

MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE VACANCY – TEACHERS’ PENSION SCHEME PENSION BOARD

Dear Colleague

The Department for Education is seeking a suitable candidate to sit as a member representative on the Teachers’ Pension Scheme Pension Board (TPSPB). The appointment is expected to begin in January 2021 for a period of up to 3 years.

Pension Boards were introduced in 2015 as a result of the Public Service Pension Act 2013, which set out the requirement to introduce new governance arrangements. The TPSPB came into effect on 1 April 2015. Its role is to support the scheme manager by providing assurance on the way the scheme is being administered and ensuring that the scheme is compliant with relevant legislation.

The successful candidate will not need to be a pension professional, but should be able to demonstrate some of those skills and experience set out in the role and person specification attached at Annex A. Individuals are not expected to possess all the skills and knowledge listed, as this document sets out the skill-set across the whole Board. In particular, we are looking for:

- a positive and committed attitude;
- an interest in public and/or private sector pensions;
- good communication and interpersonal skills, including the ability to understand and work with a diverse range of stakeholders; and
- the ability to analyse and challenge advice/proposals.

The management of the teachers’ pension arrangements is an important responsibility, and this is an excellent opportunity to play a vital role in the administration of the scheme.

Further information is provided in the annexes: Annex B has details of the nomination process; Annex C provides more information on the TPSPB; Annex D contains the Terms of Reference for the Board; and Annex E is a copy of the seven principles underpinning public life.

Anyone interested should complete a personal statement of no more than 250 words (Annex J) and submit this along with a CV. Applications may be submitted by individuals or through a supporting organisation to: tps.pensionboardsecretariat@education.gov.uk by midday on 30 November 2020. Shortlisting is expected to take place during the week commencing 30 November 2020, with a view to informal interviews by Teams on 10 or 11 December 2020.

We are very grateful for any support in helping us to identify a dynamic individual who will add value to the Board. If you have any questions, please contact the Secretariat email address above.



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Role and Person Specification

Teachers' Pension Scheme Pension Board

Individual Board Members are not expected to demonstrate all the skills and knowledge set out below, but rather this is a skill-set for the whole Board.

Summary
<p>The Secretary of State has appointed five member and five employer representatives of the Teachers' Pension Scheme Pension Board (TPSPB).</p> <p>Each member will be bound by the Code of Practice governing senior public appointments and will be required to observe the highest standards of impartiality, integrity and objectivity in relation to the service s/he provides to the TPSPB.</p>
Role & Responsibilities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impartially representing the best interests of scheme members and employers in order to help the scheme manager in ensuring that the TPS is effectively administered and complies with relevant laws and regulations. • Representing the TPSPB, rather than their own organisation, when in contact with a range of stakeholders including: Employers, Members, Ministers, the TPS administrator and other contractors, Department for Education, HM Treasury and the Pensions' Regulator. • Meeting the commitment to 10-20 days activity in relation to the TPSPB by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Actively participating in meetings of the TPSPB (approximately four per annum). ○ Joining and actively participating in one or more sub-committee; meetings take place four times a year. • Adequately preparing for meetings and the wider role by ensuring that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All circulated papers are read in a timely manner; ○ Expert advice and clarification is requested promptly; and ○ Own learning needs are identified and met, including attending any mandatory activities. • Ensuring own understanding of roles and responsibilities. • Acting in accordance with the seven principles of public life and relevant laws and regulations. • Actively participating in all performance management activities. • Eliciting views from, and sharing feedback with, the sector on Board related matters.
Person Specification – Experience and Skills
<p>In order to operate effectively, the Board must have a mix of Board members that can collectively demonstrate the skills and experience below. It is, however, not envisaged that each individual member will demonstrate all of the skills and experience separately, but applicants should be able to demonstrate the majority of those detailed below.</p>

Experience

- A positive and committed attitude;
- Independence of judgement;
- The capacity to bring a fresh, external view to decision-making;
- A track record of personal achievement at a senior level;
- Experience of service delivery including implementing change and risk management strategies; and
- Working with auditors and audit committees in a public or private sector environment.

