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## **UMALUSI WELCOMES NEW COUNCIL**

Umalusi Executive Management is pleased to announce that the Minister of Basic Education, Ms Siviwe Gwarube, has appointed the following people to serve on the seventh Umalusi Council from 8 June 2026 to 7 June 2030:

<b>Name and Surname</b>	<b>Current Occupation</b>
<b>1. Prof TP Msibi Chairperson</b>	Deputy Vice Chancellor: Teaching and Learning, University of KwaZulu-Natal
2. Prof CT Schoole	Full Professor, Faculty of Education, University of Pretoria
3. Dr LG Mokotjo	Head: Academic Development Support Literacies, University of Johannesburg
4. Dr KM Dos Reis	Director, Dos Reis and Venter Education Association
5. Dr V Reddy	Retired Executive Director of the Education and Skills Development Research Programme at the Human Sciences Research Council
6. Prof DJ Hlalele	Dean: Faculty of Education, Sol Plaatje University
7. Dr SP Govender	Education Management Consultancy for Higher Education & Basic Education
8. Dr AZ Ngcobo	Head of Department for Science, Technology and Mathematics, University of KwaZulu-Natal
9. Dr L Mokwana	Deputy Director: Student Affairs, University of Pretoria
10. Dr I Shenall	Senior Manager: Education and Training Quality Assurance, Construction Education and Training Authority
11. Mrs KO Dederen	Retired Head of Department, Limpopo Department of Education
12. Dr M Madiupe	Director: Academic Support Services, University of Mpumalanga
13. Mr MR Tywakadi	Retired Deputy Director-General, Institutional Development-Eastern Cape Department of Education
14. Prof R Govender	Dean of the Faculty of Education, University of the Western Cape
15. Prof NA Tshidzumba	Professor in Communication Science, University of South Africa
16. Dr MS Rakometsi	Chief Executive Officer: Umalusi
17. Dr W Green	Chief Executive Officer: Council on Higher Education
18. Mr V Naidoo	Chief Executive Officer: Quality Council for Trades and Occupations
19. Ms Nadia Starr	Chief Executive Officer: South African Qualifications Authority

The appointment comes after the term of the sixth Council, which was Chaired by Professor Yunus Ballim, came to an end on 7 June 2026.

Professor Thabo Msibi, who served as Deputy Chairperson of the sixth Council, has been appointed as the Chairperson of the seventh Council. The Chief Executive Officers of South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA), Council on Higher Education (CHE), and Quality Council for Trades and Occupations (QCTO) are members of Umalusi Council by virtue of their position as CEOs of sister organisations. Similarly, the CEO of Umalusi serves as a Council member by virtue of his position.

Minister Gwarube will welcome the new Umalusi Council at its inaugural meeting on 25 June 2026 at Umalusi Offices in Pretoria.

Acknowledging that the Council is responsible for maintaining full and effective control of Umalusi while providing strategic direction to management, Umalusi Executive and Senior Management is looking forward to engaging with the new Council members as they constantly review Umalusi's policy framework and strengthen internal governance and quality assurance systems over the next four years.

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