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## **REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

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# **MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

OF

## **NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

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WEDNESDAY, 22 MAY 2019

1. Members assembled in the Chamber of the National Assembly at 10:31.
2. The Serjeant-at-Arms announced the Honourable Chief Justice, Justice Mogoeng Mogoeng, who was received by members standing.
3. The Chief Justice took the Chair.
4. The National Anthem was sung by the Parliamentary Choir.
5. The Chief Justice requested members to observe a moment of silence for prayer or meditation.
6. The Chief Justice stated that the meeting had been convened in terms of section 51(1) of the Constitution and requested members to swear or affirm faithfulness to the Republic and obedience to the Constitution in terms of section 48 of the Constitution.
7. The following members made and subscribed the oath or solemn affirmation:

Abraham, P N; Abrahams, A L A; Adams, R C; Adoons, N G; April, H G; Arries, L H; August, S N; Bagraim, M; Bapela, K O; Basson, L J; Bergman, D; Besani, S J; Bilankulu, J H; Bilankulu, N K; Breedt, T; Breytensbach, G; Brink, C; Bongo, B T; Boroto, M G; Boshoff, W J; Botes, A; Bozzolli, B; Buthelezi, E M; Buthelezi, M G; Cachalia, G K Y; Capa, N; Capa, R N; Cardo, M J; Cebekhulu, R N; Cele, B H; Ceza, K; Chabane, M S; Chabangu, M M; Chetty, M; Chikunga, L S; Chirwa, N N; Clarke, M O; Creecy, B D; Cuthbert, M J; Cwele, S C; De Freitas, M S F;

De Lille, P; De Villiers J N; Didiza, A T; Dikgale M C; Direko, D R; Dirks, M A; Dhlomo S M; Dlamini, B O; Dlamini, D D; Dlamini, M M; Dlamini S M; Dlamini-Zuma, N C; Dlakude, D E; Dlodlo, A; Dlulane, B N; Dunjwa, M A L; Dyantyi, P P; Dyantyi, Q R; Faber, W F; Faku, Z C; Frolick, C T; Galo, M P; Gantsho, N; Gardee, G A; Gela, A; George, D T; Gina, N; Gomba, M M; Gondwe, M M; Gordhan, P J; Graham, S J; Groenewald, I M; Groenewald, P J; Gumbi, H S; Gumbu, T T; Gumede, S N; Gungubele, M; Gwarube, S; Hadebe, B M; Hanekom, D A; Hendricks, M G E; Hicklin, M B; Hill-Lewis, G G; Hinana, N E; Hlengwa, M D; Hlengwa, M; Hlongo, A S; Hlongwa, B G; Hlonyana, K N F; Holomisa, B H; Holomisa, S P; Hoosen, M H; Horn, W; Hunsinger, C H H; Ismail, H; Jacobs, F; Jacobs, K L; James, T H; Jeffery, J H; Joemat-Pettersson, T M; Jordaan, H; Joseph, D; Julius, J W W; Keetse, P P; Kekana, P S; Khalipha, T D; Khanyile, T A; Khawula, M S; Kibi, M T; King, C V; Kiviet, N; Kodwa, N G; Kohler, D; Komane, R N; Koornhof, G W; Kopane, S P; Krüger, H C C; Krumbock, G R; Kubayi-Ngubane, M T; Kubheka, N J; Kula, S M; Kwankwa, N L S; Lamola, R O; Langa, T M; Lees, R A; Legwase, T I; Lekota, M G P; Lesoma, R M M; Letsatsi-Duba, D B; Letsie, W T; Lorimer, J R B; Lotriet, A; Lubengo, M L; Luthuli, B N; Luzipo, S; Maake, J J; Mabe, B P; Mabhena, T B; Mabika, M S; Mabiletsa, M D; Mackenzie, C; Macpherson, D W; Madisha, W M; Madlingozi, B S; Mafanya, W T I; Mafu, N N; Magadzi, D P; Magaxa, K E; Magwanishe, G; Mahambehlala, T; Mahlalela, A F; Mahlatsi, K D; Mahlaule, M G; Mahlo, N P; Mahlobo, M D; Mahumapelo, S O R; Maimane, M A; Maine, M C; Majodina, P C P; Majola, F Z; Majola, T R; Majozzi, Z; Makhubela-Mashele, L S; Makwetla, S P; Malatji, T; Malatsi, M S; Malema, J S; Malinga, V T; Malomane, V P; Maluleke, B; Mamabolo, J B; Manamela, K B; Mananiso, J S; Mandela, Z M D; Maneli, B M; Manganye, J; Mangcu, L N; Mantashe, P T; Mantashe, S G; Mapisa-Nqakula, N N; Mapulane, M P; Marais, E J; Marais, S J F; Marawu, T L; Masango, B S; Maseko-Jele, N H; Mashabela, N R; Mashego, M R; Mashego-Dlamini, K C; Mashele, T V; Masipa, N P; Masondo, D; Masondo, T S; Masualle, G P; Maswanganyi, M J; Mathafa, O M; Mathale, C C; Mathebula, E F; Matiase, N S; Mazzone, N W A; Mbabama, T M; Mbatha, S G N; Mbalula, F A; Mboweni, T T; Mbhele, Z N; Mbinqo-Gigaba, B P; Mbuyane, S H; Mc Donald, L E; Mc Gluwa, J J; Mchunu, E S; Mchunu, T V B; Mdabe, S W; Mente, N V; Meshoe, K R J; Mey, P; Mfeketo, N C; Mgweba, T; Mhaule, M R; Mhlongo, T W; Mileham, K J; Mkhaliphi, H O; Mkhathswa, N T; Mkhize, H B; Mkhize, Z L; Mkhwanazi, J C N; Mlenzana, Z; Mmutle, T N; Moatshe, R M; Modise, M; Modise, P M P; Modise, T R; Moela, D L; Mofokeng, J M; Mohamed, H; Mohlala, M R; Mokause, M O; Mokgotho, S M; Mokoena, L G; Mokwele, T J; Molala, L E; Molekwa, M A; Moloi, B E; Montwedi, M K; Moroatshehla, P R; Morolong, I K; Motaung, A; Motaung, N E; Moteka, P G; Motsepe, C C S; Motshekga, M S; Motshekga, M A; Motsoaledi, P A; Mpambo-Sibhukwana, T G; Mpanza, T S; Mphithi, L; Mpumza, G G; Msane, T P; Msibi, V Z; Msimang, C T; Mthembu, A H; Mthembu, J M; Mthenjane, D F; Mthethwa, E N; Mulaudzi, T E; Mulder,

