



Employer Directors

Chris Hannon - Chair of the Trustee



Nominated by:	Freight train operating companies and support services
Term of office:	2022
Committees & Boards:	Trustee Board (Chair), Remuneration Committee and RPMI Board

Chris has a career of over 35 years working in the operation and management of company pension schemes in various industries. He has held management and trustee supporting roles with several private sector employers, including Safeway Supermarkets plc and Thomas Cook Group. In 2004 he joined the rail industry as the Head of Pensions in Network Rail where he was responsible for its defined benefit and defined contribution pension schemes. In 2016 he joined Freightliner Group Limited as their Pensions Director until his retirement in 2020.

Chris was appointed a director of the Trustee Company following his nomination by Network Rail in 2005. He was re-elected in 2012 and then in 2016 was nominated on behalf of the Freight and Support Services Group. In January 2016 Chris was appointed as a Non-Executive Director of RPMI, and in 2019 he was appointed Chair of the Trustee.

Meliha Duymaz



Nominated by:	Network Rail
Term of office:	2026
Committees & Boards:	Trustee Board, Audit & Risk Committee (Chair) and Railpen Investments Board

Meliha has been the Regional Finance Director for Eastern Region since August 2019. She is responsible for the financial oversight of c£15bn of investment over the next five years in Eastern Region which stretches from Scottish Borders along the entire east coast of England to London delivering 7,500 passenger services each day. Before joining Network Rail, she worked for a diverse range of organisations including Serco Plc in the Docklands Light Railway, public relations group Hunstworth Plc and as an auditor in Turkey. Having spent 17 years as a finance professional in various industries, Meliha has extensive experience in franchising & bidding, outsourcing, financial and commercial management in complex organisations.

Meliha is a qualified chartered accountant with ACCA and holds an Economics & Business Administration degree. She was appointed as a director of the Trustee Company in March 2016 and a Non-Executive Director of Railpen Investments Ltd in 2017.

Mark Engelbretson



Nominated by:	Network Rail
Term of office:	2024
Committees & Boards:	Trustee Board, Defined Contribution Committee and Integrated Funding Committee

Mark is Head of Pensions at Network Rail, prior to that, Mark has worked in various Heads of Pensions/Secretary to Trustee roles for the likes of British Airways, Carnival Plc and Mothercare in a career that extends over 26 years. Mark was appointed as a director of the Trustee Company in February 2017.



Richard Jones



Nominated by:	All employers
Term of office:	2022
Committees & Boards:	Trustee Board, Audit & Risk Committee, Defined Contribution Committee (Chair), Mutual Committee and RPMI Board

Richard's 30-year railway career included engineering, commercial, corporate real estate and general management positions at BRB, Virgin, Alstom and AECOM. He was involved in the leadership and governance of the Scott Wilson Railways (now AECOM) RPS Section for over 10 years. Richard became a railways pensioner in 2018 and was subsequently appointed to a Civil Service role unrelated to the rail industry.

Richard is a Chartered Mechanical Engineer, an IoD Chartered Director and MBA graduate, and has non-executive experience with a Police Authority, including leading on pensions matters.

Richard was appointed as a director of the Trustee Company in March 2016. In January 2017, he was appointed as a Non-Executive Director of RPMI.

Christine Kernoghan



Nominated by:	Passenger train operating companies
Term of office:	2022
Committees & Boards:	Trustee Board, Case Committee and Integrated Funding Committee (Chair)

Christine was the Head of Financial Services at South Western Rail Limited where her responsibilities included management and operation of the pension scheme. She has been involved with the railways pension scheme for 23 years taking an active role in developing effective communications and improved administration. She was a long-standing member of the South Western Railway Pension Committee. Christine was appointed a director of the Trustee Company in 2016.

Richard Murray



Nominated by:	Passenger train operating companies
Term of office:	2024
Committees & Boards:	Trustee Board, Case Committee and Defined Contribution Committee

Richard is the Group Pensions Director for FirstGroup, having joined the Reward & Pensions team in 2008. He started his career with an employee benefits consultancy after graduating from the University of Edinburgh with a degree in Economics and Statistics, and now has over 20 years pensions experience. Richard has had a variety of trustee roles for FirstGroup pensions arrangements in the UK and North America. He was appointed a director of the Trustee Company in 2019.



John Wilson



Nominated by:	Freight train operating companies and support services
Term of office:	2026
Committees & Boards:	Trustee Board, Case Committee, and Integrated Funding Committee

John is an Actuary and was formerly employed by British Rail where he worked with others in establishing the Railways Pension Scheme. He has nearly 40 years' experience advising companies about their pension arrangements. John has been a member of the Pensions Committees of several sections of the RPS. He was appointed a director of the Trustee Company in 2008.

Adam Golton



Nominated by:	Passenger train operating companies
Term of office:	2026
Committees & Boards:	Trustee Board, Audit and Risk Committee and Integrated Funding Committee

Adam is a Chartered Accountant and worked as Finance Director for eight different rail franchises over a 20 year period. He currently chairs RDG's EC4T Steering Group and is the Abellio representative for the Settlement, Assurance and Financing Committee. Adam has over 10 years' experience as a Pension Committee member for the Anglia and Great Eastern sections, and was appointed chair of these committees over a number of years. In November 2018, Adam moved to a Group role in order to focus on wider industry developments and their impact on the Abellio train operating companies.

