

Curriculum Vitae

Magesvari Govender

1. CONTACT INFORMATION

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2. Leadership and Board experience:

2.1 As part of the government executive:

- From May 2009 to November served on the KZN Provincial Cabinet (called the Executive Council), in charge of the Human Settlements and Public Works portfolio. This entailed exercising political oversight over the Departments of Human Settlements and Public Works to see that the policies and programmes adopted by government were being implemented and ensuring that good governance and sound financial management was in place. In that period strict financial controls were implemented to curb unnecessary expenditure and to ensure that funds were diverted to service delivery. I was a strong advocate against corrupt practices and in this period was able to ensure that some of the defaulters were brought to book.----

2.2 As a member of the provincial legislature from November 2009 – 29 May 2024

- 2014- 29 May 2024. Chairperson: Standing Committee on Public Accounts, Member: Finance Portfolio Committee, Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs Portfolio Committee, Standing Committee on Oversight, KwaZulu-Natal Health Portfolio Committee. These various portfolios required me to hold the respective government departments, Executive Authorities, Accounting Authorities and senior management of the departments to account. I chaired the Standing Committee on Public Accounts and we were able to get provincial departments to account for their audit outcomes and their use of public funds. We were also able to reduce/curb fruitless and wasteful expenditure and to reduce and/or eliminate irregular expenditure. This was quite successful with the Auditor-General commending KZN for its improved audit outcomes. We developed sound working relationships with stakeholders such as the Auditor-General, the Public Service Commission, the Commission for Gender Equality, the Human Rights Commission and the SIU. worked with the .-----
- 2011- 2014: Chairperson: Portfolio Committee on Health, Member: Public Accounts Standing Committee, Finance Portfolio Committee, Public Works Portfolio Committee, Alternate member: Human Settlements Portfolio Committee, Environment and Conservation Portfolio Committee. Serving on these portfolios entailed exercising oversight over the line Departments, ensuring that that budgets were prepared in line with government and departmental priorities, that financial and performance plans were drawn up and implemented and ensuring that human resources and

performance management were monitored. It also entailed monitoring departments to ensure that good governance was in place.---

Local government, from 2006-2009: ANC PR Councillor: Ethekezi Metropolitan Council. Member of Housing Committee and ANC whip of Economic Development Committee. ANC representative on the Durban Transitional Metropolitan Council. Member of team that drafted the constitution for the new local authority. ANC representation on South Durban Local Council

2.3 Governance experiences, boards etc: Member: Executive Council: Convocation of the University of Durban-Westville, Executive member: Aryan Benevolent Home Council

, Executive member: Arya Yuvuk Sabha,

Board member of the New Beginnings Training and Development organisation Board

Represented the KZN Legislature on the Public Office-bearers Pension Fund Board.

Trustee: Welbedacht Development Trust, Chatsworth Community Youth Development Trust, Billy and Elsie Nair Trust, Education and Training Unit

2.4 In academia: from April 2003 to April 2009, Lecturer (Education Management), School of Education, Faculty of Humanities, University of KwaZulu-Natal and prior to that I was seconded to lecture at the Springfield College of Education.

2.5 Teaching experience spans over two decades, including several teaching and school management positions, as well as a period as an Education Officer for the Cosatu-affiliated South African Clothing and Textile Workers Union and as a Research Training officer for the Community Research Unit (CRU) which later became the Community and Labour Services (CCLS).

2.6 Community leadership: from 1986 to present, Executive Committee member of Kharwastan Civic Association, served on the Chatsworth Housing Action committee, the Durban Housing Action Committee, the Woodhurst Water Committee, Croftdene Residents' Association, Croftdene Women's Group.

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

2016	Master of Science (Public Policy and Management)	University of London
2002	M.Tech (Education Management)	Natal Technikon (now Durban University of Technology)

1995	Master of Arts (Applied Linguistics)	University of Natal (now University of KwaZulu-Natal)
1993	Bachelor of Education	University of Natal
1990	Certificate Course in Community Adult Education	University of Natal
1983	University Higher Diploma in Education	University of Durban-Westville
1982	Bachelor of Arts (Majors in English & French)	University of Durban-Westville
1976	Senior Certificate (Matric Exemption)	

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

November 2009 – 29 May /2024:	Member of the KwaZulu-Natal (KZN) Provincial Legislature
2014- 29 May 2024:	Chairperson: Standing Committee on Public Accounts Member: Finance Portfolio Committee, Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs Portfolio Committee, Standing Committee on Oversight KwaZulu-Natal Health Portfolio Committee
2011-2014:	Chairperson: Portfolio Committee on Health, Member: Public Accounts Standing Committee, Finance Portfolio Committee, Public Works Portfolio Committee Alternate member: Human Settlements Portfolio Committee, Environment and Conservation Portfolio Committee
May 2009- November 2011:	Member of the Executive Council: KZN Human Settlements and Public Works
April 2003-April 2009:	Lecturer (Education Management), School of Education, Faculty of Humanities, University of KwaZulu-Natal
2002:	Deputy Principal, Strelitzia Secondary School, Isipingo, KZN
2001:	Head of Department: Languages, Literacy and Communication, Woodview Secondary School, Woodview, Phoenix, KZN
1999-May 2001:	Acting Head of Department: Westcliff Secondary School, Chatsworth, KZN
1997-1999:	Senior English Educator: Westcliff Secondary School, KZN
1994-1997:	Lecturer: Springfield College of Education, KZN
1992-1993:	Educator: Sastri Park Secondary, Phoenix, KZN
1991-1992:	Research Trainee Programme Co-ordinator: Community Research Unit

