

2026

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SOMA 2026 ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

- 17:30-17:40** The parade is formed up under the command of the Platoon Colonel Goboza
- 17:40-17:50** The Acting Metro Police Chief, NMBM, will arrive at the Ernest Swanepoel Parade Ground and received by the Acting ED: Safety and Security, Mr Shadrick Sibiya
- 17h50-18:00** Singing of the National Anthem by the Metro Choir together with Despatch Primary entertains and welcome guests, outside the venue, Entertainment by the Khanyisa School for the Blind
- 18:00-18:15** Members, Councillors and Invited Guests will arrive and proceed to the Ernest Swanepoel. Photoshoot of the Mayoral Committee and Chief Whip of Council
- 18:15-18:20** The MMC depart from Despatch Town Hall for the Ernest Swanepoel Drop off Zone and are received by Office of the, Mr Mthetheleli Mfana and are conducted to Members Lobby.
- 18:20-18:25** MPLs, Speaker of Provincial Legislature, and delegates gather at the outside entrance to observe the arrival of the Speaker of Council, Cllr Eugene Johnson and Executive Mayor, Cllr Babalwa Lobishe.
- 18:25-18:30** **ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE ARRIVAL OF THE FUNCTIONARY/ RINGING OF THE BELL**
- The program Director will announce the arrival of the functionary, Speaker of Council, Executive Mayor and Acting City Manager and his entourage. The Speaker, Executive Mayor and Acting City Manager is received by the Acting Metro Police Chief / dedicated Colonel and Chief Fire of the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Municipality.

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18h25 -18h30

NATIONAL ANTHEM

The Speaker of Council will request that everyone rise whilst the National Anthem is being played by Metro combined Choir, duet and the flag will be hoisted simultaneously.

Interfaith Prayers (Opening Prayers)

18h30-18h35

Speaker of Council to read Order of the Day/Welcoming the Guests

18h35-18h40

Hon Speaker invites Executive Mayor to deliver State of the Metro Address, 2026: As the Executive Mayor moves to take the Podium – **IMBONGI praises her (only at a point he gets to the Podium)!!**

18h40-19:20

The Executive Mayor delivers the State of the Metro Address

19:20-19:25

Speaker of Council to read the Final Announcements

19h25-19H30

The Serjeant-At –Arms/ Dumisani Mbebe leads the procession of the Speaker, Speaker of Provincial Legislature, Premier, Presiding Officers, and Table Staff to their tables (Reserved Table 1 and Table 2)

19:35

All guests proceed to the designated dinner areas for a gala dinner.

19:35-20:30

Dinner is served, Guests depart thereafter. Please travel safe.

Distribution List:

The Speaker of Council-Cllr Eugeun Johnson

Speaker of the Eastern Cape Provincial Legislature

Executive Mayor: Cllr Babalwa Lobishe

Members of the Provincial Committee

Acting ED: Safety and Security

Acting City Manager: Adv Lonwabo Ngoqo

Secretariat of Council

Duration of the Programme: 1 Day

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