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Employees Retirement System of Texas

ERS Board of Trustees election voting begins March 10

Before August 31 of each odd-numbered year, the ERS Board of Trustees is required by law to hold an election to nominate and elect a trustee. This year, one employee member will be elected by state employees and retirees to serve as their member advocate. Voting begins Friday, March 10 and continues through Friday, April 14 using one of three options; the ERS website, direct email, or the paper ballot you received in the mail. If you are an ERS member as of January 31, 2017, or if you are a retired state employee receiving an annuity from ERS, you are eligible to vote.

The Employees Retirement System of Texas administers a benefits package which includes retirement benefits, health and other insurance benefits, the Texa$aver 401(k) and 457 investment account programs and the TexFlex program. Members of the ERS Board make key decisions regarding these programs and also serve as trustees for the ERS Retirement Trust Fund, which pays retirees' annuities from employee and state contributions and investment earnings.

Candidates for the position include TDCJ Parole Division Region II Director Jackie A. Dickerson, Chief Auditor Catherine A. Melvin from the Texas Department of Public Safety, Morgen Ashley Cuming, a staff attorney with the Texas Board of Professional Engineers, and Chief Audit and Compliance Officer Benito Ybarra with the Texas Department of Transportation.

A recording of the March 9 candidate forum will be available on the ERS website throughout the voting period.

2017 Election Calendar

March 9	Candidate forum
March 10	Voting begins
April 14	Voting ends
May 10	Results certified
September 1	Board of Trustees member term begins