



To: Public Services Sector Executive Committee

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Dear Colleague

## **Civil Service Pensions Board vacancy**

We sent out a request to branches in early June seeking nominations for the Civil Service Pensions Board to replace Jayne Beeslee, our current nomination via the NTUC.

I attach the circular for reference.

We discussed next steps at the PSSEC and we agreed to re-circulate the circular as we did not have any nominations by the deadline of 30 June. However, we had a good conversation at the PSSEC and members were asked to consider who might fit the bill from their branches.

I am pleased to say that Mathew Sims came forward with one, a senior colleague in UKRI who I have spoken to, who has spoken to Jayne and who we both think is an excellent fit for the role given her active knowledge of the scheme, the impact of current issues with it and a strong professional governance background.

I have shared her statement of interest below.

The Presidential Team is proposing that we adopt Tanya as our nomination and if agreed I will write to the Board and inform NTUC via Geoff Lewtas that this is our position. The Board will take the relevant governance steps to appoint and I will update the PSSEC.

Please let me have any objections with reasons and alternative suggestions by COP Monday 28 July 2025.

Best regards

Steve Thomas

Deputy General Secretary

*Hi Steve,*

- 1. Access to the CSPA is one of the most important elements of our EVP for participating organisations. We need to be able to champion it and use it as a recruitment tool. We can only do this if it is well run and well governed, so that member experience is positive.*
- 2. The transition from MyCSP to Capita is clearly a risk to the scheme. The Board will need to hold Capita to account for fit for purpose operational delivery and also understand the barriers to this, seeking to unblock where necessary.*
- 3. I believe Boards can be extremely effective but only if the members of the Board are willing to put in the time and energy to really understand the issues – I am absolutely willing to do this.*
- 4. I am personally very interested in the PCSP and find the intellectual horsepower required to get my head around pensions issues energising and stimulating.*
- 5. I believe that the Prospect approach to working with government in a constructive and pragmatic way, accepting the challenges on both sides and seeking win:win solutions for its members is how modern TU relations should operate.*

*As we discussed, I have a pretty sound understanding of the pensions landscape. I lead on pensions for UKRI and chair the Board of the RCPS. I believe I could add value and would be very pleased to represent Prospect in this role.*

*Tanya*

***Tanya Robinson***

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