Nominations are being accepted for an election to fill the vacancy of a “Police” Representative on the PFRS Board of Trustees for the unexpired term beginning December 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018. Candidates for the unexpired position must qualify by electronic nomination. If you wish to declare your interest in running for this position, please send a written request by July 7, 2017, to the PFRS Board Secretary at NJBOT.Nomination@treas.nj.gov or PO Box 295, Trenton, NJ 08625-0295.

The Board of Trustees has the general responsibility for the operation of the PFRS, under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 43:16A-13. The Board meets monthly at the Division of Pensions and Benefits in Trenton. The statute provides that no employee shall suffer loss of salary or wages as a result of serving on the Board. A member who wishes to be a candidate for the unexpired “Police” position must be an active PFRS police member and must receive at least 500 active PFRS police member nominations. Only active PFRS police members may nominate a candidate for the PFRS police position.

After the candidates have declared their interest in becoming a PFRS representative, nominations to support your choice for a candidate are made electronically through a secure web site. The process is easy, and it only takes a few minutes. You just need to have access to a computer and log on to HTTPS://VOTE.ELECTION-AMERICA.COM/PFRS-POLICE and follow the simple directions. You will need to provide the last four (4) digits of your Social Security number, the first four (4) letters of your last name, and your birthdate. You will then see a list of all the candidates, and you can make your selection. Please allow sufficient time after this notification for active police members to request candidacy and to have ample time for the vendor to enter the member’s name in the online system.

Nominations must be registered online on or before 4 p.m. Friday July 21, 2017. An election will be required if more than one candidate receives 500 or more nominations. Qualified candidates will be invited to attend the drawing by lot for position on the ballot, if necessary, on August 1, 2017. Election ballots will be mailed to PFRS employers for distribution to active members on or about August 25, 2017.

PRESENT MEMBERS – TERM

Police Representatives: Keith Bennett-11/30/2017 and Michael Kaniuk-8/31/19; Fire Representatives: Timothy Colacci-6/30/20 and Brady Middlesworth-6/30/18; Retired Representative: Marty Barrett-12/31/20; Gubernatorial Appointments: Laurel Brennan, Frank Leake, Richard Loccke, and two vacant positions; State Treasurer’s Representative: Susanne Culliton, Ex-Officio Member

PFRS BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES

- Render determinations regarding disability retirement cases.
- Review appeals pertaining to the disallowance of pension benefits.
- Adopt rules and regulations to provide for the payment of benefits and collection of monies as required by statute.
- Establish rules and regulations within the limitations of statutes and opinions of the Courts and the Attorney General, designed to prevent injustices and inequities that may arise in the operation of the Retirement System.
- Resolve individual questions on the merits of each case in terms of statutes, opinions of the Attorney General, advice of the Actuary, and cases cited by counsel as deliberated by the Courts.