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MEC Molapisi welcomes new members of the North West Housing Tribunal

The MEC for Corporative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs, Gaoage Oageng Molapisi officially welcomed new members of the North West Housing Tribunal at a ceremony in Mahikeng recently. The appointment follows the end of the three year term for the previous members who served from 2021.

The Rental Housing Tribunal is established in terms of the Rental Housing Act 50 of 1999 and is responsible for resolving complex rental issues across the North West Province and also facilitate conflict resolution as well as establishing sound relations between tenants and landlords in the rental sector.

Welcoming the new members, MEC Molapisi congratulated the members and wished them well in their new responsibilities. According to MEC, the Department will utilise their expertise in resolving conflicting issues between landlords and tenants, and avoid any unfair practices within the rental sector and many others.

MEC Molapisi also encouraged the members to work as a team and called on the members to work across the clock as conflicts happen from time to time. MEC Further urged the members to avoid unnecessary postponement of cases due to the cost containment that the department is faced with. However, MEC also assured the members that they will have departmental support and that he has confidence in them in handling challenges that they will be confronted with during their three year term.

The new members will be led by Mr Kagiso Mike Khaoue as Chairperson who assured the MEC and the department that they will strive to ensure they deliver as per their mandate, as well as to comply with all the prescripts of the law. Other members of the Tribunal include Advocate Matshidiso Moseke as Deputy Chairperson, Mr Goitsemodimo Seleka, Ms Bafedile Shuping and Attorney Tlotlo

The Tribunal sets out guidelines to be followed when parties enter into a rental agreement. The body is again tasked to promote stability in the rental housing sector by resolving disputes that may arise from time to time. Issues such as house rules set out by landlords, receipts for rental payments, services cut-offs' without a court order, withholding of tenants possessions, overcrowding and subletting, exploitative rents, service charges and damage to property are general conflicts that cause disputes between the landlords and tenants. Such challenges are mostly resolved through the Rental Housing Tribunal.

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