

MEDIA RELEASE	PSA welcomes further suspensions at Government Pensions Administration Agency amidst financial misconduct allegations
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The Public Servants Association (PSA), representing the majority of employees at the Government Pensions Administration Agency (GPAA), welcomes the suspension of two additional executives amid allegations of financial misconduct. These suspensions follow that of the CEO, who is facing similar allegations.

The GPAA Audit Committee flagged eight contracts riddled with irregularities, bordering on corruption, which have since been referred to the Minister of Finance for investigation. Reports have indicated that maladministration of projects at GPAA may amount to nearly R2 billion collectively. The acting CEO, Mr Stadi Mngomezulu, confirmed the suspension of the acting Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and the acting Chief Director of Client Relations Management, both of whom have been implicated. Employees at the GPAA have welcomed the action, as these executives were allegedly among those who pressured staff to process irregular payments.

The PSA views these suspensions as a positive step towards stabilising the GPAA and restoring public trust. While the Union acknowledges the principle of presumption of innocence until proven guilty, suspensions are necessary to ensure that investigations proceed unhindered. The PSA commends the decisive actions of the acting CEO since assuming office. In addition to suspending implicated executives, he reinstated an employee who was unfairly suspended for refusing to authorise an irregular payment of R21 million. He also terminated a contract with Nexus, a company tasked with identifying whistleblowers at the GPAA, a move that safeguards employees who expose corruption.

The PSA reiterates the Union's commitment to safeguarding public resources to ensure these are used effectively to improve the lives of South Africans. The suspensions of the CEO and two executives signal progress towards accountability. Those found guilty of financial misconduct must face the full consequences of the law. The PSA will continue to advocate for accountability, transparency, and responsive governance at the GPAA, and calls for these processes to be handled openly to restore confidence in the Agency.

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