



**SOUTH AFRICAN
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MARCH TO PRETORIA

Groups of unemployed social workers coming from different provinces marched in the Pretoria CBD on Tuesday 30 August 2022 demanding they be permanently employed instead of fixed term contract. The Unemployed Social Workers Movement of South Africa (USWMSA) first marched to the Union Building and handed over their grievances to the Office of the State President. They continued to march to the South African Council for Social Service Professions (SACSSP) to hand over a memorandum of demands. The unemployed social workers demanded that Council advocate for their employment and exempt them from paying annual fees as they are unemployed. This group was received by the SACSSP Registrar, Ms Langi Malamba, the newly elected office bearers of Council and Professional Board for Social Work, Dr Mbedzi the elected President of SACSSP, Mr Murendeni Muridili the Vice-President, Ms Ida Strydom, the Chairperson of the Professional Board for Social Work and Ms Winnie Morake the Vice-chairperson of the Professional Board for Social Work. Dr Paul Mbedzi received the memorandum on behalf of SACSSP.

In his acceptance response to the demands, Dr Mbedzi assured the unemployed graduates that Council will continue to advocate for better opportunities for social workers and other social service professionals and Council will meet with the Professional Board for Social Work to look into the demands and revert back to this group within the stipulated time of 7 days.

Ms Strydom thanked these social workers for staying committed to the profession despite the challenges they are facing.

UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board Notice 316 of 2022 was published in the Government Gazette 46705 of 12 August 2022 with a list of Members elected and appointed to serve on the 5th Council, 5th Professional Board for Social Work and 4th Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work. Council and Professional Boards office bearers are elected, look out for statements published.

Please share this news with your networks as well

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