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FOURTH SESSION, EIGHTH PARLIAMENT

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

TUESDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER 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 Rules 117(b) of the Standing Rules and Orders:**
 - (i) That today marks the beginning of the Fourth Session of the Eight Parliament that will continue until the last Thursday of November 2026.
 - (ii) The Speaker also announced on a sad note, that the nation has learned with sadness about the passing of Tatekulu Helao Joseph Shityuwete on the 29th August 2026. Tatekulu Shityuwete was a veteran of the national liberation struggle. The Speaker, expressed National Assembly's collective heartfelt condolences to the widow and the entire bereaved family during this time of great sorrow.

Minutes of Silence observed in his honour.

- (iii) Thirdly, the Speaker announced that she has been notified by the Chairperson of the National Council, that the National Council, in terms of Article 75(2) of the Constitution of the Republic of Namibia, considered and approved the Mental Health Bill [Bill. 8 – 2025] without amendments. The Speaker will further in accordance with Article 75(3) of the Constitution of the Republic of Namibia refer the Bill to Her Excellency, the President for consideration under Article 56 of the Constitution of the Republic of Namibia.

- (iv) Fourthly, the Speaker informed the Members that in line with National Assembly's commitment to digitalisation, the National Assembly will reduce the printing and distribution of hard copies of the Minutes of Proceedings, Order Papers and Question Paper. Going forward documents will be distributed to Members on electronic platforms including on the monitor at their respective desks in the Chamber. That only a limited number of hard copies of each document will be printed to cater for any eventualities. In order for the Members to easily access these documents, the Secretariat has placed on the desk of each Member a step by step brochure on how they can access documents on the monitor/tablets in front of their respective desks.
- (v) Lastly the Speaker recognised the presence of the 42 Members of the Fourth Junior National Council, representing all 14 regions of Namibia, together with their mentors, who are in the Public Gallery to observe the proceedings of the National Assembly. The Junior Members are currently participating in the First Session of the Fourth Junior National Council, hosted by the National Council, as part of their exposure to parliamentary proceedings and democratic processes.

3. **PETITIONS:**

Hon. Amupanda in terms of Rule 217 of the Standing Rules and Orders rose to table a petition.

The Speaker deferred ruling on this matter.

4. **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Hon. Venaani (PDM) to ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister (No. 626).
- (ii) Hon. Iipumbu (NEFF) to ask the Minister in the Presidency (No. 627).
- (iii) Hon. Mbundu (RP) to ask the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 628).
- (iv) Hon. Moongo (PDM) to ask the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 629).
- (v) Hon. Lukato (NDP) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Trade (No. 630).
- (vi) Hon. Mbinge – Tjeundo (PDM) to ask the Minister of Education, Innovation, Youth, Sports, Arts and Culture (No. 631).
- (vii) Hon. Mootu (LPM) to asked the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 632).

5. **URGENT ORAL QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Hon. Kandorozi (NUDO) asked the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 301) – *Question not put as it is already on the Question Paper.*

- (ii) Hon. Nashinge (IPC) asked the Right Honourable Prime Minister (No. 302) – *Replied to.*
- (iii) Hon. Kaaronda (SWANU) asked the Right Honourable Prime Minister (No. 303) – *Question not replied as it is already on the Order Paper as a Motion.*
- (iv) Hon. Mouton (IPC) asked the Minister of Information and Communication Technology (No. 304) – *Question not replied to.*
- (v) Hon. Kalangula (IPC) asked the Minister of Works and Transport (No. 305) – *Minister indicated his position not to reply to the Question and the Speaker will have to make a ruling.*
- (vi) Hon. Lutuhezi (IPC) to asked the Right Honourable Prime Minister (No. 306) – *Replied to.*

6. **Hon. Kooper on behalf of Hon. !Naruseb moved without Notice:**

That leave of absence be granted to Hon. Esperance Luvindao from 1 – 3 September 2026, while on official business, in terms of Rule 124(h) read with Rule 76(1)(d) and to Hon. Hilaria Mukapuli in terms of in terms of Rule 124(h) read with Rule 76(1)(a) of the Standing Rules and Orders.

Agreed to.

7. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Resumption of the consideration and approval of 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 Tuesday, 23 June 2026 as moved by Hon. Shifeta (page 155): That the Motion be adopted.

A Division of the House (page 183), in terms of Rule 149 of the Standing Rules and Orders was called, but the House could not proceed with the voting due to a lack of voting quorum after most of the Opposition Members walk out of the Chamber.

8. **SECOND ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on the nomination of Members to serve on the Security Commission, in terms of Article 114 (2) of the of the Constitution of the Republic of Namibia.

The item deferred to the next sitting day, due to a lack of voting quorum to proceed with the open vote.

9. **FIRST NOTICE OF A MOTION:**

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Land Reform moved, seconded by the Minister of Industries, Mines and Energy,

That this Assembly –

In accordance with Section 63 of the Agricultural (Commercial) Land Reform Act 1995 (Act No. 6 of 1995).

Resolves to approve the appointment of the following persons as members of the Land Tribunal for a period of 3 years, commencing from 1 April 2026 to 30 March 2029.

- 1) Rachel Nathaniel-Koch (Chairperson) – Female with Legal skills
- 2) Ileni Gebhardt (Alternate Chairperson) – Female with Legal skills
- 3) Inekela Soiny Kambindji – Male with Agriculture skills
- 4) Christopher Khaile – Male with Valuation skills
- 5) Petrus Amakutuwa – Male with Economic and Accounting skills

The Minister of Information and Communication Technology, seconded by Hon. Herunga, in terms of Rule 161 moved for the closer of the debate.

10. **MEMBER DIRECTED TO LEAVE THE CHAMBER:**

In terms of Rule 104 of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker directed Hon. Amupanda to leave the Chamber.

11. In terms of Rule 155(1) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:45 until Wednesday, 2 September 2026.

MS. E. N. KAAPANDA
Secretary: National Assembly

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