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The Public Servants Association (PSA) has learned with dismay of alleged recruitment irregularities at the Gauteng Department of the Sports, Arts, and Recreation focusing on senior management positions.

The Gauteng Office of the Premier has launched an investigation following a complaint by the PSA regarding alleged serious maladministration in the recruitment process, including favouritism towards candidates with close ties to management. The PSA approached the Public Service Commission (PSC), requesting an investigation into irregularities pertaining to the recruitment and selection process undertaken by the Department dating as far back as February 2023. Owing the PSA's intervention the Premier's Office appointed *Lingwa Advisory Services* to probe the allegations. Additionally, the Special Investigating Unit is investigating corruption and maladministration related to contracts at the Department, including those for CCTV and monitoring surveillance systems at the Department's Surrey House in 2019, and the Heritage Day Social Cohesion Carnival hosted by the Department in 2019. The investigations aim to ensure proper governance and eliminate any irregularities.

The PSA will continue to monitor the investigation to ensure that all payments made were according to National Treasury guidelines and that there were no irregularities. The PSA has been in continuous contact with the PSC to keep track of the investigation into the alleged maladministration that occurred in the recruitment process.

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