Skills

- Good communication skills across all levels;
- Good interpersonal skills with the ability to provide constructive challenge;
- Sound knowledge and experience of implementing good governance practices in the public and/or private sector or both;
- Good understanding of budget forecasting and accounts; and
- Ability to analyse complex information, reach practical decisions and to think strategically.

Additionally, post holders will demonstrate experience and appreciation of the points below.

Strategic context

- Empathy with the mission and aspirations of the TPSPB.
- Some strategic and/or operational understanding of:
 - The Teachers' Pension Scheme and the educational environment; and/or
 - Legislation relating to Pension Schemes.

Policy context

- An understanding of policy and public accountability, sound judgement and awareness of political sensitivities.
- A commitment to equality, efficiency and innovation.

Terms and Conditions

The initial appointment will be for a period of one to three years. Time commitment: Between 10 to 20 days per year. The Board normally meets 4 times a year in London; Board sub-committees also meet 4 times a year, usually in Darlington. However, at present all meetings are taking place virtually through Teams. Venues and meeting arrangements are subject to discussion once the current restrictions are eased.

These posts are voluntary, so not remunerated, although travel, subsistence and supply cover costs are met.

Department / Section

Department for Education, Early Years and Schools Group.

PROCESS FOR RECRUITING A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE TEACHERS' PENSION SCHEME PENSION BOARD

Stage 1 – Nomination

The Department will write to member groups on the list of consultees on Thursday 5 November 2020 and invite them each to nominate up to two individuals for consideration for membership of the Board. Information will also be placed on TP's website, should any individual wish to put themselves forward for consideration.

The member groups should provide those interested with the information contained within this letter and invite them to apply by submitting a CV and a supporting personal statement (Annex J) setting out how they meet the criteria of the role. Applicants are also asked to complete a diversity monitoring form (Annex F), a political activity form (Annex G) and a declaration of interest form (Annex H). Self-nominating individuals will be invited to contact the TPSPB secretariat mailbox (tps.pensionboardsecretariat@education.gov.uk) for copies of the application pack.

All applications should be submitted to tps.pensionboardsecretariat@education.gov.uk by midday 30 November 2020.

Stage 2 – Sift

The Department will score applications received against the skills and experience detailed in the role and person specification in order to shortlist candidates during the week of 30 November 2020.

Due diligence checks will also be carried out on candidates selected for interview.

Stage 3 - Informal Interview

As good practice, and to identify the best fit for the role, successful candidates will be invited to attend an informal interview expected to take place on 10 or 11 December 2020. To meet government COVID-19 advice, interviews will take place on Teams.

Stage 4 – Appointment to the Board

Once the successful candidate has been identified, due diligence checks will be completed, and the recommendation will be put to the Minister of State for School Standards for a final decision.

The Department will notify candidates, and their nominator if the candidate has been put forward by a member representative group, of the outcome of their application by the end of December 2020. Unsuccessful candidates may seek feedback on their application.

Pre-employment checks will also be carried out before a formal letter of appointment is issued.

Teachers' Pension Scheme

Introduction

The TPS is a defined benefit contributory pension scheme for teachers employed by local authorities, academies, sixth form colleges, FE colleges, and post-92 universities. The TPS is a statutory scheme, with the rules being set down in regulations made by the Secretary of State for Education; it is also governed by over-riding pension related legislation.

The TPS is the second largest occupational pension scheme in England and Wales (only the NHS scheme is bigger) with around 2 million members (active, deferred or pensioners). Membership is automatic unless a member decides to opt out.

In line with most public service pension schemes, the TPS is an unfunded scheme in that all contributions received are paid to the Exchequer, as opposed to a fund that is then invested for future members; the Exchequer is responsible for paying benefits to scheme pensioners and their beneficiaries.

Facts and Figures

The TPS currently has total net liabilities of £359.8bn, and paid pensions to retired members and their beneficiaries totalling £10.0bn last year whilst receiving contributions from current teachers and employers of around £6.4bn - with the balance funded by the Exchequer.

