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The Public Servants Association (PSA) has noted the voluntary resignation of another Board member of the Public Investment Corporation (PIC).

This development reinforces the PSA's long-standing concerns that serious governance challenges continue to plague one of South Africa's most important public-investment institutions. The latest resignation cannot be viewed in isolation. It is indicative of deeper systemic governance failures that require urgent and decisive intervention to restore confidence in the governance, oversight, and strategic direction of the PIC.

The PSA has for several years consistently warned that the PIC's governance framework and investment oversight required urgent review. The Union has repeatedly raised concerns regarding poor-performing investments, particularly within the private equity portfolio, and consistently called for greater accountability, transparency, and stronger governance mechanisms to protect public servants' retirement savings.

The current instability further raises the fundamental question of why key governance recommendations by the Mpati Commission of Inquiry were not fully implemented. The Commission exposed serious governance weaknesses, conflicts of interest, inadequate Board oversight, and deficiencies in the PIC's investment decision-making processes. The Commission made several recommendations aimed at strengthening governance, improving transparency, depoliticising Board appointments, tightening investment oversight, and ensuring that the PIC acts solely in the best interests of its clients and beneficiaries. Had these recommendations been implemented in full and without delay, many of the governance failures that continue to emerge could have been prevented or significantly mitigated. The continued suspension of senior executives, the resignation of Board members, and persistent questions regarding governance suggest that the institutional reforms envisaged by the Mpati Commission have not been adequately embedded in the PIC.

The PSA therefore urges the Minister of Finance to publicly account for the status of the implementation of the Mpati Commission's recommendations. Public servants whose pension savings are entrusted to the PIC through the Government Employees Pension Fund require assurance the Commission’s recommendations have translated into tangible, meaningful institutional reform.

The PSA reiterates the Union's call for an urgent and independent review of the governance structures and effectiveness of the PIC Board. Oversight and accountability mechanisms must be strengthened to ensure prudent investment decisions, robust risk management, and proper fiduciary oversight. The PIC's investment mandate must be reviewed to ensure that investment decisions are guided by sound commercial principles and the best interests of pension fund members.

Public confidence in the PIC can only be restored through decisive action, transparent governance, and the full implementation of reforms recommended by the Mpati Commission. The retirement savings of more than a million public servants must never be compromised by governance failures, inadequate oversight, or poor investment decisions. The PSA is committed to protecting the pension interests of public servants and will continue to advocate for ethical leadership, accountable governance, and responsible investment management at the PIC.

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