

MINISTER STRENGTHENS AMATOLA WATER INTERIM BOARD WITH APPOINTING 5 ADDITIONAL MEMBERS



The Minister of Water and Sanitation has recently appointed five additional members to Amatola Water's Interim Board. These appointments are made to ensure stability and strengthen the entity's operational efforts in ensuring that the entity remains a cornerstone in delivering essential water services to communities in the Eastern Cape.

This addition to the Interim Board brings optimism for stronger governance, public administration, human resource development, and operational leadership. Their collective expertise and diverse professional backgrounds are expected to improve the board's capacity of providing strategic oversight and drive the organisation's mission of sustainable water provision.

This also marks a critical step towards addressing critical challenges faced by the entity and with a strengthened leadership team, Amatola Water is better positioned to fulfil its mandate of providing reliable and sustainable water services to the communities it serves. This move also proves the Minister's commitment to promoting governance excellence and sustainable service delivery within the water sector.



Dr. Gaster Sharpley – Chairperson

Dr. Sharpley is a seasoned leader with vast experience in both public and private sectors. A former mayor of Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality, he has held senior roles in provincial governments and served on the boards of notable organisations like the Eastern Cape Development Corporation. His extensive experience spans governance, business, and community development.

He is also a motivational speaker and the founder of the Peggy Nesta Foundation.

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Adv. Sonwabile Mancotywa

Advocate Mancotywa is a registered advocate with the National Bar Council of South Africa and a former CEO of the National Heritage Council. With leadership roles in institutions like the National Lottery and the Gauteng Department of Transport, he brings expertise in governance and regulatory frameworks.

His contributions extend to serving on boards such as the Eastern Cape Parks and Tourism Board and the Raymond Mhlaba Development Agency.



Mr. Gcinikhaya Mpumza

Mr. Mpumza is a retired Member of Parliament with over 20 years of experience in governance and educational leadership. He holds qualifications from prominent institutions, including Harvard University.

He has led various organisations in the Eastern Cape, such as the Alfred Nzo District Municipality and South African Local Government Association and began his career as a senior secondary school principal.



Ms. Nomfundo Douw-Jack

Ms. Douw-Jack is a human resource expert with a stellar record in public sector leadership. Her roles have included heading operations for the provincial Department of Employment and Labour and representing South Africa on international labour platforms.

She has a strong background in change management, corporate services, and policy implementation. She is also the founder of Luphawu Empowerment Solutions.



Ms. Litha Geza

Ms. Geza has over 25 years of public sector experience, with expertise in organisational development, leadership coaching, and change management. She has served on governance committees and advised on transformational initiatives, including her current role as Change Management Advisor for the Parliament of South Africa.

Ms. Geza is also the CEO of Lithalelanga Coaching and Consulting.