The scheme is funded via member and employer contributions. Employee contribution tiers and employer contributions rates are set by the Secretary of State based on advice from the scheme's actuary (the Government Actuary's Department (GAD)). They also undertake regular valuations of the scheme, in line with directions set by HM Treasury. GAD calculate what the scheme's liabilities and assets are, based on a notional fund, and what contributions need to be paid by teachers and their employers in order to keep the notional fund in balance.

Capita have held the contract to administer the Teachers' Pension Scheme since 1996. The current contract was awarded in March 2011, is due to end in September 2025 and has a total value of £183m (adding interest each year). The contract is for the fully outsourced administration of the scheme on behalf of the Secretary of State – though separate contracts exist for things like medical advice (ill health cases) and actuarial support.

Background and recent reforms

In response to increasing longevity and rising costs, significant changes were made to the Scheme arrangements from 2007, these included raising the age at which benefits are available in full (Normal Pension Age) to 65 for new entrants.

However, the cost of the TPS (and the other public service schemes) continued to grow and in 2010 the Independent Public Service Pensions Commission (IPSPC), chaired by Lord Hutton, was set up to undertake an independent review of public service pensions. The IPSPC concluded that the 2007 reforms had not gone far enough and made recommendations about how such pensions can be made sustainable and affordable, while remaining fair to the workforce and the taxpayer. Those recommendations formed the basis of discussions with the unions and employers, and public consultation, which ultimately led to the reformed arrangements that were introduced in April 2015.

The 2015 reforms saw the introduction of a career average pension scheme for teachers and a further change to normal pension age so that it coincides with state pension age. The scheme also introduced new member flexibilities to assist members in planning for their retirement.

Recent legal challenges

Since the introduction of the career average scheme, there have been a number of further changes to ensure the scheme adheres to equalities laws. In particular, two Supreme Court cases highlighted scheme rules that are incompatible with EU equalities rules.

In 2016, the Brewster case brought about changes to the rules that determine whether an unmarried partner is eligible for survivor benefits. It was determined that an unmarried member should not be required to nominate a partner in order for the benefits to be payable so long as other conditions are met.

In 2017, a further Supreme Court decision in the Walker case, confirmed that provisions for the payment of survivor benefits to couples in same sex marriages and civil partnerships were incompatible with EU equalities laws. The decision confirmed that those in same sex marriages and civil partnerships must be treated in the same way as those in opposite sex marriages. As a result of this decision the government changed the provisions for all public sector pension schemes so that all survivors from same sex marriages and civil partnerships are treated equally to the female survivor from an opposite sex marriage. A further challenge (Goodwin) was brought in relation to the benefits provided to the male surviving partner of female members. The challenge was conceded in 2020, with the department agreeing that this change would provide equalised survivor benefits for all legally recognised relationships.

In developing the new Career Average Pension schemes, following Lord Hutton's review in 2011, the government included an element of protection for those members closest to normal pension age (NPA) and who, it was argued, were less able to change their retirement plans. The protection ensured that all those who were within 10 years of NPA, as of 31 March 2012, would remain in the final salary scheme until they retired, or otherwise were out of the scheme for a period of more than 5 years. In addition, any active member who was within 13.5 years of their NPA as of this date would remain in the final salary scheme for an extra period, determined by their age, before transitioning to the Career Average Scheme.

In 2016, the Fire Brigades Union and a group of Judges brought separate cases against the Home Office and Ministry of Justice, respectively, arguing that the transitional provisions were discriminatory on the grounds of age, gender and race.

Following an extensive legal battle, the Court of Appeal decided that, having introduced the protections, the government should have justified the discriminatory impact, but that it had failed to do so, and therefore justification on the grounds of legitimate aims must fail. As a result, the court dismissed any further deliberation over the question on proportionality of means, and remitted the matter back to the Employment Tribunal to consider the remedy.

Legal advice confirms that, although the case was initially brought in relation to the Firefighters' and Judicial schemes, the court's decision reads across to all public sector schemes. As a result of this decision, the government will be required to provide a remedy that compensates all scheme members in relation to that discrimination and to eliminate future discrimination.

In July, the government launched a public consultation to seek views on two options that will eliminate the identified discrimination and compensate affected members. Those options will allow all eligible members to elect which scheme rules will apply to the service they accrued between 1 April 2015 and 31 March 2022. Members will make that choice either at retirement (the deferred choice underpin option), or soon after 1 April 2022 (the immediate choice option).

