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 Kgosietsos Ramakgopa. From bottom left to right: Mr Jacob Mamabolo, Ms Mbali Hlophe, Mr David Makhura (Premier), Ms Tasneem Motara and Dr Bandile Masuku

PROFILES FOR MEMBERS OF THE GAUTENG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MR DAVID MAKHURA
GAUTENG PREMIER

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

Key Responsibilities
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.

Biography
Makhura was born on 22 February 1968 at Mara Buysdorp Hospital in Soutpansberg District of Limpopo province, near to the Mapungubwe World Heritage Site. He is married to Mpho and they have three children. He volunteers his vast experience on governance matters and he also finds time to be a volunteer instructor at the Centre for Education in Economics and Finance (CEEF Africa). He holds a Master of Science (MSc) Degree in Public Policy and Management from the University of London.
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.

**Previous Positions**

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 men 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.

**Political Participation**

Makhura was introduced to politics in Alexandra Township where he became a member of the Black Consciousness Movement in 1984 and later joined COSAS in 1985. He was recruited into the ANC and SACP in 1986 and 1987, respectively. Between 1984 and 2004, he was involved in student and youth politics, including - Azanian Student Movement (AZASM), Congress of South African Students (COSAS, South African National Students’ Congress (SANSCO), South African Students’ Congress (SASCO, South African Youth Congress (SAYCO and ANCYL.

Makhura served in various leadership positions, including as the President of the SRC at Turffoop University (1990, 1992), National President of the South African Student Congress (1994-1996); ANC Youth League NEC member (1998-2004).

Between 2001 and 2014, he served as a member of the PEC and an ex-officio member of the NEC. He served in several sub-committees of the ANC NEC – Drafting, Political Education, Organising and Campaigns.

Makhura was the First Convener of the SACP National Youth Desk, in preparation for the formation of the Young Communist League of South Africa.

He was elected and served as the ANC Gauteng Provincial Secretary from 2001 until 2014, Provincial Deputy Chairperson from 2014 until 2018 and is currently the Provincial Chairperson elected at the 13th Provincial Conference of the ANC held in July 2018.

As the Provincial Secretary of the ANC, Makhura was responsible for overseeing policy implementation and governance. This included overseeing the ANC Caucuses in the provincial legislature and municipalities. He played a key role in the introduction of a performance monitoring and evaluation system in the ANC in Gauteng, overseeing the performance of provincial and local government in the province, and working with all the ANC mayors and three successive ANC premiers over a decade. To date, the ANC has institutionalised the mid-term and end-of-term government performance reviews.

Makhura has been part of several delegations of the ANC and NEHAWU that visited sister parties and trade unions on the African continent, China, Cuba, Latin America and Europe to exchange experiences on party-building, political education, socio-economic development, statecraft and international relations.
MR ANDREK PANYAZA LESUFI
MEC FOR EDUCATION

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

Key Responsibilities
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.

Biography
Lesufi was born on 4 September 1969 in Tembisa, Ekurhuleni, where he also grew up. He matriculated at Vital Link Student Cooperation. He led youth and student structures in Tembisa before being arrested under the 1988 Apartheid Emergency Regulation for belonging to then banned organisations such as the ANC, Umkhonto weSizwe (MK) and COSAS. He went on to study Business Administration at the University of Natal in Durban where he was elected the President of the Student Representative Council (SRC). He served in the Senate, Council and EXCO of the University and was awarded the Best SRC President Ever Award by the University of Natal in recognition of his leadership qualities, as well as the Albert Luthuli Inter-Personal Relations Award presented to him by former President Thabo Mbeki. He holds a Master’s Degree in Business Administration (MBA).

Previous Positions
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.

Political Participation
Inquisitive and adventurous, Lesufi has played multiple roles in the theatre of his life. He served for three terms as Branch Secretary of the ANC Tembisa Branch, before becoming Deputy Regional Secretary of the then ANC Kayalami Region, a position he held for almost nine years, and was the founding Deputy Regional Secretary of the ANC Ekurhuleni Region.

Lesufi has been a member of the Provincial Executive Committee (PEC) since 2007, and attended almost all National Conferences and Policy Conferences of the ANC. He serves in the National Communications Forum as well as on various ANC sub-committees. In 2014, he was re-elected in the provincial PEC of the ANC and in 2018, he was elected as the Provincial Deputy Chairperson.

