



Parliament of Sint Maarten

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MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

February 2 - 6, 2026

Monday, February 2, 2026 – OV 11 (Question hour) – 13.00 hrs.

The agenda point is:
Question Hour:
Questions from MP F.A. Lacroes directed to the Minister of Finance on the application and extension of tax holiday legislation under the Landsverordening ter bevordering van bedrijfsvestiging en hotelbouw (LBBH) and broader framework of fiscal incentives. (IS/362/2025-2026 dated November 18, 2025)

The Minister of Finance will be in attendance.

Wednesday, February 4, 2026 – CC 14 – 14.30 hrs.

The agenda points are:
1. Advice on the proposal by the Committee for Petitions on the establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee related to NV GEBE
2. Ontwerplandsverordening tot wijziging van de Algemene landsverordening landsbelastingen, de Landsverordening belasting op bedrijfsomzetten, de Landsverordening op de inkomstenbelasting, de Landsverordening op de loonbelasting, de Landsverordening op de winstbelasting, de Successiebelastingverordening, de Verhuurautobelastingverordening, de Logeergastenbelastingverordening, de Invorderingsverordening, de Landsverordening op de invordering van directie belastingen en de Landsverordening dwanginvordering (Landsverordening herziening formeel belastingrecht) (Zittingsjaar 2023-2024-172) (IS/218/2023-2024 d.d. 20 november 2023).

The Minister of Finance will be in attendance.

Thursday, February 5, 2026 – OV 12 – 10.00 hrs.

The agenda points are:
1. Incoming documents
2. Advice on the proposal by the Committee for Petitions on the establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee related to NV GEBE

MEETING RECAP

(Preparation Week)
January 12 - 16, 2026

CC 12 – Friday, January 16, 2026
Central Committee meeting of Parliament with the Minister of Public Housing, Spatial Planning, Environment and Infrastructure (VROMI), regarding the nature policy plan for Sint Maarten 2025-2030.

Status: Meeting adjourned.

MEETING RECAP

(Preparation Week)
January 26 - 30, 2026

CC 13 - Wednesday, January 28, 2026
Central Committee meeting of Parliament regarding discussions with the Minister of Justice on urgent unresolved matters impacting justice workers and the relationship between the ministry and representative unions.

Status: Meeting closed.

Continuation OV 07 (urgent) - Thursday, January 29, 2026
Continuation of the urgent Public meeting of Parliament with the Minister of General Affairs and the Minister of Public Health, Social Development and Labor to address the escalating situation involving the nation's fire and ambulance personnel.

Status: Meeting adjourned.

CP 03 - Friday, January 30, 2026
The Committee of Petitions of Parliament met regarding a proposal for the establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee regarding GEBE.

Status: Meeting closed.

House Rules Parliament of Sint Maarten

Pursuant to article 93 of the Rules of Order of Parliament, the President may set rules for the admission of visitors to the building of Parliament and to the public tribune. The following contains the house rules of the Parliament of Sint Maarten as established by the President of Parliament in accordance with aforementioned article:
Access Parliament building
Visitors for Members of Parliament
Visitors who have an appointment with a Member of Parliament must present themselves at the front desk in the Parliament building at the Wilhelminastraat # 1 in Philipsburg. Upon arrival they are requested to identify themselves by means of a valid ID (ID card, passport or driver's license). The first and last name, time of arrival and time of departure of visitors are recorded by the desk attendant in a logbook. This is to ensure that at all times it is known who is in the Parliament building. The ID is handed over by the visitor and in return the visitor will receive a visitor pass. After completion of the visit, the visitor returns the pass and gets back his ID. Visitors without an appointment must also present themselves at the front desk and identify themselves. The faction staff is notified and an appointment is made with the Member through the faction staff. The visitor is not allowed to remain in the lobby area after the appointment has been made.

Visitors for public tribune
Visitors can also attend meetings of Parliament in the public tribune. These visitors must present themselves at the front desk in the Parliament building at the Wilhelminastraat # 1 in Philipsburg. After having indicated that they wish to take a seat in the public tribune, they are issued a visitor pass after having handed over their ID. After completion of the visit, the visitor returns the pass and gets back his ID.

Group of visitors for tour of Parliament building
It is possible for institutions, associations, foundations or schools to request to be allowed to be given a tour of the Parliament building. The secretariat usually cooperates to comply with such requests. It is advisable to submit the request thereto well in advance. After the request has been honored but before the visit takes place, the organization is requested to submit a full list of all the persons that will be present during the visit with a copy of their ID. Children are exempted of having to present their ID.

Invited guests
Invited guests can also attend the

meetings of Parliament. The same procedure as the visitors for the public tribune applies.

Press
Members of the press can also attend the meetings of Parliament and take a seat in the press room. The same procedure as the visitors for the public tribune applies with the exception that a press pass is issued instead of a visitors pass.

Behavior in public tribune
Visitors in the public tribune are prohibited from giving any sign of approval or disapproval during meetings in session. The President ensures that this prohibition is enforced and for maintaining adequate silence. In case of violation, the President may issue a warning. The President can order that the person who refuses to adhere to the rules after the warning is given needs to leave the Legislative Hall immediately. Visitors in the public tribune must remain behind the railings at all times.
Food and drinks are not allowed in the public tribune. It is in principle prohibited to anyone who is in the public tribune to use mobile phones, video cameras and laptops during the meeting. However, permission can be granted by the President of Parliament for taking pictures, making video recordings and using a laptop in the Legislative Hall of Parliament. The request must be submitted before the start of the meeting.

Dress code meetings of Parliament
Persons who attend meetings of Parliament need to wear "proper attire". Taking into account the fact that nowadays not only "jacket and tie" gets the qualification of proper attire and the fact that we operate in the Caribbean region, the dress code is stipulated as follows:
Dress code visitors for public tribune
Visitors for the public tribune should wear proper attire. This is defined as neat, clean clothing and appropriate footwear; no shorts and no slippers are allowed. No hats and sunglasses are allowed in the Legislative Hall either.

Dress code for the press
The dress code for the visitors for the public tribune is applicable to the members of the press. Finally, it should be noted that for formal meetings and other special occasions, the President may stipulate special dress code, such as dark suit (for example Opening of new Parliamentary Year).