



NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF QUÉBEC

FIRST SESSION

FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

Votes and Proceedings

of the Assembly

Tuesday, 29 November 2022 — No. 1

**President of the National Assembly:
Madam Nathalie Roy**

The Assembly was called to order at 2:09 p.m.

Moment of reflection

Today being the day appointed for the opening of the First Session of the Forty-third Legislature of the Province of Québec for the dispatch of its business, the Members attending, having taken and subscribed the oaths of office, took their seats.

The Secretary General, Mr. Siegfried Peters, tabled the lists of candidates declared elected following the 3 October 2022 general election. These documents, received on 12 and 14 October 2022, were forwarded to him by Mr. Pierre Reid, Chief Electoral Officer of Québec, pursuant to section 380 of the *Election Act* (CQLR, c. E-3.3).

(Sessional Paper No. 1-20221129)

LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
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Electoral Division	Candidate Elected	Party Affiliation
Abitibi-Est	Pierre Dufour	Coalition avenir Québec
Abitibi-Ouest	Suzanne Blais	Coalition avenir Québec
Acadie	André A. Morin	Quebec Liberal Party
Anjou–Louis-Riel	Karine Boivin Roy	Coalition avenir Québec
Argenteuil	Agnès Grondin	Coalition avenir Québec
Arthabaska	Eric Lefebvre	Coalition avenir Québec
Beauce-Nord	Luc Provençal	Coalition avenir Québec
Beauce-Sud	Samuel Poulin	Coalition avenir Québec
Beauharnois	Claude Reid	Coalition avenir Québec
Bellechasse	Stéphanie Lachance	Coalition avenir Québec
Berthier	Caroline Proulx	Coalition avenir Québec
Bertrand	France-Élaine Duranceau	Coalition avenir Québec
Blainville	Mario Laframboise	Coalition avenir Québec
Bonaventure	Catherine Blouin	Coalition avenir Québec
Borduas	Simon Jolin-Barrette	Coalition avenir Québec

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Bourassa-Sauvé	Madwa-Nika Cadet	Quebec Liberal Party
Brome-Missisquoi	Isabelle Charest	Coalition avenir Québec
Camille-Laurin	Paul St-Pierre Plamondon	Parti québécois
Chambly	Jean-François Roberge	Coalition avenir Québec
Champlain	Sonia Lebel	Coalition avenir Québec
Chapleau	Mathieu Lévesque	Coalition avenir Québec
Charlesbourg	Jonatan Julien	Coalition avenir Québec
Charlevoix–Côte-de-Beaupré	Kariane Bourassa	Coalition avenir Québec
Châteauguay	Marie-Belle Gendron	Coalition avenir Québec
Chauveau	Sylvain Lévesque	Coalition avenir Québec
Chicoutimi	Andrée Laforest	Coalition avenir Québec
Chomedey	Sona Lakhoyan Olivier	Quebec Liberal Party
Chutes-de-la-Chaudière	Martine Biron	Coalition avenir Québec
Côte-du-Sud	Mathieu Rivest	Coalition avenir Québec
D’Arcy-McGee	Elisabeth Prass	Quebec Liberal Party
Deux-Montagnes	Benoit Charette	Coalition avenir Québec
Drummond–Bois-Francis	Sébastien Schneeberger	Coalition avenir Québec
Dubuc	François Tremblay	Coalition avenir Québec
Duplessis	Kateri Champagne Jourdain	Coalition avenir Québec
Fabre	Alice Abou-Khalil	Coalition avenir Québec
Gaspé	Stéphane Sainte-Croix	Coalition avenir Québec
Gatineau	Robert Bussière	Coalition avenir Québec
Gouin	Gabriel Nadeau-Dubois	Québec solidaire
Granby	François Bonnardel	Coalition avenir Québec
Groulx	Eric Girard	Coalition avenir Québec
Hochelaga-Maisonneuve	Alexandre Leduc	Québec solidaire
Hull	Suzanne Tremblay	Coalition avenir Québec
Huntingdon	Carole Mallette	Coalition avenir Québec
Iberville	Audrey Bogemans	Coalition avenir Québec
Îles-de-la-Madeleine	Joël Arseneau	Parti québécois
Jacques-Cartier	Gregory Kelley	Quebec Liberal Party
Jean-Lesage	Sol Zanetti	Québec solidaire
Jeanne-Mance–Viger	Filomena Rotiroti	Quebec Liberal Party
Jean-Talon	Joëlle Boutin	Coalition avenir Québec
Johnson	André Lamontagne	Coalition avenir Québec
Joliette	François St-Louis	Coalition avenir Québec
Jonquière	Yannick Gagnon	Coalition avenir Québec
Labelle	Chantale Jeannotte	Coalition avenir Québec
Lac-Saint-Jean	Eric Girard	Coalition avenir Québec
LaFontaine	Marc Tanguay	Quebec Liberal Party
La Peltrie	Éric Caire	Coalition avenir Québec