C P; Mulder, F J; Munyai, T B; Muthambi, A F; Mvana, N Q; Myeni, E T; Ndaba, C N; Ndabeni-Abrahams, S T; Ndlozi, M Q; Ngcobo, S; Ngcobo, S L; Ngwenya, D B; Ngwezi, X; Nkabane, N P; Nkoana-Mashabane, M E; Nkosi, B S; Nkosi, D M; Nodada, B B; Noluthungu, N J; Nontsele, M; Nqola, X; Ntlangwini, E N; Ntobongwana, N; Ntombela, M L D; Ntshavheni, K P S; Ntshayisa, L M; Ntuli, M M; Nyhontso, M; Nzimande, B E; Nzuzi, N B; Nxesi, T W T; Nxumalo, M N; Oliphant, M N; Opperman, G; Pambo, V; Pandor, G N M; Papo, A H M; Patrein, S; Paulsen, M N; Peacock, N P; Peter, Z J; Peters, E D; Phaahla, M J; Phillips, C; Phiri, C M; Pilane-Majake, M C C; Powell, E L; Qayiso, X S; Radebe, B A; Radebe, J T; Ramadwa, M M; Ramaphosa, M C; Roos, A C; Sarupen, A N; Schreiber, L A; Seabi, A M; Selfe, J; Seithloho, I S; Semenya, M R; Shabalala, L F; Shabalala, N F; Shabangu, S; Sharif, N K; Shelembe, M L; Shembeni, H A; Shivambu, N F; Sibisi, C H M; Sibiyi, D P; Sihlwayi, N N; Sindane, P; Singh, N; Sisulu, L N; Sithole, K P; Siwela, E K; Siwela, V S; Siweya, R T; Siwisa, A M; Skosana, G J; Skwatsha, M; Sokatsha, M S; Somyo, S S; Sonti, N P; Soty, M M; Spies, E R J; Steenhuisen, J H; Steyn, A; Stock, D M; Sukers, M E; Swart, S N; Swarts, B; Tarabella Marchesi, N I; Terblanche, O S; Thembekwayo, S S; Thring, W M; Tito, L F; Tlhomelang, K B; Tlou, M M; Tolashe, N G; Tseke, G K; Tseki, M A; Tsenoli, S L; Tshabalala, J; Tshwaku, M; Tshwete, B; Tshwete, P; Van Damme, P T; Van Der Merwe, L L; Van Der Walt, D; Van Dyk, V; Van Minnen, B M; Van Staden, P A; Walters, T C R; Waters, M; Weber, A M M; Wessels, W W; Whitfield, A G; Winkler, H S; Wilson, E R; Xaba, V C; Xaba-Ntshaba, P P; Xasa, F D; Xasa, T; Xego, S T; Yabo, B S; Yako, Y N; Zibula, B T; Zulu, L D; Zuma, A S; Zungu, T R M; Zungula, V; Zwane, M J.

