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THE Speaker of the KwaZulu-Natal Legislature, Honourable Nontembeko Boyce, MPL, has expressed profound sadness at the passing of the Chairperson of Committees, Honourable Dr Nkululeko Ntuthuko Godfrey Mahlaba, who passed away on Saturday, 4 July 2026.

Dr Mahlaba served as a member of the KwaZulu-Natal Legislature representing the African National Congress since August 2022 and was serving as chairperson of committees and a member of the legislature's strategic leadership committee at the time of his passing. Boyce described Dr Mahlaba as a dedicated public servant, respected leader, and committed servant of the people of KwaZulu-Natal, whose contribution to public service spanned the health, local government, and provincial government sectors.

The passing of Dr Mahlaba is a devastating loss not only to the KwaZulu-Natal Legislature and the African National Congress, but to the people of KwaZulu-Natal, whom he served with distinction throughout his professional and political life.

We have lost a leader who brought commitment, humility, and a deep sense of service to every responsibility entrusted to him.

Dr Mahlaba's public service career included serving as member of the executive council responsible for human settlements and public works from August 2022 to May 2023, and subsequently as MEC for Sport, Arts and Culture from May 2023 until May 2024. Prior to his provincial responsibilities, he served as a proportional representative councillor and later as Mayor of Newcastle Local Municipality between 2019 and 2021. Before entering public office, he dedicated his life to serving communities in the Amajuba District as a medical doctor.

Dr Mahlaba will be remembered for his cool demeanour, his ability to unite people across political and institutional divides, and his visionary leadership. He approached every challenge with wisdom, humility, and respect for others.

His counsel, steady leadership, and unwavering dedication to public service will be sorely missed by members across the political spectrum, the administration of the Legislature, and



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the people of KwaZulu-Natal.

On behalf of the KwaZulu-Natal Legislature, we extend heartfelt condolences to Dr Mahlabas's wife, children, family, friends, colleagues, comrades in the African National Congress, and all those whose lives were touched by his service and leadership.

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