Lesufi is the founding leader of the Association of Senior Managers of the State (ASMOS) – a body that coordinates the affairs of senior managers in government. He also worked within the NGO sector as Outreach Manager of the Tembisa Careers Centre, in community structures such as Community Policing Forums (CPFs), as Secretary of COSAS and the South African Tertiary Institutions Sports Congress (SATISCO-Durban), and as Chairperson of the Creative Arts Society (CASOC).

DR KGOSIENTSO RAMAKGOPA
MEC FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

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

Key Responsibilities
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 role players in the economy to promote growth and employment in the Province.
Biography

Dr Ramakgopa was born in January 1975 in Atteridgeville, Tshwane. He attended Seaparankwe Lower Primary School, proceeded to Patogeng Higher Primary School and finished his High School education at Hofmeyr High School.

His qualifications include a PhD from the University of Pretoria, BSc Civil Engineering from the University of Durban-Westville, Master of Public Administration from the University of Pretoria, Master of Business Leadership from the University of South Africa, and a Certificate in Executive Leadership from the University of Stellenbosch.

Previous Positions

Dr Ramokgopa 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.

Political Participation

Dr Ramokgopa is a member of the PEC of the ANC in Gauteng. He has held a number of leadership positions, including SASCO Branch Chairperson at the then University of Durban Westville between 1995 to 1996. He was later appointed as Secretary General of the SRC in 1997. He also served as ANC Tshwane Emma Sathekge (Ward 51) Branch Chairperson, and served as the ANC Atteridgeville Zonal Chair between 2003 and 2004.

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

Current Position

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

Key Responsibilities

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.

Biography

Nkomo-Ralehoko was born on 06 June 1966 in Engcobo, Eastern Cape. She completed her primary education at Mbekweni Primary School, and she completed her high school education at Nyanga High School. She holds various higher education qualifications including a Post Graduate Diploma in Public Policy and Development from the University of Witwatersrand and a Post Graduate Diploma in Economic Principles from the University of London. She is currently studying towards a Post Graduate Diploma in Strategic Management at the University of Johannesburg School of Leadership.

Previous Positions

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).

Political Participation

Nkomo-Ralehoko is the Provincial Deputy Secretary of the ANC in Gauteng. She was assigned the position of Chief Administrator for the Voter Education Department of the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) in 1994 after which she assumed a support position at the “Malibongwe” wing of the ANC. She served as ANC Whip between 2001- 2004. She has also served as a Political Education Officer and Assistant Secretary in the ANCWL.
MR LEOBANG MAILE
MEC FOR HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, URBAN PLANNING AND COGTA

Current Position

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

Key Responsibilities

In his portfolio, Maile is tasked with providing modern human settlement 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.

Biography

Maile was born on 26 December 1979 in Kempton Park. He grew up in Gauteng’s oldest township, Alexandra, which gave him an intimate sense of the struggles facing Black people in South Africa under apartheid. Maile completed his matric at Crawford College. He is currently pursuing a Post Graduate Diploma in Governance and Public Relations at the Wits School of Governance. He is married to Palesa Maile and has four children – Molemo, Molegoheng, Motheo and Mahlatse. An avid writer, Maile is a constant contributor on a variety of issues in the print media.

Previous Positions

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.

Political Participation

Maile served in several leadership positions, among them as president of the student movement, the Congress of South African Student (COSAS), Provincial Secretary of the ANC Youth League in Gauteng and Chairperson of the ANC Youth League in the Province. He is currently a member of the ANC Gauteng Provincial Executive Committee.

MS THULISWA WINLOVE KHAWE
MEC FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Current Position

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

Key Responsibilities

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.

Biography

Khawe was born on 4 January 1973. She completed her primary education at Emalahleni Primary School. She completed her High School education at Embizeni High School in Ladysmith.

Khawe went on to further her studies at various institutions of higher learning. She holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Governance and Leadership from Wits University. Her other qualifications include a Diploma in Public Development and Management and a Diploma in Human Resource Management.
Previous Positions

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.

Political Participation

Khawe became involved in politics and community activism at a young age. During the late 80s she joined ACTSTOP (a civic organisation) and quickly rose through its ranks. She was involved in the formation of the South African National Civic Organisation (SANCO) where she served in various leadership positions.

MS FAITH MAZIBUKO
MEC FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY

Current Position

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

Key Responsibilities

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.

