

MEDIA RELEASE	PSA welcomes axing of Gauteng Gambling Board CEO amidst corruption and pension scandal allegations
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The Public Servants Association (PSA) welcomes the decisive action taken by Gauteng MEC for Economic Development to dismiss the Gauteng Gambling Board (GGB) Chief Executive Officer and suspend the Chief Financial Officer following allegations relating to governance failures, maladministration, and financial misconduct at the GGB.

Recent developments affirm the seriousness of allegations that have surfaced publicly in recent weeks. The PSA has for a considerable period raised concerns regarding alleged financial mismanagement, deteriorating governance standards, and administrative failures at the GGB. This overdue intervention is a crucial step towards restoring accountability, ethical governance, and public confidence at the GGB. These matters negatively impacted on employees and the GGB's integrity.

The PSA is extremely concerned by the alleged failure by the GGB to properly honour and pay over statutory pension and provident-fund obligations on behalf of employees. Such conduct, if proven, constitutes a serious violation of labour and pension fund legislation. This may expose responsible officials to criminal and civil liability in terms of South African law, including provisions of the *Pension Funds Act* governing payment of pension-fund contributions. Employees cannot be expected to dedicate their lives to public service whilst their retirement security is compromised through alleged maladministration, neglect, or financial abuse by senior officials entrusted with public resources.

The PSA acknowledges and applauds whistle-blowers who demonstrated courage in exposing alleged corruption, maladministration, and governance failures at the GGB. Whistle-blowers play a critical role in defending transparency, accountability, and ethical governance in public institutions. The PSA calls on authorities to ensure full protection of whistle-blowers against intimidation, victimisation, harassment, or occupational prejudice in line with the *Protected Disclosures Act* and other applicable legislation. People who expose wrongdoing must be protected and supported instead of being targeted for acting in the public interest.

The PSA will formally approach the MEC to request a broader investigation into another GGB senior official for alleged malfeasance, financial mismanagement, and possible dereliction of fiduciary responsibilities connected to the GGB's ongoing governance failures. Accountability cannot end with only one or two people where systemic governance collapse may have occurred. All officials implicated in wrongdoing, financial misconduct, or failures of oversight must be subjected to transparent investigation processes without fear, favour, or political protection.



The PSA calls on law enforcement agencies, including the Hawks and the South African Police Service, to conduct a comprehensive investigation into all allegations relating to fraud, corruption, abuse of office, procurement irregularities, and pension-related statutory non-compliance at the GGB. The PSA is committed to protecting employees, defending clean governance, and ensuring that public institutions operate in a lawful, transparent, and accountable manner consistent with the Constitution and the values of public administration.

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