



In loving memory of our former Board Member and Chairperson.

Note on the passing of Mr Theledi

It is with deep sorrow that we learn of the passing of Mr Nkosinathi Theledi, our esteemed former Board Member, on 31 July 2024. Mr Theledi's profound impact on GEMS and his unwavering dedication to public service have left an indelible mark on all who knew him.

Career highlights and contributions

Mr Theledi's career was marked by his relentless advocacy for equitable working conditions and his leadership in various capacities. Serving as the General Secretary of the Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union (POPCRU) since 2009 and a member of the Central Executive Committee of the Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU) since 2005, he played a pivotal role in shaping labour policies and improving the lives of countless workers.

Furthermore, his contributions were equally significant at GEMS. Mr Theledi joined our Board in 2010 and served as Chairperson from 2018 to 2019. His leadership was instrumental in guiding the organisation through critical periods of growth and transformation. He championed numerous initiatives to improve member benefits and ensuring governance excellence.

A legacy of leadership and dedication

Mr Theledi's commitment to education and professional development was evident in his academic achievements. He held a National Diploma in Human Resource Management, a B-Tech, and an M-Tech degree in Labour Relations Management. He was pursuing a PhD at Rhodes University, with his research focused on "Joe Slovo's Political Thoughts". His dedication to lifelong learning and his passion for social justice inspired many within our organisation and beyond.

Mr Theledi was a beacon of integrity, compassion, and visionary leadership throughout his tenure. His ability to navigate complex challenges and his unwavering commitment to our members' well-being have left an enduring legacy.

Condolences and remembrance

We extend our deepest condolences to Mr Theledi's family, friends, and colleagues during this difficult time. His absence is deeply felt, but his spirit and contributions will continue to inspire us. In honouring his memory, we reaffirm our commitment to the values he championed and his vision for a more equitable and just society.

Rest in peace, Mr Nkosinathi Theledi.