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La Pinière	Linda Caron	Quebec Liberal Party
Laporte	Isabelle Poulet	Coalition avenir Québec
La Prairie	Christian Dubé	Coalition avenir Québec
L'Assomption	François Legault	Coalition avenir Québec
Laurier-Dorion	Andrés Fontecilla	Québec solidaire
Laval-des-Rapides	Céline Haytayan	Coalition avenir Québec
Laviolette–Saint-Maurice	Marie-Louise Tardif	Coalition avenir Québec
Les Plaines	Lucie Lecours	Coalition avenir Québec
Lévis	Bernard Drainville	Coalition avenir Québec
Lotbinière-Frontenac	Isabelle Lecours	Coalition avenir Québec
Louis-Hébert	Geneviève Guilbault	Coalition avenir Québec
Marguerite-Bourgeoys	Fred Beauchemin	Quebec Liberal Party
Marie-Victorin	Shirley Dorismond	Coalition avenir Québec
Marquette	Enrico Ciccone	Quebec Liberal Party
Maskinongé	Simon Allaire	Coalition avenir Québec
Masson	Mathieu Lemay	Coalition avenir Québec
Matane-Matapédia	Pascal Bérubé	Parti québécois
Maurice-Richard	Haroun Bouazzi	Québec solidaire
Mégantic	François Jacques	Coalition avenir Québec
Mercier	Ruba Ghazal	Québec solidaire
Mille-Îles	Virginie Dufour	Quebec Liberal Party
Mirabel	Sylvie D'Amours	Coalition avenir Québec
Montarville	Nathalie Roy	Coalition avenir Québec
Montmorency	Jean-François Simard	Coalition avenir Québec
Mont-Royal–Outremont	Michelle Setlakwe	Quebec Liberal Party
Nelligan	Monsef Derraji	Quebec Liberal Party
Nicolet-Bécancour	Donald Martel	Coalition avenir Québec
Notre-Dame-de-Grâce	Désirée McGraw	Quebec Liberal Party
Orford	Gilles Bélanger	Coalition avenir Québec
Papineau	Mathieu Lacombe	Coalition avenir Québec
Pointe-aux-Trembles	Chantal Rouleau	Coalition avenir Québec
Pontiac	André Fortin	Quebec Liberal Party
Portneuf	Vincent Caron	Coalition avenir Québec
Prévost	Sonia Bélanger	Coalition avenir Québec
René-Lévesque	Yves Montigny	Coalition avenir Québec
Repentigny	Pascale Déry	Coalition avenir Québec
Richelieu	Jean-Bernard Émond	Coalition avenir Québec
Richmond	André Bachand	Coalition avenir Québec
Rimouski	Maïté Blanchette Vézina	Coalition avenir Québec
Rivière-du-Loup–Témiscouata	Amélie Dionne	Coalition avenir Québec
Robert-Baldwin	Brigitte Garceau	Quebec Liberal Party

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Roberval	Nancy Guillemette	Coalition avenir Québec
Rosemont	Vincent Marissal	Québec solidaire
Rousseau	Louis-Charles Thouin	Coalition avenir Québec
Rouyn-Noranda–Témiscamingue	Daniel Bernard	Coalition avenir Québec
Saint-François	Geneviève Hébert	Coalition avenir Québec
Saint-Henri–Sainte-Anne	Dominique Anglade	Quebec Liberal Party
Saint-Hyacinthe	Chantal Soucy	Coalition avenir Québec
Saint-Jean	Louis Lemieux	Coalition avenir Québec
Saint-Jérôme	Youri Chassin	Coalition avenir Québec
Saint-Laurent	Marwah Rizqy	Quebec Liberal Party
Sainte-Marie–Saint-Jacques	Manon Massé	Québec solidaire
Sainte-Rose	Christopher Skeete	Coalition avenir Québec
Sanguinet	Christine Fréchette	Coalition avenir Québec
Sherbrooke	Christine Labrie	Québec solidaire
Soulanges	Marilyne Picard	Coalition avenir Québec
Taillon	Lionel Carmant	Coalition avenir Québec
Taschereau	Etienne Grandmont	Québec solidaire
Terrebonne	Pierre Fitzgibbon	Coalition avenir Québec
Trois-Rivières	Jean Boulet	Coalition avenir Québec
Ungava	Denis Lamothe	Coalition avenir Québec
Vachon	Ian Lafrenière	Coalition avenir Québec
Vanier-Les Rivières	Mario Asselin	Coalition avenir Québec
Vaudreuil	Marie-Claude Nichols	Quebec Liberal Party
Verchères	Suzanne Roy	Coalition avenir Québec
Verdun	Alejandra Zaga Mendez	Québec solidaire
Viau	Frantz Benjamin	Quebec Liberal Party
Vimont	Valérie Schmaltz	Coalition avenir Québec
Westmount–Saint-Louis	Jennifer Maccarone	Quebec Liberal Party