8. The Chief Justice announced that Rules as contemplated in item 9 of Part A of Schedule 3 to the Constitution had been made available to members.
9. The Chief Justice further announced the appointment of Ms P N Tyawa as Returning Officer, and as Assistant Returning Officers, Mr M Xaso, Mr C V Mahlangu, Dr N Ismail, Ms M R Mohlomi, Mr M H Plaatjies, Adv V P Ngaleka, Ms T V Lyons, Adv J Manyange, Mr A T Nage, Adv A A Ephraim, Ms R Thinda, Mr M Toti, Mr G Matakane, Mr F J Basson, Ms N C Manjezi, Adv Z Naidoo, Mr T R Maleeme and Mr P Hahndiek.
10. The Returning Officer read out the following Notice, dated 16 May 2019:

By virtue of the power vested in me in terms of section 51(1) read with sections 52(2), 64(4) and 86 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, I, Mogoeng Mogoeng, Chief Justice of the Republic of South Africa, have determined the First Sitting for the Sixth Democratic Parliament as follows:

1. That the First Sitting of the National Assembly, at which the President of the Republic of South Africa, Speaker and Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly will be elected, shall take place on 22 May 2019, at 10h30, and

2. That the First Sitting of the National Council of Provinces, at which the Chairperson and the Deputy Chairperson of the National Council of Provinces will be elected, shall take place on 23 May 2019 at 10h30.

Signed

Mogoeng Mogoeng  
Chief Justice of the Republic of South Africa

11. [12:01] The House proceeded to the election of a Speaker of the National Assembly.
12. The Chief Justice reminded members that nominations had to be submitted in the prescribed form and duly seconded.
13. The Chief Justice informed members that in terms of item 4 of Part A of Schedule 3 to the Constitution no debate would be allowed.
14. The Chief Justice called for nominations.
15. Dr Nkosazana Clarice Dlamini-Zuma, seconded by Mr Derek André Hanekom, nominated Ms Thandi Ruth Modise for election as Speaker of the National Assembly.
16. The Returning Officer reported to the Chief Justice that the nomination paper had been properly completed.
17. Mr John Henry Steenhuisen, seconded by Mr Michael Waters, nominated Mr Thembekile Richard Majola for election as Speaker of the National Assembly.
18. The Returning Officer reported to the Chief Justice that the nomination paper had been properly completed.
19. There being more than one candidate nominated, the Chief Justice announced that a secret ballot would take place in terms of item 6 of Part A of Schedule 3 to the Constitution and suspended proceedings for preparation of ballot papers.

BUSINESS SUSPENDED AT 12:19 AND RESUMED AT 14:01.

20. [14:01] The House proceeded to the secret ballot for the election of the Speaker of the National Assembly.
21. The Chief Justice announced that business would be suspended to allow the votes to be counted.

BUSINESS SUSPENDED AT 14:46 AND RESUMED AT 15:57.

22. [15:57] The Chief Justice took the Chair and announced the results of the ballot as follows:  
  
Ms Thandi Ruth Modise: 250.  
  
Mr Thembekile Richard Majola: 83.
23. Ms Thandi Ruth Modise, accordingly, elected as Speaker of the National Assembly.
24. The Chief Justice, on behalf of all present, congratulated Ms Thandi Ruth Modise on her election as Speaker and requested her to take the Chair.
25. The Serjeant-at-Arms conducted the Speaker to the Chair and placed the mace in its position.
26. The Speaker expressed her sense of the honour conferred upon her.
27. [16:08] The House proceeded to the election of a Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly.
28. The Speaker called for nominations.
29. Mr Alvin Botes, seconded by Ms Hlengiwe Buhle Mkhize, nominated Mr Solomon Lechesa Tsenoli for election as Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly.
30. The Returning Officer reported to the Speaker that the nomination paper had been properly completed.
31. There being no further nominations, the Speaker declared Mr Solomon Lechesa Tsenoli duly elected as Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly.
32. The Speaker, on behalf of all present, congratulated Mr Solomon Lechesa Tsenoli on his election as Deputy Speaker.
33. The Deputy Speaker expressed his sense of the honour conferred upon him.
34. Moulana Sabrie Davids of the Muslim Judicial Council, Chief Rabbi Warren Goldstein, representative of the Jewish Community, Priest Guru Krishnna, a representative of the Hindu Community, and Reverend Paulus Vilakazi, a representative of the Zion Christian Church blessed the House.
35. [16:15] The Speaker announced that the House would proceed to the election of the President.
36. The Chief Justice took the Chair as required under section 86(2) of the Constitution.
37. The Chief Justice called for nominations.

38. Ms Pemmy Castelina Majodina, seconded by Mr Madala Louis David Ntombela, nominated Mr Matamela Cyril Ramaphosa for election as President of the Republic of South Africa.
39. The Returning Officer reported to the Chief Justice that the nomination paper had been properly completed.
40. There being no further nominations, the Chief Justice declared Mr Matamela Cyril Ramaphosa duly elected as President of the Republic of South Africa.
41. Mr Matamela Cyril Ramaphosa, accordingly, elected President of the Republic.
42. The Chief Justice congratulated Mr Matamela Cyril Ramaphosa on his election as President.
43. The Speaker took the Chair.
44. The Speaker thanked the Chief Justice for conducting the proceedings.
45. [16:30] Parties and the President-elect were afforded the opportunity to address the House.

BUSINESS SUSPENDED AT 17:14 AND RESUMED AT 17: 20.

46. The House adjourned at 17:52.

PN TYAWA

Acting Secretary to Parliament and Returning Officer