The consultation will run until October and a final government response is expected early in 2021.

TEACHERS' PENSION SCHEME PENSION BOARD (TPSPB)

Background

The Public Service Pensions Act 2013 required the Secretary of State, as scheme manager of the Teachers' Pension Scheme, to establish a Pension Board. The TPSPB is responsible for providing assurance on the effectiveness of the arrangements for administering the scheme to the Secretary of State. The Board thereby provides the Secretary of State, scheme members, scheme employers, taxpayers and others with additional assurance that the scheme is being efficiently and effectively administered. The Board was formally established on 1 April 2015.

The TPSPB comprises, an independent Chair, an independent Pension Specialist, five member representatives, five employer representatives and two senior DfE officials. Board members are appointed for up to three years, with a maximum of two appointments. The remit of the Board is to represent the entire membership and/or employers irrespective of their sponsoring organisation.

The TPSPB meets quarterly in London, with quarterly sub-committee meetings being held in Darlington – although presently these meetings are carried out electronically through Teams.

Role and Responsibilities

The TPSPB is responsible for assisting the scheme manager in securing compliance with the Teachers' Pension Scheme Regulations, any other legislation relating to the governance and administration of this and any connected scheme, and requirements imposed by the Pensions Regulator in relation to this, and any connected scheme.

The Board specifically provides challenge, oversight and assurance to the scheme manager, and in turn to members and employers, that the scheme is being administered effectively. The Board is therefore responsible for challenging whether issues and risks are being managed, and making recommendations on appropriate action.

The Board has established four sub-committees to enable them to better support their challenge and oversight role.

- Service Delivery and Maintenance of Data
- Managing Risk and Internal Controls
- Information for Members and Communications
- Commercial

The Secretary of State remains responsible for determining administrative arrangements and scheme policy and there is a separate Board, the TPS Advisory Board, consisting of representatives from member and employer stakeholders, which exists to provide the Secretary of State with advice on policy changes s/he chooses to consult them on.

**TEACHERS' PENSION SCHEME
PENSION BOARD
TERMS OF REFERENCE (from July 2020)**

1. Scope of the Teachers' Pension Scheme Pension Board (TPSPB)

1.1 The TPSPB is responsible for providing assurance on the effectiveness of the arrangements for managing the scheme to the Secretary of State. The TPSPB will contribute towards setting the scope and direction of the administration, as delivered by its service providers and Department for Education (DfE) officials, ensuring that it remains at the forefront of public service pension scheme administration and meets the changing needs of members and employers.

To achieve this, the TPSPB will:

- be forward thinking and able to clearly articulate the vision for the administration of the Teachers' Pension Scheme (TPS);
- assess the effectiveness and efficiency of the scheme administration;
- consider opportunities to enhance the range and quality of services offered by the scheme; and
- assess the arrangements for ensuring scheme performance, continuous improvement, value for money, risk management and compliance with statutory requirements.

1.2 The TPSPB may also carry out additional duties as the scheme manager sees fit, from time to time.

2. Roles and Responsibilities

2.1 The TPSPB is responsible for monitoring the effectiveness of control mechanisms and will verify the effective administration of the TPS by close scrutiny of the level and quality of service provided for the membership and employers by the administrator and other service providers (e.g. Capita, Optima Health and Government Actuary's Department).

2.2 The TPSPB will verify that an effective internal audit strategy is in place for the scheme; and will contribute to audit plans.

2.3 The TPSPB will verify that an effective risk management strategy is in place for the scheme and internal controls are adequate; and will monitor risk management mitigations.

2.4 The TPSPB will provide views on scheme strategy where this will aid the scheme administration; and will monitor achievement against the six strategic objectives.

2.5 The TPSPB will add to the process whereby assurance is provided to the Accounting Officer (Permanent Secretary), members and employers regarding the effective financial management of the TPS, through commenting on the TPS Governance Statement, which is produced as part of the annual accounting process.