Biography

Mazibuko was born on 2 April 1965 in Nigel, Ekurhuleni. She completed her junior primary education at the Jabavu East Community School, and then attended St Matthews Roman Catholic School in Moroka. She completed her high school education at Sekano-Ntoane Senior Secondary School. She obtained numerous qualifications from various academic institutions, including a BA (UNISA); Strategic Leadership Certificate (Wits); Public & Parliamentary Leadership course (Rhodes); Certificate in Leadership & Communication (Rhodes); Oversight & Monitoring Certificate (UCT); and the Community-Based Development Programme: Youth Skills Development Programme.

Previous Positions

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 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.

Political Participation

Mazibuko is the Chairperson of the ANC Women’s League in Gauteng. She is an ex-officio member of the ANC NEC the Women’s League, and she also sits on the PEC of the Gauteng ANC.
MR JACOB MAMABOLO  
MEC FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE

Current Position

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

Key Responsibilities

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.

Biography

Mamabolo was born on 10 March 1969. He has a passion for education and knowledge. His qualifications include a Senior Diploma in Teaching, a degree in law (B.Proc), and a Master’s Degree in Public Administration. He is also a registered PHD, Public Administration student with the University of South Africa.

Previous positions

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.

Political participation

Mamabolo’s political consciousness emerged at an early age informed by the harsh political and economic circumstances of the time. Restless and decisive, he took a decision to become a student activist and served as President of the South African Student Congress (SASCO). He also served as National Coordinator of the Young Communist League Steering Committee which later gave birth to the Young Communist League in 2003.

After completing high school Mamabolo enrolled for and studied teaching. His leadership and activism did not go unnoticed. He was elected as President of the Student Representative Council (SRC) while studying at Mokopane Teachers College. This paved the way for him to take up leadership roles within the teachers’ union – South African Democratic Teachers Union (Sadtu).

He is also the Provincial Secretary of the South African Communist Party (SACP), and a Provincial Executive Committee (PEC) member of the African National Congress (ANC). Mamabolo has extensive public service and leadership experience accumulated over many years both in senior management positions and political activism.
MS TASNEEM MOTARA
MEC FOR INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

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

Key Responsibilities
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.

Biography
Motara was born on 7 December 1982 in Benoni, Ekurhuleni. She matriculated in 2005 at Benoni High School. She holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree specialising in Economics and Public Administration from UNISA. She also has certificate in Governance and Leadership from Wits Business School, as well as a certificate in the Harvard Manager Mentor Programme from Harvard Business School.

Previous Positions
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.

Political Participation
Motara is a member of the PEC of the ANC and currently serves as the provincial spokesperson for the ANC. She grew up in a very politically active home and joined the ANC Youth League in 2000, serving in Benoni, Ekurhuleni. She served in the ANCYL up until 2013 and she has been in the ANC Branch Executive Committee of different wards and branches in Benoni. She also served in SASCO.

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

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

Key Responsibilities
In her portfolio, Hlophe’s key responsibilities include ensuring equitable access to sports and recreational facilities and creating opportunities for communities, whilst promoting social cohesion through sport, arts, culture and recreation.

Biography
Hlophe was born on 7 February 1983 in Pimville, Soweto. She did her Secondary schooling at Parktown High School for Girls and proceeded to Wits University where she studied Property Investment and Practice. She also did Development Studies at UNISA.

Previous Positions
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.
Political Participation

Hlophe cut her political teeth in the student movement, SASCO, where she led the branch as the chair at Wits University from 2006 to 2008. She was also elected as Wits SRC President which subsequently led her to being elected as the first female Deputy President of SASCO and also the first female Secretary-General of the South Union of Students (SAUS), an umbrella body of all SRCs in the country.

**DR BANDILE EDGAR WALLACE MASUKU**

**MEC FOR HEALTH**

**Current Position**

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

**Key Responsibilities**

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.

**Biography**

Masuku, a healthcare activist, was born on 02 November 1975 in Soweto, Johannesburg. He completed his primary education at Sibongile Primary School, and went on to attend Bafikile Higher Primary School in Soweto. He completed his high school education at Sekano-Ntoane Senior Secondary School. He obtained his first medical qualification in 2004 after graduating with a MBCHB at Medunsa. He went on to the Fellowship College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Wits University, where he was further conferred with a Master’s degree in Medicine.

**Previous positions**

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.

**Political Participation**

Masuku held a number of leadership roles, which include SRC President at Medunsa between 1998 and 1999; SASCO National President from 2002 to 2004; he was a member of the ANC’s NHI Task Team between 2005 and 2006; ANC NEC Subcommittee Coordinator from 2009 until 2014; ANCYL Provincial Treasury form2008 to 2010; and ANCYL National Spokesperson and National Policy Coordinator between 2013 and 2015.