

Frank J. Karpinski Executive Director

December 2021

Retirement Board Election

ERSRI is holding an election to fill an open position on the Retirement Board. All <u>active municipal employees and public safety members</u> of the retirement system as of December 3, 2021, are eligible to <u>run</u> as and/or <u>vote</u> for a candidate.

The Employees' Retirement System of Rhode Island (ERSRI) is governed by a 15-member Board chosen in accordance with Title 36 of the Rhode Island General Laws. Board members serve as trustees with fiduciary responsibility over all aspects of the system i.e., financial, administrative, policy, etc.

The elected member will complete the term of Active Municipal Employee Representative Thomas M. Lambert. The member elected to the seat will be sworn in at the March 16, 2022 meeting and is expected to serve through March 2024.

Members who are interested in becoming a candidate must notify ERSRI by obtaining nomination papers in person at the ERSRI Office, 50 Service Avenue (2nd floor), Warwick, RI 02886.

Nomination papers will be available beginning on December 6, 2021 and must be completed and returned by December 28, 2021.

Municipal candidates must secure 100 valid signatures from eligible active municipal members of the Municipal Employees' Retirement system (MERS).

Completed nomination papers must be returned to ERSRI before 4:00 p.m. on December 28, 2021. Signatures will be verified by the ERSRI Committee on Elections. Candidates will be notified in writing of their qualification or failure to qualify for the ballot and the reason why.

Members who are eligible to vote will receive ballots by mail after January 17, 2022. Ballots must be returned in the self-addressed envelope provided and be postmarked by February 11, 2022.

If you have any questions regarding the Retirement Board election process, please call Roxanne Donoyan at (401) 462-7608. ERSRI is open Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.