

Observation of GBLA 19th Session 2nd Sitting

The 2nd sitting of the 19th session of Gilgit-Baltistan Legislative assembly held on July 25, 2017 and chaired by the Speaker GBLA. The members of the assembly were scheduled to sit in the assembly lobby at 02:00 PM. Session started at its scheduled time and adjourned at 04:15 PM till indefinite date.

Bills and Resolutions

There was no bill place in the order of the house. Two resolutions were presented in the house.

General Observation on representation

- Session started at its scheduled time and continued for 2 hours and 15 minutes.
- Honorable Speaker GBLA chaired the full session.
- At the start of the session, 23 members were present in the house.
- Number of women members was 5 at the beginning of the session which remained constant till the end of the sitting.
- Five out of six preliminary secretaries and all the chairpersons of standing committees were present in the house for the full session.
- Chief Minister remained there for the full session while Leader of the Opposition was not present in the session.
- Five out of six ministers were present.
- Five Assembly members were absent during the session but their application for leave was not recorded before the house.

Representation and Responsiveness

The general proceeding of the house started with the resolution presented by Opposition member Capt. shafi, condemning terrorist attacks in Pakistan specially in Parachinar, Karachi and Lahore. After consensus, the resolution was unanimously accepted and adopted by the house.

Parliamentary Secretary Tourism Barkat Jameel brought the resolution favoring the Prime Minister of Pakistan in PANAMA case. He appreciated the attitude and response of Prime Minister and his family during investigation on corruption charges against them. The resolution was passed by the House with the majority of votes.

Outcome

No bills were placed in the business of the House while two resolutions; condemnation of terrorists attacks in Parachinar, Karachi and Lahore, and the resolution of appreciating, the role of Prime Minister Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif during PANAMA investigations were adopted.

Transparency

The order of the day was restricted to the legislators whereas it was not available for the observers and others. The information on attendance of the legislators was not available for observers and general public.