
Board of Trustees Election 2017 • Term: September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2023

WHAT DO BOARD MEMBERS DO?

ERS Board members serve an important role related to benefits for state employees and retirees. They oversee the administration of state benefit programs including retirement, insurance, deferred compensation, and flexible benefits. They also serve as trustees of the retirement trust fund and oversee the trust's investments. Board members serve six-year terms. This term begins September 1, 2017, and ends August 31, 2023.

Board members attend quarterly meetings where they set policy and review investment and benefit programs. Board meetings are live-streamed and posted on the ERS website under About ERS, ERS Board of Trustees. Potential candidates are encouraged to review a recorded meeting to get an idea of Board member responsibilities.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO SERVE?

All contributing ERS employee class members are eligible to serve on the Board, except for employees of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission and the Texas Department of Insurance, as these agencies already have a representative on the ERS Board of Trustees.

HOW CAN I BE NOMINATED?

Candidates must:

- Use an official Nomination Petition form (available through your agency or the ERS website at www.ers.state.tx.us).
- Gather original signatures of eligible voters. To qualify, you must have a minimum of 300 unique signatures from eligible voters to get on the ballot. ERS will accept up to 600 voter signatures from each candidate. All ERS members are allowed to vote—this includes active employees, retirees, and previous employees who still have money in the fund. ***Reproduced or faxed copies of signed petitions will not be accepted.***
- Return the original signed petitions, along with the Questionnaire for Board of Trustees Position, which includes a statement of no more than 1,750 characters (equivalent to 250 words or less), to ERS by 5 p.m. CT, Wednesday, February 1, 2017. The statement will be printed verbatim in the election newsletter.

KEY DATES

Wednesday, February 1, 2017
Petitions due by 5 p.m. CT

Thursday, March 9, 2017
Candidate forum

Friday, March 10, 2017
Voting begins

Friday, April 14, 2017
Voting ends

Wednesday, May 10, 2017
Results certified

Friday, September 1, 2017
Trustee term begins