

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FRIDAY, 14 JUNE 2024

1. Members assembled at the Cape Town International Convention Centre at 10:04.
2. The Acting Serjeant-at-Arms announced the Honourable Chief Justice, Justice Raymond Mnyamezeli Mlungisi Zondo, 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, 1996 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:

Majodina P C P; Ramaphosa M C; Mashatile S P; Mantashe G S; Ramokgopa M L; Lamola R O; Simelane T P; Ntshavheni K P S; Tolashe N G; Mahlobo M D; Kekana P S; Masondo D; Kubayi M T; Mahambehllala T; Lekganyane M S; Manamela K B; Mchunu E S; Chikunga L S; Godlimpi Z; Mhlauli N B; Steenhuisen J H; Gwarube S; Lotriet A; Labuschagne C; Van Der Walt D; Masango B S; Nodada B B; Kohler D; Mcgluwa J J; George D; Malatsi M S; Mazzone N W A; Macpherson D W; Marais E J; Breytenbach G; Bergman D; Sarupen A N; Hunsinger C H H;

Basson L J; Whitfield A G; Botes A; Moraka A T; Gigaba K M N; Nalumango R S; Maswanganyi M J; Boshielo S P; Ntuli M; Maimela K J; Masemola N D; Pule D D; Malema J S; Mente-Nkuna V Z; Shivambu N F; Maotwe O M C; Dlamini M M; Mailola P R; Mkhalihi H O; Mathys L; Ndlozi M Q; Nolutshungu N; Hlabisa V F; Buthelezi E M; Singh N; Ngcobo S L; Hlengwa M; Cebekhulu R N; Mncwango M A; Zondo S S; Majazi Z; Buthelezi N Z; McKenzie G; Sauls A; Rorke F S; Wilskut C; Khojane S G; Freeman E; De Bruin K; Jonas G F; Petersen J S; Groenewald P J; Mulder C P; Wessels W W; Van Staden P A; Boshoff W J; Denner H; Gungubele M; Muthambi A F; Creecy B D; Mathale C C; Koornhof G W; Capa R N; Ramokgopa K D; Chauke B F; Meth N; Didiza A T; Beesley A D; James D E; Kobe M P; Letlape T K S; Ngobeni L M; Trollip R A P; Motsoaledi P A; Mnganga-Gcabashe L A; Godongwana E; Sangoni K L N; Mahumapelo S O R; Nzuzi N B; Ndabeni-Abrahams S T; Masina M C; Motshekga M A; Mkhize Z L; Abrahams A L A; Alexandra W R; Atkinson P G; Aucamp W A S; Bagraim M; Baptie E V; Bateman A G; Bath E M; Bodlani T K; Bollman N J; Tetyana Y; Dlamini M; Pambo V; Mohlala R; Mashabela R; Khawula S M; Matiase S N; Mathulelwa B; Tafeni N; Yako Y N; Nkabane N P; Legoete M D; Zikalala S; Nzimande B E B; Malematja C N; Nemadzinga-Tshabalala J; Mgcina P S; Adams R C; Aphiri M J; Bartlett M; Bila T J; Bilankulu N K; Burns-Ncamashe Z; Chabane M S; Chauke T M; Cloete E A; Davids S W; Dhloho S M; Dikgale M C; Direko D R; Dithebe S L; Dlakude D E; Dlelanga M; Dugmore C M; Dunjwa M L; Frolick C T; Gantsho N; Gina N; Govana Y; Hala M M; Luthuli B N; Van Der Merwe L L; Buthelezi S A; Hadebe N M; Sithole K P; Machi B E; Mhlongo N H; Hassan F; Hlongo A S; Kegakilwe B M; Kgabo G D; Khumalo J Q; Kumbaca A N; Letsie W T; Letsike M S E; Ligaraba L E; Louw S T D; Lucas S E; Mabe B P; Maduna N; Maeco S M; Magagula T E; Mahlangu S S; Mahlaule M G; Makasi N; Makgato M P; Burke M J; Cameron I; Chance R W T; Chetty M; Christians D C; Christie K A; Clarke M O; Cuthbert M J; De Blocq van Scheltinga A D; De Villiers J N; Engelbrecht J; Essack F; Gondwe M M; Gouws R; Graham-Maré S J; Hattingh C; Horn W; Ismail H; Jacobs L C; Jordaan C; Marais P; Mokoena L G; Hlonyana K N F; Thembekwayo S S; Niehaus C G; Gcilishe S; Manyi M; Mogale T; Blose M; Shikwambana M; Makhubela L S; Maneli B M; Mashele T V; Mathabatha C S; Mathafa O M; Mbiyo I M; Mchunu T V B; Mgweba T; Mhaule M R; Mkutu L; Kgobisa-Ngcaba K; Khakhau K L; Khanyile T A; Klopper D D; Krüger H C C; Le Roux K W D; Linde E; Lorimer J R B; Mabhena T B; Madikizela B S; Maseko L M; Mdluli M M; Michalakis G; Mileham K J; Moore S J; Mphithi L; Myburgh N G; Nhanha M E; Peach W D; Poole C J; Potgieter L R; Powell E L; Ramongalo T R; Roos A C; Schickerling L; Schreiber L A; Seithloho I S; Shelembe M L; Singh S; Sithole R J; Meshoe K R J; Thring W M; Swart S N; Holomisa B H; Kwankwa N L S; Nontenja C T; Zibi S S; Gana S M; Maimane M A; Webster N L; Mmolotsane M L; Modise-Mpya M; Moela M S; Mofokeng M L; Mohai S J; Mokoena J L; Molwele N A; Morolong I K; Mosikatsi S; Mrara M; Mtolo N E; Munyai T B; Mvana N Q; Ndalane N A; Ndamase P; Neale-May H E; Nel A C; Nkopane N S; Nkosi N E; Nontsele M; Zungula V; Marawu T L; Hendricks M G E; Adams F; Frenchman S; Nyhontso M; Mahlatsi L W; De Lille P; Managa L; Komane L M; Mkhwebane B J; Mkhonto C N; Letlape M S; Montwedi M; Diale B K; Tito L; Ntlangwini E N; Smit C F B; Smith R; Spies E R J; Van Zyl A

