

## **NOTICE of BOARD ELECTION – August 31, 2023**

The Employees' Retirement System of Rhode Island (ERSRI) will hold an election for seven (7) Board member positions in January 2024 with a term of four (4) years. The 15-member Retirement Board oversees the state's pension system and is responsible for its administration. The Board approves and adjudicates disability and service pensions, votes on the target investment rate of return and other assumptions, and certifies employer contribution rates. The Board meets monthly and has four standing committees that meet quarterly. If you are interested in running for election to the State Retirement Board, visit ERSRI at 50 Service Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Warwick RI 02886 beginning September 11, 2023, to pick up nomination papers. You must then secure 100 signatures from your particular membership group and return the nomination papers to ERSRI by October 18, 2023, at 4 p.m. Board seats up for election, and the members currently serving in those seats, include:

#### Active state employee representatives:

- 1.Paul L. Dion, Ph.D.
- 2. Claire M. Newell

#### Active teacher representatives:

- 1. John P. Maguire
- 2. Michael J. Twohey

## Active municipal employee representative:

1. Matthew K. Howard

### Retiree member representatives:

- 1. Roger P. Boudreau
- 2. Raymond J. Pouliot

Any active contributing or retired ERSRI member as of August 31, 2023 is eligible to run for election to the State Retirement Board and is eligible to vote for a candidate within their respective membership groups and will receive a ballot and candidate information sheet by mail. The State Board of Elections will tally the votes on behalf of ERSRI. The current Retirement Board also includes: General Treasurer James A. Diossa, Chairman, and *ex officio* members; Mark A. Carruolo, public representative (appointed by the Governor); Andrew E. Nota, representative of the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns; Elena Mertus, Director of Administration Designee; State Budget Officer Joseph Codega, Jr.; Jean Rondeau, public representative (appointed by the Governor); Dr. Laura Shawhughes, public representative (appointed by the General Treasurer) and Lisa A. Whiting, public representative (appointed by the General Treasurer).

#### IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE JANUARY 2024 RETIREMENT BOARD ELECTIONS

**September 11, 2023:** Nomination papers will be available at 50 Service Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Warwick RI.

**October 18, 2023:** The deadline to submit nomination papers to ERSRI at 50 Service Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Warwick RI is **4:00 P.M.** 

November 15, 2023: Lottery for ballot order will be held during the Retirement Board meeting.

**December 26-31, 2023:** Ballots will be mailed to all retirees and members who are eligible to vote.

January 31, 2024: All completed ballots must be postmarked by this date.

**February 2024:** The R.I. Board of Elections will tabulate ballots.

March 13, 2024: New members will be sworn in at the March Retirement Board meeting.

Frank J. Karpinski



# **Executive Director**