

PSA mourns the passing of DTPS Chairperson

The PSA has learnt with sadness of the passing of Joseph Vumisa, Chairperson of the Branch: Department of Telecommunications and Postal Services.



Joseph was born on 4 June 1970 in Sharpeville, Gauteng. He matriculated in 1989 at Mohloli Secondary School in Sharpeville. He obtained a National Technical Certificate in Engineering Studies in 2000 and completed a Certificate: Internal Audit Technician in 2007. He also completed the Anti-Corruption in the Public Service training, offered by the National School of Government, in 2009 and 2011. He also obtained a Certificate in Resolving of Crime: Forensic Investigative Auditing in 2016.

Joseph's Public Service career started in 2002 as Administrative Officer in the Internal Audit unit of the Department of Telecommunications and Postal Services. In 2008, he was promoted to Senior Administrative Officer in the same unit. He was exposed to investigations in 2003 and served as Secretary of the Department's Fraud Prevention Committee. In 2006 to 2007, he worked closely on investigations, assisting the Deputy Director: Investigations and from 2009 he started executing preliminary investigations for internally reported cases as referred by the Accounting Officer to Internal Audit. Since 2009, he was providing administrative support to the Departmental Audit Committee, assisting with the recruitment process, reviewing contracts, and Audit Committee and Internal Audit Charters. Joseph also assisted the Chief Audit Executive in facilitating the first External Quality Assurance process of the Departmental Internal Audit in 2014. He was furthermore involved in, amongst others, the Department's Employment Equity Committee and Sports Committee.

Joseph Vumisa became a member of the PSA in March 2005 and served as member of the Branch Management of the Department of Communications (now Department of Telecommunications and Postal Services) from 2008 until his passing. He served as Deputy Chairperson between 2012 and 2017. He also served as Chairperson of the Departmental Bargaining Chamber in 2014. He was elected as Chairperson of the Branch in 2017 and rendered valuable serves related to, amongst others, members' grievances, representation of members in disciplinary hearings and cases referred to the GPSSBC

(conciliation and arbitrations), representing the PSA in Departmental Change Management forums, as well as leading PSA recruitment drives in the Department.

When Joseph became the Chairperson of the DTPS Branch in 2017, the PSA was a minority Union but under his leadership the Union of Choice became the majority Union January 2020.

The PSA has lost a stalwart leader and expresses sincere condolences to Josephs' family, friends and colleagues.

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