



FOR PSA MEMBERS: **PUBLIC SERVICE COORDINATING BARGAINING COUNCIL (PSCBC)**

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Feedback: PSCBC GEMS Task Team meeting - 13 May 2025

The following agenda item was discussed:

Election: Board of Trustees

The Government Employees Medical Scheme (GEMS) informed the meeting that three Board of Trustee members' term is ending in September 2025. The Scheme has appointed an election agency to manage the election, as required by law, to ensure that an independent electoral officer is appointed. GEMS further reported that an election notice was published for the last two weeks in various national newspapers as well as on its website. Members were also sent SMSs as notification for their participation. Further, the election process will consist of three phases, namely, the nomination, voting, as well as counting and results phase.

- Nomination for candidates opened on 9 May 2025 and will close on 9 June 2025 at 12:00.
- The voting phase will open from 7 July 2025 to 6 September 2025.
- The counting and result phase will commence from 8 September to 18 September 2025.

GEMS outlined criteria/requirements for a member to be elected:

- The nominated member must be a member in good standing as of 15 April 2025.
- The member can be nominated or self-nominate, however, the nomination will only be valid if supported by 50 members.
- All nominated members will be subjected to a vetting process.

The PSA recently issued a communique to the Union's member structures to direct that the nomination process should be approached in a structured manner to ensure that persons appointed to the Board will represent the best interests of PSA members and ensure that GEMS delivers affordable and quality health care.

Enquiries pertaining to the elections can be sent to GEMS2025electionagency.co.za or 0860 866 335. Members who might have changed their contact details are advised to contact GEMS on 0800 00 4367

(toll free) or enquiries@gems.gov.za. Members can also fax on 086 678 4123 or *WhatsApp* Opt-In: 068 763 3983. For *WhatsApp*, members can save the number and send a 'Hi'.

PSA members are urged to participate in the election process.

Employees who want to join the PSA can visit the PSA website or contact PSA Provincial Offices.

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