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**REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**OF THE**  
**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**TUESDAY, 7 JULY 2026**

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.
2. **Announcements by the Speaker in terms of Rule 117(b) of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

- (i) The Speaker acknowledged the presence, in the Speaker's Gallery, of Mr. Peter Magati, Serjeant-at-Arms, and Mr. Hamza Idrisa, Assistant Serjeant-at-Arms, both from the Parliament of the Republic of Tanzania, who were on an exchange visit to the Parliament of Namibia.

On behalf of the National Assembly, the Speaker extended a warm welcome to them and wished them a pleasant and fruitful visit to Namibia.

- (ii) The Speaker informed the House that it had been brought to her attention that the father of Hon. Elvis Lizazi had passed away the previous week.

On behalf of the National Assembly, the Speaker extended sincere condolences to Hon. Lizazi and his family during their time of bereavement.

*The House observed a moment of silence.*

3. **SPEAKER'S RULINGS:**

- (i) In terms of Rule 12(5) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker sought the views of the House on the proposed extension of the Session, till Friday, 10 July 2026, with the indication that, with her authorisation, a Motion to that effect would be tabled for the House to consider and decide upon.

Having ascertained the diverse views of the House on the matter, the Speaker reserved her ruling to afford Members an opportunity to consult among themselves, and indicated that the ruling would be delivered once those consultations had been concluded.

(ii) With regard to the nomination of Members to serve on the Security Commission, the Speaker reminded the House that, in terms of Article 114 (2) of the of the Constitution, the National Assembly was required to nominate only two (2) Members. However, eleven (11) nominations had been received, namely:

- Hon. Festus Thomas (BCP), nominated by the Body of Christ Party and seconded by Hon. Prof. Dr. Amupanda;
- Hon. Martin Lukato (NDP), nominated by the National Democratic Party of Namibia and seconded by Hon. Kalola;
- Hon. Paula Kooper (SWAPO), nominated by the SWAPO Party and seconded by Hon. !Naruseb;
- Hon. Nico Somaeb (UDF), nominated jointly by the SWAPO Party and the United Democratic Front of Namibia Party, and seconded by Hon. Klazen;
- Hon. McHenry Venaani (PDM), nominated jointly by the All People's Party and the Popular Democratic Movement Party; however, he subsequently withdrew his nomination;
- Hon. Dr. Peya Mushelenga (SWAPO), nominated by the All People's Party;
- Hon. Prof. Dr. Amupanda (AR), nominated by the Affirmative Repositioning Party and seconded by Hon. Hangula;
- Hon. Imms Nashinge (IPC), nominated by the Independent Patriots for Change Party and seconded by Hon. Hengombe;
- Hon. Aloysius Kangulu (IPC), nominated by the Independent Patriots for Change Party and seconded by Hon. Hengari;
- Hon. Rodney Cloete (IPC), nominated by the Independent Patriots for Change Party and seconded by Hon. Haitota; and
- Hon. Bertha Nghifikwa (IPC), nominated by the Independent Patriots for Change Party and seconded by Hon. Susiku.

The Speaker invited the House to consider the most appropriate process for determining the final two (2) nominees, including whether this should be done by consensus, voting or another agreed process, in order to enable the Security Commission to be fully constituted.

Following extensive deliberations on the appropriate process to be followed, most Opposition Members withdrew from the Chamber, resulting in the absence of the requisite voting quorum to conclude the process.

Accordingly, the Speaker deferred the finalisation of the process to the next sitting.

4. **Hon. Shifeta laid upon the Table:**

- (i) Report of the oversight visits to community courts in the Kavango East and Kavango West regions by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Constitutional, Legal Affairs and Petitions, 25–29 August 2025 for **Discussion**.
- (ii) Report of the stakeholder engagement consultations by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Constitutional, Legal Affairs and Petitions, 21 to 25 July 2025 for **Discussion**.
- (iii) Report on the capacity building training on the review of international treaties by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Constitutional, Legal Affairs and Petitions, 11 -15 August 2025 for **Note Taking**.

5. **The Minister of Finance moved without Notice, in terms of Rule 222(1)(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

The Reports of the Auditor-General on the Accounts of the –

- (i) Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform: Department of Water for the financial year ended 31 March 2025;
- (ii) Anti-Corruption Commission for the financial year ended 31 March 2025;
- (iii) Department of Works of the Ministry of Works and Transport for the financial year ended 31 March 2025;
- (iv) Electoral Commission of Namibia for the financial year ended 31 March 2025;
- (v) Ministry of Industrialisation and Trade for the financial year ended 31 March 2025;
- (vi) Namibian Broadcasting Corporation for the financial year ended 31 March 2025;
- (vii) National Planning Commission for the financial year ended 31 March 2025;
- (viii) Office of the Prime Minister for the financial year ended 31 March 2025; and
- (ix) Village Council of Tses for the financial years ended 30 June 2021 and 2022.

be referred to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts for examination of the audited financial statements.

6. **The Deputy Minister of Education, Innovation, Youth, Sports, Arts and Culture moved without Notice, in terms of Rule 222(1)(b) of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

The NAMCOL Annual Reports for 2024/2025 and NAMCOL Executive Summary: Annual Report for 2024/2025, be referred to the relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee for evaluation and examination.

7. **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Hon. Moongo (PDM) to ask the Minister of Works and Transport (No. 606).
- (ii) Hon. Kalangula (IPC) to ask the Minister of Defence and Veterans Affairs (No. 607).
- (iii) Hon. Hishoono (IPC) to ask the Minister of Education, Innovation, Youth, Sports, Arts and Culture (No. 608).
- (iv) Hon. Hengombe (IPC) to ask the Minister of Industries, Mines and Energy (No. 609).
- (v) Hon. Cloete (IPC) to ask the Minister of Industries, Mines and Energy (No. 610).
- (vi) Hon. Susiku (IPC) to ask the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 611).
- (vii) Hon. Kangulu (IPC) to ask the Minister of Defence and Veterans Affairs (No. 612).

8. **NOTICES OF MOTIONS:**

**Hon. Kooper moved without Notice:**

That leave of absence be granted to Hon. Modestus Amutse, Hon. Veikko Nekundi, Hon. Selma Ashipala-Musavyi, Hon. Dr. Sanet L. Steenkamp, Hon. Inge Zaamwani, Hon. Ephraim T. Nekongo, Hon. Emma Theofelus, and Hon. Elder Felipe from 7- 10 July 2026, while on official business, in terms of Rule 124(h), read with Rule 76(1)(d) of the Standing Rules and Orders.

Agreed to.

9. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on the nomination of Dr. Gerson Sindano for appointment as Chairperson, and Dr. Emmerentia Leonard and Ms. Juelieta Diva Ferreira as Members of the Electoral Commission of Namibia.

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 1 July 2025 as moved by Hon. Shifeta (page 115): That the Motion for the appointment of the Chairperson and the two Members of the Electoral Commission of Namibia be approved.

10. In terms of Rule 155(1) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:43 until Wednesday, 8 July 2026.

**MS. E.N KAAPANDA**  
*Secretary: National Assembly*

*Compiled by Ms. H. Christiaans*