2.6 The TPSPB will verify that benchmarking in the TPS is in line with regulatory requirements (e.g. The Pensions Regulator (tPR)).

- 2.7 The TPSPB will verify that the development of processes and systems incorporate any new statutory requirements.
- 2.8 The TPSPB will verify the arrangements for compliance with data management requirements.
- 2.9 The TPSPB will respond to any requests/directions made by the Pensions Regulator.
- 2.10 The TPSPB will verify the approach developed by the administrator for reporting breaches of the law to the regulator, when they have reasonable cause to believe that:
- A legal duty which is relevant to the administration of the scheme has not been, or is not being, complied with; and
 - The failure to comply is likely to be of material significance to the regulator in the exercise of any of its functions.

3. Composition

- 3.1 The TPSPB will comprise scheme member representatives, employer representatives, an independent chair, an independent pension specialist and DfE. The chair and pension specialist will be independent of those at 3.3 and 3.4.
- 3.2 All non-DfE appointments to the Board will be made by the scheme manager.
- 3.3 The Board will have five scheme member positions, selected from nominations put forward by representative bodies such as unions and other TPS member representatives, others on the TPS consultation list, and from organisations such as schools, academies, higher education establishments, further education establishments and independent sector schools, or by self-nomination.
- 3.4 The Board will have five employer positions, selected from nominations put forward by organisations representing schools, academies, higher education, further education and independent sectors, plus others on the TPS employer consultation list.
- 3.5 The TPSPB will have two DfE positions. Officials will be either Deputy Director or Director level; one from the policy area that manages the scheme (Teaching Workforce Directorate) and one from the Finance or Audit function.
- 3.6 Members of the TPSPB will represent the interests of all of the schemes' beneficiaries, the participating employers and the Accounting Officer and not simply the interests of the constituency that nominated them.
- 3.7 Appendix A gives the Terms and Conditions that apply to TPSPB members.
- 3.8 Appendix B sets out the Role and Person Specification for TPSPB members.

4. Meetings

- 4.1 Frequency: The TPSPB will meet quarterly and at such other times as the Chair decides is necessary. Wherever possible at least seven days' notice will be given of any non-scheduled meeting.
- 4.2 Format: Meetings can be conducted in person, over the telephone or via a video-link, as decided by the Chair. If the Chair is not present within fifteen minutes of the time appointed for holding the meeting, the members present may choose one of their

number to be Chair of the meeting. In these cases, the nominated Chair will not have a casting vote.

- 4.3 **Quorum:** Six members of the TPSPB will represent a quorum for meetings. The Board members must include at least two employer representatives and two member representatives. However, in the event of an extraordinary or emergency meeting, the Chair may invite fewer members, but will ensure that employers and members are represented.
- 4.4 **Attendance:** The TPSPB can decide to ask its professional advisers, representatives from third party suppliers, including the scheme administrator, and any other person to attend its meetings as it sees fit. The DfE's Head of Assurance and Planning and the Senior Contract Manager will be invited to attend Board meetings to introduce papers and aid discussions, as necessary.
- 4.5 **Decisions:** All Board members will have a single vote and items arising at any meeting will be decided by a majority of members present and eligible to vote. In the case of an equality of votes the Chair will have a casting vote. The TPSPB may agree on a decision outside of a meeting if the majority of voting members confirm their agreement either in writing or by electronic mail. Any such decision will be as valid and effective as if it had been passed by a meeting of the TPSPB.
- 4.6 **Papers:** The Board Secretariat should circulate all papers at least one week in advance of any meeting (unless a shorter period is agreed by the Chair).
- 4.7 Where the DfE becomes aware of a serious service issue, the Secretariat will discuss with the Chair and agree how the information will be shared with the rest of the Board, in particular members of the relevant sub-committee.
- 4.8 **Minutes:** Draft minutes are to be forwarded to the Chair for agreement within five working days and thereafter circulated to TPSPB members. Minutes will be agreed at the subsequent Board meeting.

