



# SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL SERVICE PROFESSIONS

## STATEMENT ON 65<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF COUNCIL

5 September 2022

The newly constituted 5<sup>th</sup> Council held its first (1st) meeting, the 65<sup>th</sup> meeting in Pretoria, on 19 August 2022. This first meeting of this newly constituted 5<sup>th</sup> Council was convened and held in line with regulation 21(1) of Social Service Professions Act 110 of 1978.

The first order of business was to elect a President and Vice-President for the 5<sup>th</sup> Council. Congratulations to Dr Rembuluwani Paul Mbedzi who was elected as President and Mr Murendeni Muridili who was elected as Vice-President in terms of Section 7(1) of the Act.

The newly elected President of Council continued to chair the 65<sup>th</sup> meeting, which dealt with urgent matters and establish Committees of Council in terms of sections 9, 10 and 21(7) of the Act. The following Committees were established to assist Council in the execution of its powers and the performance of its functions, and Members were designated:

- **Executive Committee** (section 9(1)) was established, and the following Members were designated by Council to serve on this Committee: Dr Paul Mbedzi (President), Mr Murendeni (Deputy President), Mr Bishop Thibela, Mr André Viviers, Ms Hloni Ndlovu, Dr Merle Allsopp, Ms Civil Legodu, Mr Sdumo Masilela, Commissioner Leonardo Goosen and Dr Seithathi Motebang
- **Human Resources and Remunerations Committee** (section 10(1)) was established, and the following Members were designated by Council to serve on this Committee: Mr Murendeni Muridili, Commissioner Leonardo Goosen, Mr Sdumo Masilela, Mr Bishop Thibela, Prof Kgashane Malesa and Ms Civil Legodu
- **Finance and Administration Committee** (section 10(1)) was established, and the following Members were designated by Council to serve on this Committee: Ms Caroline Mokhele, Mr Alfred Harris, Prof Fikile Mazibuko, Dr Paul Mbedzi and Dr Seithathi Motebang
- **Communication and Public Relations Committee** (section 10(1)) was established, and the following Members were designated by Council to serve on this Committee: Mr André Viviers, Ms Hloni Ndlovu and Mr Sdumo Masilela
- **IT and Business Re-engineering Committee** (section 10(1)) was established, and the following Members were designated by Council to serve on this Committee: Mr Murendeni, Dr Merle Allsopp and Dr Seithathi Motebang
- **Registrations Committee** (section 10(1)) was established, and the following Members were designated by Council to serve on this Committee: Ms Lesley Du Toit and Ms Tembisa Jimana

- **Education, Training and Development Committee** (section 10(1)) was established, and the following Members were designated by Council to serve on this Committee: Prof Fikile Mazibuko, Ms Nicolette V D Walt, Mr Cornelius Francisco, Mr Alfred Harris and Ms Malebo Mokone
- **Risk and Audit Committee** (section 10(1)) was established, and the following Members were designated by Council to serve on this Committee: Ms Tembisa Jimana and Prof Kgashane Malesa
- **Committee of Preliminary Inquiry (CPI)** (section 10(1)) was established, and the following Members were designated by Council to serve on this Committee: Prof Kgashane Malesa
- **CPI Appeals Committee** (section 10(1)) was established, was established, and the following Members were designated by Council to serve on this Committee: Mr André Viviers, Mr Murendeni Muridili and Mr Sdumo Masilela
- **Professional Conduct Committee** (section 21(7)) was established, and the following Members were designated by Council to serve on this Committee: Mr Linda Maphalala; Dr Paul Mbedzi; Ms Civil Legodu, Mr Bishop Thibela; Mr Alfred Harris; Commissioner Leonardo Goosen and Ms Nicolette VD Walt

Council further resolved during the meeting that each Professional Board (Professional Board for Social Work and Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work) will designate Members to serve on the section 10 and section 21(7) Committees to give effect to the section 3(p) and (q) of the Social Service Professions Act 110 of 1978.

The full list of Committees will be published on the SACSSP's website in due course ([www.sacssp.co.za](http://www.sacssp.co.za)).

Furthermore, Council designated in terms of section 5(4)(b) Mr Alfred Harris to represent Council on the Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work and in terms of section 5(4)(a) Ms Malebo Mokone to represent Council on the Professional Board for Social Work.

Council also confirmed during the meeting that dates for the official handover from the 4<sup>th</sup> Council to the 5<sup>th</sup> Council as to ensure a smooth transition.

The new President of Council, Dr Mbedzi, thanked all Members for entrusting the office bearers and for their fruitful participation in the newly constituted Council's first meeting and reaffirmed Council's commitment to serve the sector in line with its statutory mandate in a respectful and responsive manner in the interest of the professions and the public.

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## ABOUT THE SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL FOR SERVICE PROFESSIONS

The South African Council for Social Service Professions (SACSSP) is an autonomous statutory body established in terms of section 2 of the Social Service Professions Act 110 of 1978. The SACSSP discharges its mandate, subject to the provisions of the Social Service Professions Act 110 of 1978 together with the Regulations and Rules thereto, as the determining, guiding and directing authority body for the the social service professions of social work and child and youth care work in the country. The SACSSP fulfils this role through Council constituted in terms of section 5 of the Act and the Professional Board for Social Work and the Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work established in terms of section 14A of the Act, by setting the standards for education and training of social service professionals (qualifications and continuous professional development); registration of social service professionals as a requirement to practice; setting standards for and exercise effective control over the professional conduct (including ethics) of social service professionals as well as by taking policy resolutions as guidelines for the practising of the social service professions under its auspices. Thus, protecting the integrity of the social service professions as well as the interest of the public at large. It is a legal requirement in terms of the Social Service Professions Act 110 of 1978 for a social worker, social auxiliary worker, student social worker, student social auxiliary worker, child and youth care worker (professional level), child and youth care worker (auxiliary level) and student child and youth care worker (at professional level or auxiliary level of study) to be registered and in good standing in terms of his or her registration as condition to practise