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## **Media Advisory**

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## MEC HLOMUKA HOLDS AN INTRODUCTORY MEETING WITH THE PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE DRIVING SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Sipho Hlomuka today, 19 September 2023 met with the Provincial Executive Council of the Driving School Association for an introductory meeting following their election earlier this year.

The delegation of the driving schools was led by their Chairperson, Lunga Magudulela and the delegation from the Department of Transport also included the Head of Department, Siboniso Mbhele and Senior Officials from Public Transportation and Finance.

MEC Sipho Hlomuka congratulated the PEC for their election and committed to working with them in transforming and empowering driving schools.

"We wanted to officially meet you and to introduce you to the Senior Management of the Department so that you can know which door to knock on for any assistance in the execution of your work. We are hoping that through the election of this structure we will work together in the promotion of road safety as you are responsible for teaching people how to drive on our roads," said MEC Hlomuka.

Magudulela commended the department for its commitment in ensuring that there was an officially elected provincial structure.

"This has been a long time coming. For the past ten years we have been wanting to see this sector being officially recognized by the government. We are pleased to say that we are the first province to have a Provincial Executive Council in the driving school sector throughout the country and many provinces are already coming to us to benchmark on how we have been able to achieve this," said Magudulela.

MEC Hlomuka also met with SANTACO as part of ongoing engagements of transforming and empowering the taxi industry.

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