

MEDIA RELEASE PSA welcomes LGSETA being placed under administration

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The Public Servants Association (PSA), representing employees at the Local Government Sector Education and Training Authority (LGSETA), welcomes the decision by the Minister of Higher Education and Training to place the LGSETA under administration.

This intervention represents a victory for workers and an important step toward restoring trust in public institutions. This decisive action, as published in *Government Gazette No 6521*, on 19 August 2025 in terms of the *Skills Development Act 97 of 1998*, follows repeated concerns raised by the PSA regarding mismanagement, the lack of transparency, and the failure of the LGSETA to fulfil its mandate of empowering workers through quality education and training. For too long, employees have borne the brunt of poor governance, delayed programmes, and ineffective leadership.

The PSA commends the appointment of Mr Zukile Christopher Mvalo as Administrator and urges him to act swiftly to restore integrity, accountability, and efficiency at the LGSETA. The PSA calls on the Administrator to urgently review and set aside the envisaged retrenchment process, which management attempted to advance without full disclosure of relevant information, even after intervention by the Commission for Conciliation, Mediation and Arbitration.

The PSA further calls for immediate engagement with labour stakeholders to ensure that the rebuilding of the LGSETA is transparent, inclusive, and responsive to the needs of workers and communities. The PSA is committed to working with the Administrator and the Department of Higher Education and Training to ensure that the LGSETA delivers on its mandate effectively, ethically, and in the best interest of workers.

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