5. Sub-Committees

- 5.1 The TPSPB may establish such sub-committees as it sees fit.
- 5.2 The TPSPB will decide whether the sub-committees need to have separate Terms of Reference.
- 5.3 The TPSPB will agree, and can amend, each sub-committee's Terms of Reference.
- 5.4** The TPSPB will appoint and remove members of the sub-committees. The TPSPB may, as it sees fit, co-opt persons who are not members of the TPSPB to serve on its sub-committees. Such persons need not be representatives of members, employers or the DfE.
- 5.5 The Chair of the TPSPB may determine who is to act as chair and vice-chair of each sub-committee but can also delegate that decision to each sub-committee. However, where there is no consensus amongst the members of the sub-committee the TPSPB Chair will decide.
- 5.6 All member and employer representatives on the TPSPB will be expected to sit on and actively participate in at least one sub-committee; this will contribute towards the expected 10-20 days' commitment agreed upon appointment.

5.7 Where sub-committees are established, they will provide update reports (written or verbal) to the TPSPB quarterly meetings.

6. Authorities and Restrictions

6.1 The TPSPB may consider and propose to the scheme manager amendments to the commercial agreements in place with the various service providers.

6.2 If required and appropriate, the TPSPB will have authority delegated by the scheme manager to work directly with the relevant service providers to address and resolve issues which it identifies. This authority will also be subject to the existing contractual agreements and requirements relating to public sector procurement.

6.3 The DfE will remain responsible for all contractual agreements and any proposed changes, and for the commissioning of any additional work by 3rd parties. The DfE will consult and take into consideration the views of the TPSPB on matters that will materially affect the cost and /or the range and quality of services provided by the administration.

7. Monitoring Finance and Scheme Accounting

7.1 The TPSPB will add to the process of providing assurance, initially via the Managing Risk and Internal Controls sub-committee, to the scheme's Accounting Officer by commenting on the TPS Governance Statement, which is produced as part of the annual accounting process.

8. Reporting

8.1 The Chair of the TPSPB will report annually, for information purposes, on the activities of the TPSPB to the Scheme Manager and to the Accounting Officer, or as otherwise agreed.

9. Monitoring Employers

9.1 The TPSPB will be responsible for ensuring that the administrator constructively engages with employers who participate in the TPS pensions' arrangements with regard to the correct provision of data to the scheme administrator and contributions to the TPS and third parties.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. With the exception of the DfE representatives, appointments to the TPSPB are personal. There can be no alternate representation for any member of the TPSPB.
2. Each member will be required to attend all scheduled TPSPB meetings and details of attendance at meetings will be published in the Annual Review and on the website. Where ad-hoc meetings are called, all TPSPB members who are invited to attend should make best efforts to attend.
3. Employer and member representatives are expected to commit 10-20 days per year to TPSPB activities. This to include membership of, and active participation in, at least one sub-committee and attendance at learning and development events.
4. TPSPB members must agree that information provided or gleaned in the course of their duties as a member of the Board (which will include confidential/personal information) will not be used for purposes outside of the delivery of the Board's function.

Appointment and Removal

5. Chair: The Chair will be appointed by the scheme manager, and will be independent of employer and member groups.
6. Member representatives will be appointed as described in the TPSPB main terms of reference. Organisations will be invited to nominate up to two candidates in writing to be put forward into the selection process for members of the TPSPB, with the scheme manager approving final appointments. Nominees need not be union members.
7. Employer representatives will be appointed as described in the TPSPB main terms of reference. Employer representative bodies will be invited to nominate up to two candidates in writing to be put forward into the selection process for members of the TPSPB, with the scheme manager approving final appointments.
8. Pension specialist: The pension specialist will be appointed by the scheme manager, following an open / targeted recruitment process, and will be independent of both member and employer groups.
9. DfE Representatives: These will be appointed by the Department's Permanent Secretary based on roles as Directors or Deputy Directors in the relevant policy and finance/audit areas.
10. Members may resign from the TPSPB by giving a minimum of three months' notice in writing to the Chair.
11. The Chair will undertake performance management of each Board member annually, and can recommend to the scheme manager the removal of a Board member or the non-renewal of their appointment.

Terms of Office

12. The appointment of non-DfE Board members will be for a one to three-year term. Board members will not hold office for more than two terms.
13. The tenure of the DfE representative appointments will coincide with the time the individual holds the relevant DfE post.