He then tabled the following:

The report of the Chief Electoral Officer of Québec on the implementation of section 490 of the *Election Act* and of section 26 of the *Act to foster voting in the next general election in Québec*, in the context of the 3 October 2022 general election.

(Sessional Paper No. 2-20221129)

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He then tabled letters, dated 25 and 31 October 2022, he had received from Mr. François Legault, Premier, informing him of the following appointments effective as of 20 October 2022:

Mr. Simon Jolin-Barrette, Member for Borduas, as Government House Leader;
(Sessional Paper No. 3-20221129)

Mr. Eric Lefebvre, Member for Arthabaska, as Chief Government Whip;
(Sessional Paper No. 4-20221129)

Mr. Mario Laframboise, Member for Blainville, as Government Caucus Chair;
(Sessional Paper No. 5-20221129)

Mr. Éric Caire, Member for La Peltrie, as Deputy Government House Leader;
(Sessional Paper No. 6-20221129)

Mr. Mathieu Lévesque, Member for Chapleau, as Deputy Government House Leader;
(Sessional Paper No. 7-20221129)

Mr. Claude Reid, Member for Beauharnois, as Assistant Government Whip;
(Sessional Paper No. 8-20221129)

Ms. Geneviève Hébert, Member for Saint-François, as Assistant Government Whip;
(Sessional Paper No. 9-20221129)

Ms. Nancy Guillemette, Member for Roberval, as Assistant Government Whip.
(Sessional Paper No. 10-20221129)

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He then tabled letters, dated 18 October 2022, he had received from Ms. Dominique Anglade, Leader of the Official Opposition, informing him of the following appointments effective as of 12 October 2022:

Mr. Marc Tanguay, Member for LaFontaine, as Official Opposition House Leader;
(Sessional Paper No. 11-20221129)

Ms. Filomena Rotiroti, Member for Jeanne-Mance–Viger, as Chief Whip of the Official Opposition;
(Sessional Paper No. 12-20221129)

Mr. Monsef Derraji, Member for Nelligan, as Deputy House Leader of the Official Opposition;
(Sessional Paper No. 13-20221129)

Mr. Enrico Ciccone, Member for Marquette, as Caucus Chair of the Official Opposition.
(Sessional Paper No. 14-20221129)

He then tabled the following:

A letter, dated 1 November 2022, he had received from Mr. Enrico Ciccone, Caucus Chair of the Official Opposition, informing him that Ms. Marie-Claude Nichols, Member for Vaudreuil, is no longer a member of the Official Opposition Caucus, effective 27 October 2022.
(Sessional Paper No. 15-20221129)

He then tabled the following:

A letter, dated 10 November 2022, he had received from Mr. Enrico Ciccone, Caucus Chair of the Official Opposition, informing him of the appointment of Mr. Marc Tanguay, Member for LaFontaine, as Leader of the Official Opposition, effective 10 November 2022 following the resignation of Ms. Dominique Anglade, Member for Saint-Henri–Sainte-Anne, from that office on 7 November 2022.
(Sessional Paper No. 16-20221129)

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Lastly, he tabled letters, dated 15 November 2022, he had received from Mr. Marc Tanguay, Leader of the Official Opposition, informing him of the following appointments effective as of 14 November 2022:

Mr. Monsef Derraji, Member for Nelligan, as Official Opposition House Leader;
(Sessional Paper No. 17-20221129)

Ms. Filomena Rotiroti, Member for Jeanne-Mance–Viger, as Chief Whip of the Official Opposition;
(Sessional Paper No. 18-20221129)

Ms. Virginie Dufour, Member for Mille-Îles, as Deputy House Leader of the Official Opposition;
(Sessional Paper No. 19-20221129)

Mr. Enrico Ciccone, Member for Marquette, as Caucus Chair of the Official Opposition.
(Sessional Paper No. 20-20221129)

Mr. Legault, Premier, invited the Secretary General to ask the Members of the National Assembly to elect a President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 6, the Secretary General invited the longest-serving Member of the Assembly, Mr. Sébastien Schneeberger, Member for Drummond–Bois-Francis, to preside over the election of the President of the National Assembly.

