

MEDIA RELEASE PSA slams GEMS decision to hold virtual Annual General Meeting

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) strongly condemns the Government Employees Medical Scheme (GEMS) for its decision to host its Annual General Meeting (AGM) virtually, rather than engaging members face-to-face.

This decision reflects a concerning lack of accountability and transparency, particularly at a time when Scheme members are seeking answers regarding decisions that directly affect their healthcare benefits and financial contributions. By avoiding a physical AGM, GEMS has effectively denied members a meaningful platform to raise concerns, ask critical questions, and hold leadership accountable.

The PSA believes that this move undermines the principles of good governance and member participation. It raises serious questions about the willingness by GEMS to openly address growing dissatisfaction and perceptions of unjust decisions taken without adequate consultation. Members deserve direct engagement, not a controlled virtual environment that limits robust interaction.

The PSA calls on GEMS to reconsider its approach and to commit to genuine, transparent engagement with the Scheme's members going forward. Failure to do so will deepen mistrust and further alienate the members GEMS is meant to serve.

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