M; Wakelin K H; Vilakazi S G; Zondi S; Nqola X; Ntshalintshali L L; Phaahla M J; Phiri C M; Pholwane M B; Plaatjies W T D; Ramaila K S; Ramolobeng A; Sapo L; Seabi A M; Sekoati S C; Selamolela S D; Senne M M; Shabangu F L; Shiviti T G; Sibiyi N M; Siweya R T; Skosana G J; Sokanyile T; Sokopo M M; Sompma-Masiu N S; Soty M M; Subrathie S I; Swarts B; Tikana-Gxotiwe W; Tlhong K C; Tshotetsi N T; Xaba-Ntshaba P P; Xego S T.

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 Mr X George as Returning Officer, and as Assistant Returning Officers, Mr M Xaso, Ms T V Lyons, Mr T R Maleeme, Mr H M Plaatjies, Mr V P Ngaleka, Mr J M Manyange, Mr A T Nage, Adv A A Ephraim, Ms R Thinda, Mr M J Toti, Mr G Matakane, Mr F J Basson, Ms N C Manjezi, Adv N Mongo, Mr P Hahndiek, Ms F Ismail, Mr K I Buso and Ms C N Bhengu.
10. [11:48] The Returning Officer read out the following Notice, dated 10 June 2024:

DETERMINATION OF THE FIRST SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE IN TERMS OF SECTION 51(1) OF THE CONSTITUTION

Following upon the declaration of the national and provincial election results by the Independent Electoral Commission on Sunday, 2 June 2024, I, the undersigned, I, Raymond Mnyamezeli Mlungisi Zondo, Chief Justice of the Republic of South Africa, hereby determine in terms of section 51(1) of the Constitution that the first sitting of the National Assembly shall be on Friday, 14 June 2024 at 10h00.

Signed in Johannesburg on this Monday, the 10th of June 2024.

RMM Zondo
Chief Justice of the Republic of South Africa

BUSINESS SUSPENDED AT 11:53 AND RESUMED AT 12:20.

11. [12:20] 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 of the Constitution no debate would be allowed.
14. The Chief Justice called for nominations.
15. Ms P C P Majodina seconded by Mr S O R Mahumapelo nominated Ms A T Didiza for Speaker of the National Assembly.