1988-1991: Education Officer: South African Clothing and Textile Workers' Union

1987-1988: Educator: Roseville Secondary School, Umzinto, KZN

1984-1986: Educator: Apollo Secondary, Umhlatuzana, KZN

ORGANISATIONAL EXPERIENCE

1980: Committee member, Chatsworth Housing Action Committee, an organisation that challenged the racist policies of the municipality and government and took up issues such as high rents, rates and tariffs on behalf of economically disadvantaged residents.

Committee member: Croftdene Residents' Association: an organisation that pioneered work through the establishment of street committees

Committee member: Croftdene Women's Group: organised women in economically disadvantaged areas and pioneered the first women's sports gala in Chatsworth

Member: Natal Indian Congress

1980-1981 Treasurer of the first democratically elected Student' Representative Council (SRC) of the University of Durban-Westville (now called the University of KwaZulu-Natal) post the 1980 student protests

1981: Committee member: Natal Rates Committee

Member: Durban Housing Action Committee

1982-1983 Vice-president of the UDW SRC

1983: Committee member: Woodhurst Water Committee that successfully fought against the imposition of unjust water fines on tenants of Council-owned flats

Delegate to the launch of the United Democratic Front

1985: Assisted in the organising and hosting of the inaugural conference of the National Education Co-ordinating Committee (NECC) in Chatsworth. The conference was convened under conditions of great repression. The NECC laid the foundations for the development of progressive education policy in South Africa.

Committee member: International Youth Year Celebration Committee (IYYCC). The IYYCC organised youth to celebrate the United Nations Declaration of International Youth Year

1986-present:	
1986:	Detained under the State of Emergency and held in solitary confinement for 3 months. Released without being charged.
1988:	<p>Recruited into the African National Congress (ANC) underground movement. Part of Operation Vula.</p> <p>Recruited into the South African Communist Party underground movement.</p> <p>Member of delegation representing the Indian community that met with the leadership of the then banned African National Congress in Lusaka, Zambia.</p>
1990:	<p>Assisted in the organisation of the Patriotic United Front Conference, a national initiative to prepare progressive organisations for the unfolding national constitutional negotiations process.</p> <p>Member of the Regional Interim Leadership Group (RILG) that was tasked with the responsibility of launching the first above-ground SA Communist Party structure in KwaZulu-Natal.</p> <p>Delegate to the SACP underground National Consultative Conference held inside the country in Tongaat, KZN.</p>
1990 -2013	Chairperson: Ward 65 ANC Branch
1992:	SACP delegate to the People's Republic of China to meet the Chinese government regarding their future relations with South Africa.
1993:	Delegate to CODESA
1994:	<p>Vice-chairperson of the Welbedacht Community Development Trust</p> <p>Organised voter education workshops to equip the community to understand the complex voting procedures for the historic 1994 elections.</p>
1995:	
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1995-2017:	
1996:	Presented a paper on local government transition in South Africa at a conference hosted by a Dutch non-governmental organisation in Amsterdam
1996-1998:	Secretary: ANC Chatsworth Sub-region
1996-2005	Chairperson of Board: New Beginnings, an ECD NGO that trains teachers and community volunteers and engages in capacity-building in the field of early childhood development.
1999:	Awarded a medal by President Mandela for at least 10 years of service to the country as a member of Umkhonto we Sizwe Founder member of Satyagraha – In Pursuit of Truth – a committee that produced a monthly newspaper carrying a relevant and alternative perspective on current affairs.
	Executive Committee member: Durban South Regional ANC Committee
2000-2013:	Board member of Satyagraha-In Pursuit of Truth newspaper and advocacy organisation
2002:	Secretary: Greater Chatsworth HIV/AIDS Forum
2004-2005:	Vice-chairperson: Kharwastan Secondary School Governing Body
2006-2009:	Council member: Ubuntu Community Chest Secretary: New Beginnings ECD Organisation
2008-2009:	Board member: International Centre on Non-violence
2010:	Founding member of the Monty Naicker Commemoration Committee
2011-present:	Trustee: Billy and Elsie Nair Education Trust
2012 – 2016:	Secretary: Monty Naicker Commemoration Committee
2010 – present	Member: Monty Naicker Commemoration Committee
2013-present:	Member: Gandhi Development Trust Volunteer Committee

2013-2021

Provincial Executive Committee Member: African National Congress (KZN)

2022-present

National Executive Committee member: African National Congress Womens' League

National Executive Committee member : African National Congress Veterans' League

REFERENCES

Ela Gandhi:

[Nontembeko Boyce](#)

[Mac Maharaj](#)

S.C. Nkosi