The Presiding Officer tabled the following:

The list of Members standing as candidates for the office of President of the National Assembly.

(Sessional Paper No. 21-20221129)

LIST OF MEMBERS STANDING AS CANDIDATES
FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

– Ms. Nathalie Roy Montarville

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Pursuant to Standing Order 8, the Presiding Officer declared the Member for Montarville, Ms. Nathalie Roy, elected President of the National Assembly.

Mr. Legault, Premier, Mr. Tanguay, Leader of the Official Opposition, and Mr. Nadeau-Dubois, Leader of the Second Opposition Group, then accompanied Ms. Roy to the Chair.

The President having been elected, the longest-serving Member returned to his seat.

The Mace was placed on the Table.

The President then delivered a speech and subsequently took and subscribed the following oath:

CONSIDERING the role played by the National Assembly within our democratic institutions and the values that it embodies;

CONSIDERING that its autonomy must be maintained so that it may carry out its duties without outside interference;

CONSIDERING the high and legitimate expectations of Members and citizens with regard to our parliamentary deliberations;

CONSIDERING that our parliamentary law stems from a long-standing tradition that must be carried forward and continue to evolve in keeping with its guiding principles;

CONSIDERING that which is symbolized by the office of President and the importance attached to its duty of impartiality;

CONSIDERING the confidence that is placed in the person entrusted with the role of President of the Assembly;

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PRESIDENT'S OATH

I, Nathalie Roy, do solemnly declare that I will carry out the duties of President of the National Assembly of Québec with dignity and impartiality, and that I will uphold respect and defence of the rights and privileges of the Assembly and of each of its Members so that they may exercise their duties freely and without outside interference;

Likewise, I will act as the guardian of the democratic rights of the citizens represented in the Assembly and, as such, I will, consistently and to the best of my ability, seek to maintain the best balance during parliamentary deliberations, in pursuance of the principles of our parliamentary law;

Lastly, I pledge to perform the duties of my office conscientiously and to be fair to everyone.

The President invited the Assembly to elect the First Vice-President.

Mr. Legault, Premier, moved:

THAT Ms. Chantal Soucy, Member for Saint-Hyacinthe, be elected First Vice-President of the National Assembly.

Pursuant to Standing Order 9.2, Ms. Soucy (Saint-Hyacinthe) was declared elected First Vice-President of the Assembly.

The President invited the Assembly to elect the Second Vice-President.

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Mr. Legault, Premier, moved:

THAT Mr. Sylvain Lévesque, Member for Chauveau, be elected Second Vice-President of the National Assembly.

Pursuant to Standing Order 9.2, Mr. Lévesque (Chauveau) was declared elected Second Vice-President of the Assembly.

The President invited the Assembly to elect the Third Vice-President.

Mr. Tanguay, Leader of the Official Opposition, moved:

THAT Mr. Frantz Benjamin, Member for Viau, be elected Third Vice-President of the National Assembly.

Pursuant to Standing Order 9.2, Mr. Benjamin (Viau) was declared elected Third Vice-President of the Assembly.

Mr. Legault, Premier, Mr. Tanguay, Leader of the Official Opposition, and Mr. Nadeau-Dubois, Leader of the Second Opposition Group, then took the floor.

By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 53, Mr. Jolin-Barrette, Government House Leader, tabled the following:

An agreement relating to the concept of parliamentary group, to the conduct of proceedings in the Assembly and in parliamentary committees, to budgetary aspects and to other measures promoting work-family balance entitled “Entente relative à la notion de groupe parlementaire, au fonctionnement de l’Assemblée et des commissions parlementaires, aux aspects budgétaires et à d’autres mesures favorisant la conciliation travail-famille”, dated 25 November 2022.

(Sessional Paper No. 22-20221129)

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Mr. Jolin-Barrette, Government House Leader, moved the adjournment of the Assembly until Wednesday, 30 November 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

The motion was carried.

At 2:50 p.m., the President adjourned the Assembly until Wednesday, 30 November 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

NATHALIE ROY

President