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

TUESDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 2026

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.
2. **Announcement by the Speaker in terms of Rule 117(b) of the Standing Rules and Orders:**
 - (i) The Speaker announced to the House that she has been informed by the Chief Whip of the SWAPO Party, that the party has designated the following Members to serve on the Namibia – Cuban Parliamentary Friendship Group.
 1. Hon. Sophia N. Shaningwa
 2. Hon. Uahekua Herunga
 3. Hon. Alpheus G. !Naruseb
 4. Hon. Ephraim Nekongo
 5. Hon. Sebastian Karupu
 6. Hon. Helaria Mukapuli
 7. Hon. Ipumbu Shiimi
 8. Hon. Modestus Atshipara
 9. Hon. Alexia Manombe-Ncube
 10. Hon. Werner Iita
 11. Hon. Fenny Tutjavi
 12. Hon. Peya Mushelenga

The Speaker declared the above-mentioned Members as duly designated to the Namibia – Cuban Parliamentary Friendship Group.

- (ii) The Speaker acknowledged in the public gallery the presence of a delegation from the hearing-impaired persons and welcome them to the National Assembly.

3. **Rulings by the Speaker in terms Rule 6 of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

(i) **Ruling on the Minister's obligation to answer an Urgent Oral Question concerning the National Airline Feasibility Study**

On 1 September 2026, Hon. Kalangula asked an urgent oral question concerning a feasibility study for a national airline and an alleged proposal involving Ethiopian Airlines. The Minister responded that he is unable to answer the question, citing limitations in terms of the Namibian Constitution. The Constitution and the Standing Rules and Orders provide for Ministerial accountability to the Parliament.

In terms of the rules, questions are to be notified unless they are of an urgent nature and the Presiding Officer has authorised them.

The Hon. Kalangula may ask the questions after the notice of the question is given as per the rules in order for the Minister to provide answers.

(ii) **Ruling on the Motion tabled by Hon. Kaaronda concerning the solidarity with the Republic of Cuba**

Honourable Kaaronda, tabled a Motion concerning solidarity with the people of the Republic of Cuba. The Deputy Speaker, chairing the sitting on that day, deferred the ruling.

This Motion covers an important aspect and needs to be considered as a substantive Motion. For this type of a Motion, in terms of Standing Rule 123(1), the Member must give a notice, for its placement on the Order Paper or obtain leave of the House to move it as a Motion without a Notice. Standing Rule 124(i) requires the unanimous concurrence of all Members present.

Accordingly, the motion may not proceed in its present form. Honourable Kaaronda is directed to comply with Standing Rule 123(1). Should he seek to proceed without notice, the unanimous concurrence required under Standing Rule 124(i) must first be obtained.

So, the Speaker rules.

4. **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 Environment, Forestry and Tourism for the financial year ended 31 March 2025;
- (ii) Ministry of Finance and Public Enterprises for the financial year ended 31 March 2025;

- (iii) Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources for the financial year ended 31 March 2025;
- (iv) National Assembly for the financial year ended 31 March 2025;
- (v) National Council for the financial year ended 31 March 2025;
- (vi) New Era Publication Corporation for the financial year ended 31 March 2025;
- (vii) Office of the Auditor-General for the financial year ended 31 March 2025;
- (viii) Office of the President for the financial year ended 31 March 2025;
- (ix) Regional Council of the Zambezi Region for the financial year ended 31 March 2025; and
- (x) Town Council of Okahao for the financial year ended 30 June 2025.

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

5. The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Land Reform moved without Notice, in terms of Rule 222(1)(b) of the Standing Rules and Orders:

The MEATCO Integrated Annual Report for the 2024/2025 Financial Year, be referred to the relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee for evaluation and examination.

6. NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:

- (i) Hon. Venaani (PDM) to ask the Minister of Industries, Mines and Energy (No. 662).
- (ii) Hon. Brinkman (IPC) to ask the Minister of Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 663).
- (iii) Hon. Cloete (IPC) to ask the Minister of Industries, Mines and Energy (No. 664).
- (iv) Hon. Eigub (LPM) to ask the Minister of Industries, Mines and Energy (No. 665).
- (v) Hon. Iipumbu (NEFF) to ask the Minister of Industries, Mines and Energy (No. 666).
- (vi) Hon. Kalolo (AR) to ask the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 667).

- (vii) Hon. Ihemba (IPC) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security (No. 668).

7. **URGENT ORAL QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Hon. Kalangula (IPC) asked the Minister of Works and Transport (No. 318) – *Replied to.*
- (ii) Hon. Haitota (IPC) asked the Right Honourable Prime Minister (No. 319) – *Replied to.*
- (iii) Hon. Kandorozu (NUDO) asked the Minister of Urban and Rural Development (No. 320) – *Replied to.*
- (iv) Hon. Somaeb (UDF) asked the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 321) – *Replied to.*

8. **NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

- (i) **Hon. Klazen on behalf of Hon. !Naruseb moved without Notice:**

That leave of absence be granted to Hon. Marta Itope during the period 15 – 17 September 2026, due to official business, in terms of Rule 124(h) read with Rule 76(1)(d) and (f) of the Standing Rules and Orders, and internal arrangements.

Agreed to.

- (ii) **Hon. Karupu on behalf of Hon. !Naruseb moved without Notice:**

That leave of absence be granted to Hon. Marius Sheya during the period 15 – 24 September 2026, due to official business, in terms of Rule 124(h) read with Rule 76(1)(d) and (f) of the Standing Rules and Orders, and internal arrangements.

Agreed to.

- (iii) **Hon. Somaeb moved without Notice:**

That leave of absence be granted to Hon. Hendrik Gaobaeb from 15 September 2026 until further notice, due to ill health, in terms of Rule 124(h) read with Rule 76(1)(a) and (f) of the Standing Rules and Orders, and internal arrangements.

Agreed to.

- (iv) **Hon. Kooper on behalf of Hon. !Naruseb moved without Notice:**

That leave of absence be granted to Frans Kapofi from 17 – 24 September 2026, Hon. Inge Zaamwani from 16 – 29 September 2026 and Hon. Selma Ashipala – Musavyi from 16 September 2026 – 1 October 2026, due to official business, in terms of Rule 124(h) read with Rule 76(1)(d) and (f) of the Standing Rules and Orders, and internal arrangements.

Agreed to.

9. **Ministerial Statement in terms of Rule 136 of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

The Minister of Information and Communication Technology made a Ministerial Statement operationalisation of Namibia's National Public Key Infrastructure (NPKI) and the launch of DigiNam under the theme "Trust is now Digital".

The Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) enables secure electronic identities, trusted digital certificates, reliable authentication and legally recognised electronic signatures.

10. **NOTICE OF A MOTION:**

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Land Reform moved, seconded by Hon. Amutenya:

That this Assembly –

In accordance with Section 4 of the Agricultural (Commercial) Land Reform Act 1995 (Act No. 6 of 1995).

Resolves to approve the appointment of the following nominees to serve on the Land Reform Advisory Commission for a period of three (3) years, effective from 1 May 2026 to 30 April 2029.

- (i) Ms. Cardini Corinda Corinne Roman
- (ii) Ms. Jeaneth Kuhanga
- (iii) Ms. Mona-Lisa Nicoletta McKay
- (iv) Ms. Ermelinda L. Tjimune

11. In terms of Rule 155(1) of the Standing Rules and Orders, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 17:45 until Wednesday, 16 September 2026.

MR. OSCAR MUYATWA

Acting Secretary : National Assembly

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