

## MEET THE NEW GAUTENG CABINET



*From top left to right:* Ms Thuliswa Winlove Khawe, Mr Lebogang Maile, Ms Faith Mazibuko, Mr Panyaza Lesufi, Ms Nomantu Nkomo-Ralehoko, Dr Kgosientso Ramakgopa  
*From bottom left to right:* Mr Jacob Mamabolo, Ms Mbali Hlophe, Mr David Makhura (Premier), Ms Tasneem Motara and Dr Bandile Masuku

Gauteng Premier, David Makhura, announced Members of the Executive Council for the 6th administration who were sworn into office by Judge President Dunstan Mlambo of the Gauteng Division of the South African High Court.

Premier Makhura congratulated the new MECs and urged them to serve the people of Gauteng with unwavering loyalty and integrity.

“Let us remember that we are servants of the people, not celebrities. We must carry ourselves with the utmost humility and impeccable integrity at all times”, said Makhura.

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The Premier said the team’s mandate is to deliver on Gauteng’s clear priorities, which include growing an inclusive economy that creates more decent jobs, improved healthcare system, building an efficient, reliable, safe and affordable public transport system amongst others.

“The people of our province want a smart, ethical and efficient public administration that uses technology and modern management practices to ensure that citizens access government services with ease”, added Makhura.

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## MR DAVID MAKHURA GAUTENG PREMIER

Malemolla David Makhura, 51, was elected on 22 May 2019 as Premier of Gauteng, South Africa's most populous province and economic hub.

Makhura is responsible for convening meetings of the council and he is the leader of government with regard to the provincial legislative programme. He is also the head of the provincial delegation to the National Council of Provinces. Furthermore, the Office of the Premier gives strategic direction to provincial departments by developing policy and the Provincial Plan of Action.

In addition, the Premier is the head of the Gauteng Provincial Government. The Premier of a province is responsible for—

- assenting to and signing Bills;
- referring a Bill back to the provincial legislature for reconsideration of the Bill's constitutionality;
- referring a Bill to the Constitutional Court for a decision on the Bill's constitutionality;
- summoning the legislature to an extraordinary sitting to conduct special business;
- appointing commissions of inquiry; and
- calling a referendum in the province in accordance with national legislation.

Makhura is a trustee of the Ahmed Kathrada Foundation. He is also a trustee of a trust which supports the educational, artistic, cultural and sports development of children from townships and villages.

In May 2014, Makhura was elected as a Member of the Provincial Legislature and as Premier of Gauteng, South Africa's economic hub and most populous province, a position he held until his reappointment in May 2019. Together with ANC cadres deployed to the Executive Council, Makhura pioneered numerous governance innovations which have seen qualitative improvements in governance such as significant milestones in clean governance; robust and active engagements with communities through Ntirhisano; an open and transparent procurement system; opening opportunities for youth to enter the labour market; township economy revitalisation; empowering young women and girl children; reindustrialisation of various development corridors of Gauteng; the shift to mega human settlements and post-apartheid cities and Rapid Land Release Programme; as well as the structured bi-monthly sessions with MECs and HODs to track delivery on agreed targets and outcomes and give feedback on the performance of various departments.

Between 1997 and 2001, Makhura was the National Education Secretary and subsequently the Deputy General Secretary of the National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union (NEHAWU). He was also a member of COSATU's Central Executive Committee and served in the Political Commission and Education Committee of the trade union federation during the same period.

At the 121st Metropolis World Congress held in Montreal in Canada in June 2017, Makhura was elected as Co-President of the Metropolis, the world association of the largest metropolitan regions and cities in the globe. In this capacity, he is also the Convenor of African Metropolitan Cities and City Regions.

*Our Plan – Growing Gauteng Together – will set specific targets to achieve specific goals in all areas of priority over the next five years.*  
- Premier David Makhura

## MR ANDREK PANYAZA LESUFI MEC FOR EDUCATION

Andrek Panyaza Lesufi, 49, was appointed on 29 May 2019 as the Member of the Executive Council (MEC) for Education.

In his portfolio, Lesufi's main responsibilities include ensuring smart service delivery of quality public education, promoting a dynamic citizenship for socio-economic growth and development. He is tasked with ensuring that the department is at the cutting edge of curriculum delivery and providing access to quality lifelong learning opportunities. He is an advocate of Information Technology Communication (ICT) in schools and has been pushing the provincial government's initiative of the paperless classes.

