

PROFILE — CLLR. PULE JOSIAH SHAYI

Executive Mayor, Mopani District Municipality

Personal:

Pule Shayi was born in Mashishimale on 30 June 1972, where he grew up and completed his schooling.

Current positions:

- Executive Mayor, Mopani District Municipality (first appointed 7 June 2019 to complete the fourth council's term; re-elected 25 November 2021).
- Deputy Provincial Secretary, African National Congress (ANC), Limpopo — elected unopposed, March 2026.
- Member, National Executive Committee, South African Local Government Association (SALGA); Chair, National Working Group on Municipal Capability and Institutional Resilience.
- Member, Provincial Executive Committee, South African Communist Party (SACP).

Education:

- Masters in Development Finance, Stellenbosch University, March 2026.
- Master of Business Administration (MBA), 2022.
- Bachelor of Laws (LLB), University of South Africa, 2024.
- Postgraduate Diploma in Development Finance, University of Cape Town, 2024.
- Honours (BA, Media Studies), University of South Africa (UNISA).
- National Diploma in Public Relations.
- Senior Primary Teachers Diploma.
- Certificate in Local Government Law and Municipal Administration, University of Pretoria.

Political, union and community involvement:

Cllr Shayi has long been active in student and youth politics and in the broader mass democratic movement.

- Political & Education Officer, SASCO, Mapulaneng College of Education, 1994.
- Branch Chairperson, ANC Youth League (ANCYL), 1997–2001.
- Deputy Secretary, SAYC District, 2002–2004.
- Secretary and later Chairperson, ANCYL Phalaborwa Sub-region, 2004–2007.
- Regional Secretary, ANCYL, 2004–2008.
- Deputy Secretary, Phalaborwa Branch of SADTU, 2007–2008.

- Chairperson, SAMWU Mopani Local, 2008–2009; Branch Secretary (full-time shop steward), SAMWU Far North Branch.
- Branch Secretary and later Chairperson, SANCO (Mashishimale), 1996–1998 (and subsequently).
- Branch Secretary, Modume Branch of the SACP, 2011–2013; District Deputy Secretary, SACP, 2012–2022; subsequently elected to the Provincial Executive Committee (PEC).
- Member, ANC Regional Executive Committee and Regional Working Committee since 2013; served as Regional Spokesperson (Head of Communications Subcommittee).
- Chairperson, ANC Norman Mashabane Region, 2017–2021; re-elected June 2021 and May 2025.

Government positions and public service

- CSI Educator, Modume Primary School, 1995–2000; ABET Supervisor, Modume Adult Centre.
- CSI Educator and Head of Department, Baranuka High School, 2000–2008 (HOD 2007–2008).
- Community Liaison Officer, Mopani District Municipality.
- Executive Assistant to the Minister, Department of Public Service and Administration (DPSA), 2009–2010.
- Director, Private Office of the Minister of Public Service and Administration, 2010.
- Head of Administration (Ministry), Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA), 2011–2012.
- Senior Manager (Project Management), Municipal Infrastructure Support Agency (MISA), 2012–2013.
- Mayor, Ba-Phalaborwa Local Municipality, August 2016–June 2019.
- Executive Mayor, Mopani District Municipality, June 2019–present (re-elected November 2021).
- 1st Deputy Chairperson, SALGA Limpopo; later Chairperson, SALGA Limpopo.
- Elected to SALGA National Executive Committee, March 2022.

International engagements and other activities:

- Participant, Cadre Development Programme, Party School with the Communist Party of China, 2015 (China).
- Participant, Anti-Corruption Programme led by DPSA, Democratic Republic of Congo, 2010.
- Participant, International Business Practice programme, Regenesys Business School (Dubai and India), 2018
- Participated at the Collective Bargaining Seminar hosted by the ITC ILO in Turin (Italy), 2023.
- Participated at the International City Management Association Conference hosted in Austin, Texas USA in October 2023.