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Newsletter of the Employees Retirement System of Rhode Island

SPECIAL NOTICE OF ELECTION Retirement Board Election January 2004

The Employees Retirement System will hold elections for the Retirement Board in January 2004. Six members will be elected to the Employees Retirement Board by the membership during the election.

The election will select the following members to the Board: two active state employees (or state employee union representatives) elected by the state membership; two active teachers (or teacher union representatives) elected by the teacher membership; one municipal employee (or municipal union representative) elected by the municipal membership; one retired member elected by the ERSRI retiree membership. All elected members serve four-year terms.

All active, contributing and retired members as of the date of this notice are eligible to become a candidate for election to the board and are also entitled to vote for a candidate within their respective membership group.

Members who are interested in being candidates must notify the Employees Retirement System of their intention to run by obtaining nomination papers. Nomination papers will be available at the Retirement Office from September 15-26. Candidates must secure one hundred signatures from their respective membership group and return the nomination papers to the retirement system by 4 PM, October 17, 2003.

Once the ballot is set, each ERSRI member will receive a ballot and candidate information sheet by regular mail. The vote will be tallied on behalf of ERSRI by the state Board of Elections.

By statute, the Employees Retirement Board is a 15-member board which is responsible for the general administration

of the retirement system. The Board meets once a month, and has four standing subcommittees.

Ex-officio members include the General Treasurer; Director of Administration; the State Budget Officer; the House Fiscal Advisor; the Executive Director of the League of Cities and Towns; Chairpersons of the House and Senate Finance Committees; and two public representatives appointed by the Governor. The current ERSRI Board members are listed below.

Retirement Board

Paul J. Tavares, Chairman, General Treasurer

William B. Finelli, *Vice-Chairperson, Teacher Rep.*

Sen. Stephen D. Alves, *Senate Finance Chair*

Ponzi A. Angelone, *C.L.U., Public Representative*

Daniel L. Beardsley, *R.I. League of Cities and Towns*

Rosemary Booth-Gallogly, *State Budget Officer*

Michael R. Boyce, *Retired Member Representative*

Jerome F. Williams, *Dir. of Admin., Designee*

Louis M. Prata, *Municipal Representative*

John A. Marginson, *Public Representative*

John P. Maguire, *Teacher Representative*

Michael F. O'Keefe, *House Fiscal Advisor*

Michael E. Reis, *State Employee Representative*

Linda C. Riendeau, *State Employee Representative*

Rep. Paul V. Sherlock, *House Finance Chair*

See other side for Election Schedule

Election Schedule

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| September 8-12, 2003 | Notice of Election mailed to eligible membership. |
| September 15-26 , 2003 | Nomination Papers available at 40 Fountain Street. |
| October 17, 2003 | Nomination Papers to be returned to 40 Fountain St. by 4 PM. |
| November 12, 2003 | Lottery for Ballot Order at Retirement Board meeting. |
| December 29-31, 2003 | Ballots sent by Regular Mail to eligible membership. |
| January 2004 | Election Month; Ballots to be returned via mail by membership. |
| January 31, 2004 | Final day for receipt of ballots at designated post office boxes. |
| February 5, 2004 | Tabulation of ballots by Board of Elections. |
| March 10, 2004 | New members sworn in at Retirement Board meeting. |

Paul J. Tavares, General Treasurer
Chairman, ERSRI Board



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