

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Tuesday, 12 May 2026

Meeting time: 14.00

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1 Election of the Presiding Officer under Standing Order 6

The item started at 14.00

The Llywydd invited nominations in accordance with Standing Order 6.6.

Jayne Bryant nominated Huw Irranca–Davies. Jane Dodds seconded the nomination.

Sam Rowlands nominated Paul Davies. As the nomination was not seconded in accordance with the requirements of Standing Order 6.6, the nomination was not valid.

The Llywydd proposed that Huw Irranca–Davies be elected as Presiding Officer. As there was an objection to that proposal, a secret ballot took place in accordance with Standing Order 6.8. Prior to the vote, the Llywydd invited Huw Irranca–Davies to address the Senedd.

In accordance with Standing Order 12.18, the meeting was suspended at 14.07 for the secret ballot.

The meeting resumed at 14.44.

The results of the secret ballot were as follows:

For	Against	Abstain	Result
85	9	1	95

Therefore, Huw Irranca–Davies was elected as Llywydd.



At 14.46, the newly elected Llywydd took the Chair.

2 Election of the Deputy Presiding Officer under Standing Order 6

The item started at 14.47

The Llywydd (Huw Irranca–Davies) invited nominations in accordance with Standing Order 6.6.

Matthew Jones nominated Kerry Ferguson. Anthony Slaughter seconded the nomination.

There were no other nominations. Therefore, the Llywydd proposed that Kerry Ferguson be elected as Deputy Presiding Officer. As there were no objections, the Llywydd declared Kerry Ferguson elected as the Deputy Presiding Officer.

3 Nomination of the First Minister under Standing Order 8

The item started at 14.51

The Senedd resolved to take nominations for the appointment of First Minister, in accordance with Standing Order 12.11.

The Llywydd invited nominations for the appointment of First Minister, in accordance with Standing Order 8.2.

Zaynub Akbar nominated Rhun ap Iorwerth.

Llŷr Powell nominated Dan Thomas.

Andrew RT Davies nominated Darren Millar.

As there were three nominations, a vote was conducted by roll call. The Llywydd invited each Member present to vote for a candidate. Members were called in alphabetical order. In accordance with Standing Order 8.2, neither the Llywydd nor the Deputy Presiding Officer were permitted to vote.

The results of the roll call were as follows:

Rhun ap Iorwerth	Dan Thomas	Darren Millar	Abstain
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44	34	7	9
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In accordance with section 47(4) of the Government of Wales Act, the Llywydd stated his intention to recommend to His Majesty the appointment of Rhun ap Iorwerth as First Minister. The Llywydd invited the First Minister and party leaders to address the Senedd.

In accordance with Standing Order 12.8, the Llywydd will ensure that Members are informed of the date and time of the next meeting.

The meeting concluded at 15.33.