the Mail & Guardian's 200 Young South Africans 2024 in Climate Change and Environmental category;
- (3) recalls that Dr Lekganyane was previously also recognised as one of the 50 Most Inspiring Women in South Africa and that she received several other accolades, including the Department of Science and

Technology Fellowship Masters Degree Award for her research on traditional medicinal plants in South Africa;

- (4) condemns gender-based violence in any shape or form; and
- (5) conveys its deepest condolences to the Lekganyane family and her colleagues in academia.

Agreed to.

26. Mr S T D Louw moved without notice: That the House -

- (1) notes that the International Literacy Day (ILD) takes place on 8 September every year to raise awareness and concern for literacy problems that exist within our own local communities as well as globally;
- (2) further notes that Literacy is a fundamental human right for all as it opens the door to the enjoyment of other human rights, greater freedoms, and global citizenship;
- (3) recognises that this year, the day will be celebrated under the theme, "*Promoting multilingual education: Literacy for mutual understanding and peace*";
- (4) acknowledges that in South Africa, the government launched the *Kha Ri Gude Mass Literacy Campaign* in February 2008;
- (5) further acknowledges that the *Kha Ri Gude* delivers across all nine provinces in a massive logistical outreach; and
- (6) welcomes the day's observance as it raises people's awareness of and concern for literacy problems within our own communities.

Agreed to.

[17:08] Mr G Taaibosch having disregarded the authority of the Chair, the Deputy Speaker ordered that the member be withdrawn from the virtual platform for the remainder of the day's sitting.

The member was thereupon withdrawn from the sitting.

27. [17:17] Notices of motion.

[17:28] Mr E R Marais having disregarded the authority of the Chair, the Deputy Speaker ordered that the member be withdrawn from the virtual platform for the remainder of the day's sitting.

The member was thereupon withdrawn from the sitting.

28. The House adjourned at 17:35.

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Secretary to Parliament