16. The Returning Officer reported to the Chief Justice that the nomination paper had been properly completed.
17. Mr V Zungula seconded by Mr B H Holomisa nominated Ms V Z Mente-Nkuna for 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 12:40 AND RESUMED AT 14:00.

20. [14:01] The House proceeded to the secret ballot for the election of the Speaker of the National Assembly.
21. In terms of Item 8 of the Rules for the First Sitting of the National Assembly, National Council of Provinces and Provincial Legislatures (as amended on 13 June 2024) the Chief Justice, at the request of parties, determined that he would allow party representatives to observe the counting of the votes in the counting room.
22. The Chief Justice announced that business would be suspended to allow the votes to be counted.

BUSINESS SUSPENDED AT 15:46 AND RESUMED AT 16:42.

23. [16:47] The Chief Justice took the Chair and announced the results of the ballot as follows:

Ms A T Didiza: 284.

Ms N V Mente-Nkuna: 49.
24. Ms A T Didiza accordingly, elected as Speaker of the National Assembly.
25. The Chief Justice, on behalf of all present, congratulated Ms A T Didiza on her election as Speaker and requested her to take the Chair.
26. The Acting Serjeant-at-Arms conducted the Speaker to the Chair and placed the mace in its position.
27. The Speaker expressed her sense of the honour conferred upon her.
28. [16:57] The House proceeded to the election of a Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly.
29. The Speaker called for nominations.

30. Mr N F Shivambu seconded by Dr L W Mahlatsi nominated Mr V Zungula as Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly.
31. The Returning Officer reported to the Speaker that the nomination paper had been properly completed.
32. Ms S Gwarube seconded by Mrs D van der Walt nominated Dr A Lotriet as Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly.
33. The Returning Officer reported to the Speaker that the nomination paper had been properly completed.
34. There being more than one candidate nominated, the Speaker 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 17:04 AND RESUMED AT 17:57.

35. [17:58] The House proceeded to the secret ballot for the election of the Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly.
36. The Speaker announced that business would be suspended to allow the votes to be counted.

BUSINESS SUSPENDED AT 19:28 AND RESUMED AT 20:21.

37. [20:22] The Speaker took the Chair and announced the results of the ballot as follows:

Dr A Lotriet: 273.

Mr V Zungula: 54.

38. Dr A Lotriet accordingly, elected as Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly.
39. The Speaker, on behalf of all present, congratulated Dr A Lotriet on her election as Deputy Speaker.
40. The Deputy Speaker expressed her sense of the honour conferred upon her.
41. [20:31] The Speaker announced that the House would proceed to the election of the President.
42. The Chief Justice took the Chair as required under section 86(2) of the Constitution.
43. The Chief Justice called for nominations.

44. Mr M Ntuli seconded by Mr V F Hlabisa nominated Mr M C Ramaphosa for election as President of the Republic of South Africa.
45. The Returning Officer reported to the Chief Justice that the nomination paper had been properly completed.
46. Mr N L S Kwankwa seconded by Mr V Zungula nominated Mr J S Malema for election as President of the Republic of South Africa.
47. The Returning Officer reported to the Chief Justice that the nomination paper had been properly completed.
48. 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 20:43 AND RESUMED AT 21:38.

49. [21:39] The House proceeded to the secret ballot for the election of the President of the Republic of South Africa.
50. The Chief Justice announced that business would be suspended to allow the votes to be counted.

BUSINESS SUSPENDED AT 22:33 AND RESUMED AT 23:06.

51. [23:08] The Chief Justice took the Chair and announced the results of the ballot as follows:

Mr M C Ramaphosa: 283.

Mr J S Malema: 44.

52. Mr M C Ramaphosa accordingly, elected as President of the Republic of South Africa.
53. The Chief Justice congratulated Mr M C Ramaphosa on his election as President.
54. The Speaker took the Chair.
55. The Speaker thanked the Chief Justice for conducting the proceedings.
56. [23:15] Parties and the President-elect were afforded the opportunity to address the House.
57. [00:03] Dr Bishop Templeton Mbekwa from the Pentecostal, Mr Kirtibhai Pandya from the Hindu Faith and Rev Rodney Whiteman from the Western Cape Provincial Council of Churches blessed the House.
58. The House adjourned at 00:17.

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Xolile George
Secretary to Parliament