Lesufi served in government in various positions such as Special Advisor to the Minister of Basic Education, Head of Communications for Education, the SCORPIONS and the South African Police Service (SAPS), and served as the MEC for Education from 2014, a position he held until 22 May 2019.

## DR KGOSIENTSO RAMAKGOPA MEC FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

Dr Kgosientso Ramakgopa, 44, was appointed on 29 May 2019 as the Member of the Executive Council (MEC) for Economic Development, Agriculture and Environment.

In his portfolio, Dr Ramakgopa's responsibilities include ensuring transformation and modernisation of the economy and building township economies by supporting the development of township enterprises, cooperatives and SMMEs that produce goods and services and participate in the mainstream economy. He will drive the building of sustainable partnerships with the key players in the economy to promote growth and employment in the Province.

Dr Ramakgopa was elected as the Mayor of the City of Tshwane in 2010, and served in that position until 2016. He also served as the CEO of the Metropolitan Trading Company (MTC), an entity of the City of Johannesburg, and of the Johannesburg Market. He is the Deputy Chairperson of the Board of Trade Investment in Limpopo.

## MS NOMANTU NKOMO-RALEHOKO MEC FOR FINANCE AND e-GOVERNMENT

Nomantu Nkomo-Ralehoko, 53, was appointed on 29 May 2019 as the Member of the Executive Council (MEC) for Education.

In her portfolio Nkomo-Ralehoko's main responsibilities include providing strategic and operational support to the Province

towards the achievement of inclusive growth, whilst ensuring that the financial resources of the Gauteng Provincial Government are managed properly. She is also tasked with maximising alternative sources of funding for provincial government through investment promotion and with providing a dedicated and professional back-office support service to all the departments of the provincial government.

In 1999 Nkomo-Ralehoko became a Member of the Provincial Legislature (MPL). In 2009 she served as the Chairperson of the Roads and Transport Committee. She has occupied a number of positions including that of Administrative Secretary, and was also promoted to the Education Office of the South African Railway and Harbour Workers Union (SARHWU).

## MR LBOGANG MAILE MEC FOR HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, URBAN PLANNING AND COGTA

Lebogang Maile, 39, was appointed on 29 May 2019 as the Member of the Executive Council (MEC) for Human Settlements, Urban Planning and COGTA.

In his portfolio, Maile is tasked with providing modern human settlements solutions for Gauteng residents and coordinating the effective functioning of local government to promote sustainable development in communities. He is also tasked with urban management and promoting spatial transformation.

In June 2014 Maile was appointed as MEC for Economic Development and later his responsibilities were extended to include Environment, Agriculture and Rural Development. In 2010, Maile was appointed as the MEC for Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation, a position he held until June 2014. During his tenure as MEC for Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation, Maile was a strong advocate of development, access to sporting and library facilities. He was at the forefront of the revitalisation of facilities such as the Bob Van Renen Sport Complex and also played a lead role in the utilisation of uniform standards in the building of libraries.

Maile was elected as a Member of the Gauteng Provincial Legislature in 2009 and he served in the Education, Finance and Scrutiny and Subordinate Legislation committees. He was a chairperson of the Gauteng Youth Commission from 2006 to 2009.

## MS THULISWA WINLOVE KHAWE MEC FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Thuliswa Winlove Khawe, 46, was appointed on 29 May 2019 as the Member of the Executive Council (MEC) for Social Development.

As the MEC for Social Development, Khawe's key responsibilities include ensuring that the needs of the vulnerable members of society are catered for. These include child feeding schemes at schools, provision of learnerships, and assisting the needy with healthcare, food, clothing and shelter.

Khawe has been a Member of the Gauteng Legislature since 2009, and has served on a number of committees which include the Standing Committee on Public Accounts (SCOPA), Public Transport, and Social



Development. She served as the SANCO National Administrator from 1994 until 1998. She was later appointed to the position of SANCO Investment Holding (SIH) Senior Administrator from 1999 until 2004. She was appointed to the position of Parliamentary Liaison Officer (PLO) for the Department of Social Development in 2006.

### **MS FAITH MAZIBUKO MEC FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY**

Nonhlanhla Faith Mazibuko, 54, was appointed on 29 May 2019 as the Member of the Executive Council (MEC) for Community Safety.

In this portfolio Mazibuko has to work with the police and law enforcement agencies ensure that Gauteng is a safe and secure province. Her department is entrusted with responsibilities that include monitoring policing agencies, implementing crime-prevention initiatives, managing traffic, educating citizens about public safety and improving the relationship between communities and law enforcement agencies.

