



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 1, No. 1, Session 7

Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 14 May 2026

Note: (DT) signifies a decision taken at Decision Time.

The meeting opened at 09:30.

1. Oaths and Affirmations: The following members took the oath of allegiance or made their solemn affirmation before the Clerk—

Oath

John Ramsay Swinney
Malcolm Offord
Anas Sarwar
Ross John Greer
Russell Findlay
George Adam
Clare Adamson
Irshad Ahmed
Jackie Baillie
Max Mackenzie Bannerman Marshall
Andrew Phillip Baxter
Colin Beattie
Senga Beresford
Neil Bibby
Amanda Bland
Miles Briggs
Alan Brown
Alexander James Amherst Burnett of
Leys

Affirmation

Gillian Audrey Mackay
Alex Cole-Hamilton
Karen Adam
Heather Jane Dow Anderson
Tom Arthur
Claire Baker
David John Barratt
Dawn Suzanne Thorndycraft Black
Steven Bonnar
Gary Bouse
Keith James Brown
Siobhian Brown
Holly Bruce
Ariane Burgess
Michelle Simone Campbell
Maggie Chapman
Katy Clark
Sanne Carlien Dijkstra-Downie
Jacqueline Edith Elizabeth Dunbar

Finlay Hamilton Carson
Yi-pei Chou Turvey
Angela Constance
Victor Anthony Conan Currie
Martyn Day
Bob Doris
Iris Duane
Tim Eagle
Murdo MacKenzie Fraser
Meghan Gallacher
Zen Ghani
Patricia Gibson
Hannah Mary Goodlad
David Green
Mark Griffin
Rachael Hamilton
Adam Harley
Craig William Hoy
Matthew Liam Philip Kerr
Stephen Charles Kerr
Thomas Kerr
Simita Kumar
Jamie Alexander Langan
Mandy Lindsay
Douglas Lumsden
Julie MacDougall
Donald MacKinnon
Michael Marra
Duncan Massey
Màiri Louise McAllan
Liam Scott McArthur
Helen McDade
Paul Stewart McLennan
Marie Alexandra McNair
Pauline Mary McNeill
Colm Merrick
Jack Middleton
William Cowan Rennie
Kim Schmulian
Mark Simpson
David Haydn Smith
Paul John Sweeney
David Herd Torrance
Jenny Young

Duncan Angus Melville Dunlop
Joe Fagan
James McGregor Fairlie
Stephen Mark Flynn
Kenneth Gibson
Jennifer Madeleine Gilruth
Neil Charles Gray
Katie Elise Hagmann
Patrick Harvie
Clare Joan Haughey
James Douglas Hepburn
Daniel Johnson
Alex Kerr
Calum Robert Kerr
Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill
David Kirkwood
Kristopher Leask
David Linden
Joseph Jude Long
Morven-May MacCallum
Fulton James MacGregor
Ben Macpherson
Q Manivannan
Gillian Anne Martin
Cara McKee
Ivan McKee
Stuart McMillan
Lloyd Alexander Melville
Jenni Minto
Laura Mitchell
Carol Ann Mochan
Laura Moodie
Kate Nevens
Kirsten Frances Oswald
Emma Roddick
Angela Ross
Mark Ruskell
Katherine Blackstock Sangster
Graham Simpson
Lorna Jane Slater
Alyn Edward Smith
Shirley-Anne Somerville
Pauline Stafford
Collette Stevenson
Alison Thewliss
Maree Todd
Stephen Patrick Gethins
Kate Rosa Campbell

2. Election of Presiding Officer: The following members were nominated as candidates for appointment as Presiding Officer—

Kenneth Gibson
Clare Haughey
Liam McArthur
Stuart McMillan

The result of the first round of voting was—

Kenneth Gibson	46
Clare Haughey	42
Liam McArthur	34
Stuart McMillan	6
Abstentions	0
Spoilt papers	0

Accordingly, Stuart McMillan was eliminated and a second round of voting was held. The result of the second round of voting was—

Kenneth Gibson	48
Clare Haughey	44
Liam McArthur	36
Abstentions	0
Spoilt papers	0

Accordingly, Liam McArthur was eliminated and a third round of voting was held. The result of the third round of voting was—

Kenneth Gibson	74
Clare Haughey	54
Abstentions	1
Spoilt papers	0

Kenneth Gibson was duly elected as Presiding Officer.

3. Election of Deputy Presiding Officers: The following members were nominated as candidates for appointment as Deputy Presiding Officer—

Clare Adamson
Claire Baker
Miles Briggs
Katy Clark
Stuart McMillan

The result of the first round of voting was—

Clare Adamson	46
Claire Baker	16
Miles Briggs	38

Katy Clark	6
Stuart McMillan	17
Abstentions	1
Spoilt papers	3

Accordingly, Katy Clark was eliminated and a second round of voting was held. The result of the second round of voting was—

Clare Adamson	58
Claire Baker	22
Miles Briggs	37
Stuart McMillan	10
Abstentions	0
Spoilt papers	0

Accordingly, Stuart McMillan was eliminated and a third round of voting was held. The result of the third round of voting was—

Clare Adamson	68
Claire Baker	18
Miles Briggs	41
Abstentions	0
Spoilt papers	0

Clare Adamson was duly elected as Deputy Presiding Officer.

After Stuart McMillan was eliminated under Rule 3.3.7 of Standing Orders, the candidates for appointment as the second Deputy Presiding Officer were—

Claire Baker
Miles Briggs
Katy Clark

The result of the first round of voting was—

Claire Baker	30
Miles Briggs	50
Katy Clark	44
Abstentions	3
Spoilt papers	0

Accordingly, Claire Baker was eliminated and a second round of voting was held. The result of the second round of voting was—

Miles Briggs	55
Katy Clark	68
Abstentions	3
Spoilt papers	1

Katy Clark was duly elected as Deputy Presiding Officer.

The meeting closed at 7.43 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
14 May 2026

Appendix
(Note: this Appendix does not form part of the Minutes)

Other Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 14 May 2026 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Health and Care Professions Council Corporate Strategy 2026–2031
(SG/2026/120) laid under Article 44(2) of the Health Professions Order 2001

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