Induction and Training

14. TPSPB members will complete induction activities to gain an up-to-date and working knowledge of the TPS pension arrangements.
15. Members will be conversant with scheme documents and have appropriate knowledge and understanding of the scheme rules and the principles of TPS funding. The members must keep their knowledge up to date and maintain a written record of their relevant training and development.



THE SEVEN PRINCIPLES UNDERPINNING PUBLIC LIFE

In 1995, the Committee on Standards in Public Life defined seven principles, which should underpin the actions of all who serve the public in any way. These are:

1. Selflessness

Holders of Public Office should take decisions solely in terms of the public interest. They should not do so in order to gain financial or other material benefits for themselves, their family, or other friends.

2. Integrity

Holders of public office should not place themselves under any financial or other obligation to outside individuals or organisations that might influence them in the performance of their official duties.

3. Objectivity

In carrying out public business, including making public appointments, awarding contracts, or recommending individuals for rewards and benefits, holders of public office should make choices on merit.

4. Accountability

Holders of public office are accountable for their decisions and actions to the public and must submit themselves to whatever scrutiny is appropriate to their office.

5. Openness

Holders of public office should be as open as possible about all the decisions and actions that they take. They should give reasons for their decisions and restrict information only when the wider public interest clearly demands.

6. Honesty

Holders of public office have a duty to declare any private interests relating to their public duties and to take steps to resolve any conflicts arising in a way that protects the public interest.

7. Leadership

Holders of public office should promote and support these principles by leadership and example.

Public Appointments require the highest standards of propriety, involving impartiality, integrity and objectivity. All candidates who put themselves forward for public appointment must be able to demonstrate their commitment to the principles and values of public service.



Diversity Monitoring Form

- The Department for Education is committed to pursuing equality of opportunity and to the principles of public appointments based on merit with independent assessment, openness and transparency of process.
- Monitoring the recruitment and selection procedures is one way of helping to ensure that there is no discrimination in the way we take people on.
- The ethnic origin and disability information you give us will be treated as confidential and will be used for monitoring purposes only.

It will not determine your suitability for appointment

- Please use CAPITAL letters and black ink.
- Where tick boxes appear, please tick the one that applies.

Personal Details

Title (Please specify eg, Dr, Ms, Sir, Mr)	<input type="text"/>
Surname	<input type="text"/>
First Name(s)	<input type="text"/>
Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say

Please enter your date of birth

Date of Birth	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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Disability Do you consider yourself to have a disability?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say

What is your religion or belief?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Buddhist	<input type="checkbox"/> Jewish	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:
<input type="checkbox"/> Christian	<input type="checkbox"/> Muslim	<input type="checkbox"/> None
<input type="checkbox"/> Hindu	<input type="checkbox"/> Sikh	<input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say

What is your Sexual Orientation?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Bisexual	<input type="checkbox"/> Heterosexual	<input type="checkbox"/> Gay Man
<input type="checkbox"/> Gay Woman	<input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say	

Ethnicity

Please look at all of the descriptions of race or ethnic origin listed below. When you have read them all, please tick the **one** box that most accurately describes you.

- White**
- British or Mixed British
- English
- Irish
- Scottish
- Welsh
- White – Other: specify if you wish.....
- Black**
- Caribbean
- African
- Black – Other: specify if you wish.....
- Asian**
- Indian
- Pakistani
- Bangladeshi
- East African
- Other: specify if you wish.....
- Mixed Ethnic Background**
- Asian and White
- Black African and White
- Black Caribbean and White
- Any Other Mixed Ethnic background: specify if you wish
- Chinese**
- Any other Chinese background: specify if you wish
- Any other Ethnic Background: specify if you wish....**
- Prefer Note to say**



Political Activity Declaration Form

All applicants for a public appointment should complete the question below. This question is asked as it enables the monitoring of political activity of candidates for a public appointment in so far as it is already in the public domain. Neither activity nor affiliation is a criterion for appointment (except where statute dictates specific representation).

If you are successful, the information provided will be published with the announcement of your appointment.