Adam was appointed as a director of the Trustee Company in 2020.

Employee Directors

Gerry Doherty



Nominated by:	Transport Salaried Staffs' Association (TSSA)
Term of office:	2024
Committees & Boards:	Trustee Board, Integrated Funding Committee and RPMI Board

Gerry is a pensioner in the 1994 Pensioners Section of the RPS, having worked for the Operations Department of the British Railways Board for over 15 years. Gerry then joined the full-time staff of the Transport Salaried Staffs' Association (TSSA) as its Irish Secretary and after holding a number of positions he was elected as General Secretary in March 2004, serving in that position until taking retirement in November 2011.

Gerry served for a number of years on the General Council and the Executive Committee of the Trades Union Congress (TUC) and was also a member of the Commission for Integrated Transport (CfIT) until its demise in 2010. After he retired, Gerry was a director of South Central Youth (SCY), a charity devoted to deflecting young people from engaging in the gang culture prevalent in areas of south London.

Gerry was appointed as a director of the Trustee Company in 2018 and appointed as a Non-Executive Director of RPMI in 2020.



Richard Goldson



Nominated by:	Retired Railway Officers' Society (RROS)
Term of office:	2026
Committees & Boards:	Trustee Board, Defined Contribution Committee and Audit and Risk Committee

Richard's whole career was with the railway, half with BR, and half with National Express. Subsequently, he was a Non-Executive Director with the Office of Rail Regulation, and separately an advisor to the House of Commons Transport Committee. For eighteen of those years Richard was an employer-elected Trustee Director of the Railways Pension Scheme, and served on key Committees of the Trustee. He was the first Trustee to Chair the RPMI Board, and was one of the two Trustees to sit on the Railpen Board.

Richard was appointed as a director of the Trustee Company in 2020.

Dave Gott



Nominated by:	National Union of Rail, Maritime & Transport Workers (RMT) and the British Railways Superannuation Fund (BRSF) Management Committee
Term of office:	2024
Committees & Boards:	Trustee Board, Case Committee (Chair) and Defined Contribution Committee

Dave joined British Rail in 1980 and worked in the signalling grades in the Lincoln/Retford areas. He was elected to the BRSF Management Committee in 2001 and elected to the Network Rail Pensions Committee in 2005.

Dave was appointed as a director of the Trustee Company in 2007 and re-elected in 2012.

Charles Harding



Nominated by:	Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions (CSEU)
Term of office:	2026
Committees & Boards:	Trustee Board, Audit & Risk Committee and Case Committee

Charles has been a Senior CSEU Representative for over 20 years and was employed as an engineer by a leading rail freight company till 2015. He is a member of Unite the Union. Charles was appointed as a director of the Trustee Company in 2007.



Peter Holden



Nominated by:	British Transport Pensioners' Federation (Pensioners Federation)
Term of office:	2026
Committees & Boards:	Trustee Board, Case Committee, RPMI Board and Remuneration Committee

Peter worked in the British Transport Police Force for 30 years, and retired as Chief Superintendent (Divisional commander) in 2016. He has been a member of the British Transport Police Force Superannuation Fund Committee since 2009, and is currently a pensioner nominated member of the Committee. Peter is also a member of the Valuation Working Group for the Fund. He was appointed as a director of the Trustee Company in 2019 and appointed as a Non-Executive Director of RPMI in 2020.

Mick Lynch



Nominated by:	National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers (RMT)
Term of office:	2022
Committees & Boards:	Trustee Board and Integrated Funding Committee

Mick is the Assistant General Secretary of the RMT, Britain's largest rail union. Before being elected as a union official in 2015 he worked for 22 years for Eurostar in fleet engineering. He was appointed as a director of the Trustee Company in 2015. Mick has served on the Eurostar Pensions Committee since it was established and is a member of the Network Rail Pensions Committee.

Gary Towse



Nominated by:	British Railways Superannuation Fund (BRSF) Management Committee and British Transport Police Federation
Term of office:	2022
Committees & Boards:	Trustee Board, Audit & Risk Committee, Integrated Funding Committee and Railpen Investment Board

Gary joined the British Transport Police in 1974 and served in the South East Area. He was a Committee member of the British Transport Police Force Superannuation Fund from 1992 to 2006. He was elected the Treasurer of the British Transport Police Federation between 1996 and 2006. Gary was appointed as a director of the Trustee Company in 2004 and a Non-Executive Director of Railway Pension Investments Ltd in 2020.



Dave Tyson



Nominated by:	Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers & Firemen (ASLEF)
Term of office:	2022
Committees & Boards:	Trustee Board, Defined Contribution Committee and Integrated Funding Committee

David worked in the rail industry as a train driver for 38 years and retired in 2018. He has served on the BR, Anglia and 1994 Pensioners Section Pensions Committees and he is the former president of ASLEF's Executive, which he served upon between 1994 and 2004. David was appointed as a Trustee Company director in February 2001 and was a Non-Executive Director of RPMI from 2009 until 2017.