After the national general elections in 2009, Mazibuko was appointed as the MEC for Infrastructure Development – a position she held until November 2010 when she was appointed as MEC for Community Safety. She held this position until May 2014 when she was appointed as the MEC for Social Development. She was then appointed as the MEC for Sports, Arts, Culture and Recreation, a position she held until 22 May 2019.

Mazibuko was chairperson of the Women's Caucus and party whip in the Gauteng Provincial Legislature. In 2005, she was elected as a Member of Parliament and served at the National Council of Provinces where she served as a provincial whip and chairperson of the Joint Monitoring Committee on the improvement of life and the status of women.

### **MR JACOB MAMABOLO MEC FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE**

Jacob Mamabolo, 50, was appointed on 29 May 2019 as the Member of the Executive Council (MEC) for Public Transport and Road Infrastructure.

As MEC for Public Transport and Road Infrastructure, Mamabolo is tasked with improving mobility and accessibility by developing freight and public transport and socio-economic infrastructure that assists residents to participate meaningfully in economic and social activities. The Department's vision is to develop an integrated, sustainable transport infrastructure that promotes accessible, safe and affordable movement of people, goods and services.

Before his current appointment, Mamabolo was the MEC for Infrastructure Development. In 2014 he was appointed as MEC for Human Settlement and COGTA, a position he held until 2016.

Mamabolo has worked as a civil servant for over 10 years, starting as an Office Manager for the former Deputy Minister of the Department of Correctional Services. He also worked for the Department of Home Affairs as a Parliamentary Liaison Officer and rose through the ranks to become the Chief of Staff.

Mamabolo was also appointed Project Manager of the Home Affairs Turn-Around Strategy which is recognised as one of the best practice models in the public sector.

He was also head of the Home Affairs 2010 Soccer World Cup Project. Following his success in the World Cup, he was then appointed Chief Director responsible for Ports of Entry. He later joined the Department Public Works as head of Change Management, supporting the Turn-Around Strategy in the National Department of Public Works.

### **MS TASNEEM MOTARA MEC FOR INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT**

Tasneem Motara, 36, was appointed on 29 May 2019 as the Member of the Executive Council (MEC) for Infrastructure Development.

In her portfolio, Motara's key responsibilities are to ensure that the Department accelerates the integrated service delivery, maintenance and management of public infrastructure and maximise the social and economic benefits of GPG's property portfolio.

Until her appointment as MEC, Motara served as a member of the National Council of Provinces (NCOP) in Parliament. Her responsibility as an MP was to liaise between the Gauteng Provincial Legislature and Parliament. She also served as a whip in the multi-party caucus where she was responsible for determining the programme of the NCOP. In 2014 she worked for the Department of Infrastructure as Deputy Director for Youth. She has also worked as a project manager for Enzani Technologies. Between 2010 and 2012 she was the Deputy Chairperson of the National Youth Development Agency.

### **MS MBALI HLOPHE MEC FOR SPORT, ARTS, CULTURE AND RECREATION**

Mbali Hlophe, 36, was appointed on 29 May 2019 as the Member of the Executive Council (MEC) for Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation.

In her portfolio, Hlophe's key responsibilities include ensuring equitable access to sports and recreational facilities and creating

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opportunities for communities, whilst promoting social cohesion through sport, arts, culture and recreation.

Hlophe's professional career entails experience both in the ANC and in government, where she served in a senior management role in the Department Public Enterprises. Her duties involved monitoring and tracking of developments within strategic integrated projects (SIPS) in Transnet and Eskom. She has also worked at the headquarters of the ANC where she served as Communications and Information manager in the Secretary-General's office.

### **DR BANDILE EDGAR WALLACE MASUKU MEC FOR HEALTH**

Dr Bandile Edgar Wallace Masuku, 43, was appointed on 29 May 2019 as the Member of the Executive Council (MEC) for Health.

Masuku's immediate responsibilities in his portfolio include turning around the public health system in the Province by providing quality health services and implementing best-practice healthcare strategies to create a positive work environment for staff, whilst providing appropriate and top-quality training for health workers.

Masuku has served in various positions within the medical field such as Medical Officer, Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Charlotte Maxeke Hospital; Registrar/Obstetrics & Gynaecology (Wits University); Consultant: Obstetrics & Gynaecology at Pholosong Hospital and Chris Hani Baragwanath Academic Hospital. He was then appointed Head of Clinical Unit (Obstetrics & Gynaecology) at Thelle Mogoerane Regional Hospital (TMRH), a position he held until his appointment as the MEC for Health in May 2019.