Please indicate which of the following activities you have undertaken during the past five years by ticking the appropriate box and by providing details of your involvement. Name the party or body for which you have been active. If you have been or are an Independent or have sought or obtained office as a representative of a particular interest group, you should state this. You should tick all relevant categories.

- a. Obtained office as a Local Councillor, MP, MEP, etc.
 Stood as a candidate for one of the above offices.
 Spoken on behalf of a party or candidate.
- b. Acted as a political agent.
 Held office such as a Chair, Treasurer, or Secretary of a local branch of a party.
 Canvassed on behalf of a party or helped at elections.
 Undertaken any other political activity which you consider relevant.
- c. Made a recordable donation to a political party.¹
- d. None of the above activities apply.

¹ The Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 requires the Electoral Commission to publish a register of recordable donations (donations from any individual totalling more than £5,000 in any calendar year, or more than £1,000 if made to a subsidiary accounting unit such as a constituency association, local branch, women's or youth organisation). These provisions became effective from 16 February 2001.

Details of your involvement

Name of party for which activity undertaken

DECLARATION:

I declare that the information given on this form is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have read the information pack and can confirm that I am eligible to be considered for appointment to this body. I also certify that I will immediately inform the Department of any changes to circumstances that affect the answers I have given.

Signature

Print Name

This part of the form is for monitoring purposes only and therefore will be detached from your application and will not be seen by any selection panels. However, it is appreciated that such activities may have given you relevant skills, including experience gained from committee work, collective decision making, resolving conflict and public speaking. If, therefore, you have had such experience and you consider it relevant to your application for this post, you should include it separately in the main body of your application

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE
TEACHERS' PENSION SCHEME PENSION BOARD

Explanatory Note: The Public Service Pensions Act 2013, Section 7(4) requires that any member of the Teachers' Pension Scheme Pension Board must not have a conflict of interest, which is defined as a "financial or other interest which is likely to prejudice the person's exercise of functions as a member of the Board, but does not include a financial or other interest arising merely by virtue of membership of the scheme or any connected scheme."

This questionnaire has been designed to help potential Board members and the Department for Education ensure that the conflict of interest requirement in the Public Service Pensions Act 2013 is fulfilled.

Conflict of interest questionnaire for all candidates applying to be appointed to the TPSPB.

1. Name of candidate:

2. Are you currently in receipt of a Teacher's Pension? YES / NO

If your answer to one or more of question numbers 4, 6 and 9 below is YES, the appointing authority may conclude you have a potential conflict of interest for the purposes of this role, subject to your responses to the remaining questions.

3. If you are currently in paid employment, what is your job title and the name of the organisation you work for:

4. Do you believe that your duties in the paid employment in question 3 above create a potential conflict of interest for you? YES / NO

5. If your answer to 4 above was NO, what are your grounds for believing this:

6. A conflict of interest could arise if a member of your immediate family was employed in the pensions or related industries, such as the life insurance industry. Does such a situation exist in your immediate family? YES / NO

7. If your answer to question 6 above was YES, do you believe that this creates a potential conflict of interest for you? YES / NO

8. If your answer to 7 above was NO, what are your grounds for believing this?

9. You or your immediate family may have personal investments in the shares of pension providers or life assurance providers. Does such a situation exist for you? YES / NO

10. If your answer to question 9 above was YES, do you believe that this creates a potential conflict of interest for you? YES / NO

11. If your answer to question 10 above was NO, what are your grounds for believing this?

12. Do you have any other commitments, connections or responsibilities which could be reasonably perceived to be relevant to the role for which you have applied? If so, please specify them below, and be aware that they may be published in a public Register of Interests of Board members:

Thank you for completing this questionnaire.

* “immediate family” is defined in this questionnaire as a partner or spouse with whom you have regular contact



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Please complete a personal statement in support of your application, along with a CV. This statement should be no more than 250 words and set out the relevant skills and experience you would contribute to the TPSPB, particularly in the area of service delivery. You may wish to consider:

- Communication and interpersonal skills (including the ability to understand and work with a diverse range of stakeholders)
 - Leadership and teamwork skills and experience
 - The ability to analyse and challenge advice/proposals
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Signed: _____

Date: _____