

FRIDAY, 10 MARCH 2023

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KWAZULU-NATAL LEGISLATURE

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Friday, 10 March 2023

The Hybrid House met at 09h02.

1. 09h03 Members were given an opportunity for silent prayers or meditation.
2. 09h04 The Speaker made announcements, including the passing away of the following persons:
 - 2.1 Mr David Sean Scott, husband of Ms Belinda Scott who was a former Member of the Legislature, former MEC for Finance and former eThekweni Metropolitan Deputy Mayor. Mr Scott passed away peacefully on Sunday, 16 February 2023.

- 2.2 Honourable Ms Maurencia Natalie Gillion, who represented the Western Cape Province in the NCOP and who served on the Select Committee on Health and Social Services. Ms Gillion was a Member of the African National Congress. She passed away on Tuesday, 28 February 2023, during a training workshop for Members that had been organised by the Council at the Cape Town City Lodge. She collapsed and lost consciousness during the afternoon session;
- 2.3 Ms Zanele Sikhakhane, Mr Kwenza Sikhakhane's sister who passed away on Tuesday, 28 February 2023;
- 2.4 Mr Tate Makgoe, MEC for Education in the Free State, a long-serving member of the Executive Council and a member of the Free State Legislature. The industrious Mr Makgoe served with dedication in various capacities when he joined the government after the advent of a democratic South Africa. He also served his people and his country with the utmost distinction in all other areas of his deployment, and the education sector in particular;
- 2.5 Warrant Officer Vuyo Mdi, a close protector of MEC Makgoe since 2010. Mr Mdi was attached to the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) from 1996 to 2007 and was later absorbed in the Protection Security Services (PSS) of the SA Police Service where he served as a static protector. He was later attached to the in-transit VIP Protection Security Services;
- 2.6 Mr Sandile "Mteshe" Tembe, a member of the Community Policing Forum (CPF) who was involved in the fight against cross-border vehicle smuggling and crime in Northern KwaZulu-Natal. He was shot dead at a shop near his home. This follows shortly after the funeral of Juda Mthethwa,

the murdered founder and chairperson of Umhlabuyalingana Society Against Crime;

- 2.7 Mrs Rose Sithembisile MaMlambo Hlophe, sister of Ms NP Nkonyeni, MEC for Finance. Mrs Hlophe passed away on 6 March 2023 and will be laid to rest on Saturday, 11 March 2023 at Lushabeni Village in Port Shepstone;
- 2.8 PSL footballer, Mr Siphamandla Themba Mtolo, former uThongathi Football Club, collapsed during a training session. The 29-year-old, who played for the Richards Bay Football Club as a defender and holding midfielder, had been with the KwaZulu-Natal club since 2020 and was known as “Spepe” by his teammates and fans;
- 2.9 Mr John Wills, a former Attorney and Special Advisor to Dr ZL Mkhize, Mr TW Mchunu and Mr ES Mchunu who served as Premiers of KwaZulu-Natal, tragically passed away on Tuesday, 7 March 2023. During the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s Amnesty Hearings of 1998, Mr Wills also represented several individuals who had been victims of atrocities during the apartheid era. On Tuesday this week, while driving his motorcycle, he was involved in the widely reported truck collision that occurred at the N2/M41 interchange in uMhlanga;
- 2.10 All victims of gender-based violence, femicide and hate crimes;
- 2.11 All public servants of this province and the country at large; and
- 2.12 All victims of road fatalities in our province during the recent past.

The Hybrid House observed a minute of silence.

3. 09h11 The Speaker made further announcements.
4. 09h22 The Premier made remarks and announcements.
5. 09h28 The Speaker read into the record the tabling of the following documents:

5.1 Portfolio Committee on Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs

5.1.1 Focused Intervention Study Draft Report assessing the implementation of water access and yellow plant programmes at seven municipalities in the province (uGu, uThukela, uMzinyathi, aMajuba, Zululand, uMkhanyakude and Harry Gwala Municipalities) 07 June 2022.

5.2 Portfolio Committee on Sport, Arts and Culture

5.2.1 Committee Report on the 2022/23 First Quarter Performance Report of the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture; and

5.2.2 Report on Follow-up Visit of the KwaZulu-Natal Legislature's Portfolio Committee on Arts and Culture – Bilanyoni Library.

5.3 Portfolio Committee on Transport

5.3.1 Report on Stakeholder Engagement held on 07 December 2021 in the Ladysmith Town Hall, Alfred Duma Local Municipality;

5.3.2 Report on Oversight Visit relating to the construction of Road P749 from km 26 to km 43, uMzimkhulu Local Municipality, conducted on 22 February 2022;

5.3.3 Report on Oversight Visit to Greytown and Nquthu RTI Stations;

5.3.4 Report on Oversight Visit to Cabane River Bridge, uMzimkhulu Local Municipality, on 22 February 2022.

5.4 Portfolio Committee on Health

5.4.1 Provincial Report of the 2022 Health Functionality: KwaZulu-Natal Legislature PHC Re-engineering dated 6 October 2022; and

5.4.2 Report on KwaMagwaza, Itshelejuba and Madadeni Hospital Visits: 15 to 17 November 2022.

06. 09h32 The MEC for Finance presented her Budget Speech and also tabled the following documents:

6.1 Budget Speech 2023/24;

6.2 KZN Appropriation Bill, 2023;

6.3 Estimates of Provincial Revenue and Expenditure, 2023/24;

6.4 Estimates of Capital Expenditure, 2023/24; and

6.5 Socio-Economic Review and Outlook 2023/24;

The MEC concluded her Budget Speech at 10h41.

7. 10h43 The Speaker made remarks and announcements.

8. 10h46 The Speaker referred the Appropriation Bill for 2023 to the Portfolio Committee on Finance and Vote 2 of the same Bill to the Standing Committee on Oversight for consideration.
9. 10h48 The House was adjourned *sine die*.