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BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION California Public Employees' Retirement System

2021 Member-at-Large Election NOTICE OF ELECTION March 15, 2021

Item 7a, Attachment 1, Page 1 BOARD ELECTION OFFICE

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Eligible active and retired members (excluding survivors and beneficiaries) of the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) will have an opportunity this year to elect two (2) representatives for the CalPERS Board of Administration. The term of the incumbents, David Miller and Margaret Brown, will expire on January 15, 2022. The new term of office will begin January 16, 2022 and run through January 15, 2026. David Miller and Margaret Brown have both declared their intention to be a candidate for re-election.

PROCESS FOR BECOMING A CANDIDATE

Candidate Eligibility Requirements — An eligible active CalPERS member may be nominated if the active member is currently employed by a CalPERS covered agency on the date of this Notice of Election (Notice). An eligible retired CalPERS member may be nominated if the retired member's effective date of retirement is on or before the date of this Notice, and the retired member is a California resident.

Nomination Requirements — Each candidate must submit a Nomination Petition form, either for Position A (currently held by David Miller), or for Position B (currently held by Margaret Brown), which is endorsed by at least 250 active or retired members of CalPERS (excluding survivors or beneficiaries). Only one (1) Nomination Petition for Position A or Position B may be submitted by a candidate. The required nomination information must be received by the Elections Coordinator via electronic mail or at the address listed above no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 13, 2021, to be considered for a candidate's eligibility in this election. For all methods of delivery, and in particular for nomination petitions submitted via U.S. Mail, please allow sufficient time for the mailing/delivery processes to ensure that the nomination petitions will arrive to CalPERS by the deadline stated above. All nomination petition packages received by a CalPERS is not responsible for nomination petition packages left on the counter in Room W1570 regardless of the time of delivery. Nomination petition packages received by CalPERS after the deadline stated above will be rejected and the nomination petition packages will not be opened. All forms related to nomination requirements may be requested through the Board Election Office, and on the <u>CalPERS Board Election webpage</u>.

Required nomination information includes:

a. Nomination Petition form signed by at least 250 eligible active or retired CalPERS members (excluding survivors and beneficiaries) who meet the Candidate Eligibility Requirements set forth above. All Nomination Petitions may contain any combination of original signatures or nonoriginal* signatures.

Nomination Petition Requirements — The Petition will include the following information that will be used by CalPERS to determine eligibility:

1. Nominee Information:

- Full Name
- Last four digits of the Social Security number
- Agency where employed or retired from
- Street address, telephone number, and e-mail
- Original or non-original* signature consenting to nomination

- 2. Active/Retired Member Information:
- Full name
- Last four digits of the Social Security number
- Agency where employed or retired from
- Original or non-original* signature of each member endorsing the Nominee
- **b.** Nomination Acceptance/Ballot Designation Form On this form the candidate must certify acceptance of the nomination upon CalPERS determination that the nominee is a qualified candidate, consent to serve if elected, and specify a ballot designation, if desired.

*Non-Original Signatures – Pursuant to emergency regulations adopted for the 2021 Member-at-Large Election, non-original signatures will be accepted to establish eligibility for nomination. Non-original signatures are defined as "an original signature on a nomination petition form that has been reproduced or scanned into an electronic format for electronic transmission including by email or facsimile."

Candidate Statement — A nominee may submit their candidate statement of no more than 300 words separately or at the same time as they submit their other nomination documents. It may be submitted in person, by mail, or electronically through the <u>CalPERS Board Election webpage</u>. **The candidate statement must be received by the Board Election Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 13, 2021**. **Once submitted, candidate statements may not be changed or withdrawn except in accordance with California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Section 554.6, Subdivision (e)**.

Nomination Period Extension — In accordance with the Public Employees' Retirement Law, Government Code Section 20096.3, the nomination period will be extended for 10 days if an incumbent who declares the intention to run for re-election does **not** submit their nomination documents on or by 5:00 p.m. on May 13, 2021. Under these circumstances, any eligible person other than the incumbent shall have until 5:00 p.m. on May 24, 2021, to file their nomination petition documents. This section is not applicable if there is no incumbent eligible to be elected or if the Notice of Election states that the incumbent does not intend to be a candidate for re-election.

Candidate Statement Addendum — Candidates will be provided the option to submit an addendum of no more than 300 words in addition to their initial candidate statements. The addendum must be received no later than 10 calendar days following distribution of the initial candidate statements to the candidates. Candidates will have the opportunity to video record their candidate statements and addenda in or around August 2021.

Withdrawal of Candidacy — A candidate who decides to withdraw candidacy after submitting their certified Nomination Acceptance/Ballot Designation Form must notify the CalPERS Board Election Coordinator by phone and follow-up in writing. In order to withdraw their candidate statement and/or name from the ballot, a candidate must withdraw before the submission of the ballot materials for printing.

The Political Reform Act — The Political Reform Act (at Government Code Section 81000 et seq.) requires candidates (as that term is used in the Political Reform Act) for the position of elective CalPERS Board member to file, among other things, campaign statements of contributions and expenditures with the Secretary of State. A list of the required forms can be found on the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) filing schedule located on the <u>CalPERS</u> <u>Board Election webpage</u>. Nominees are strongly encouraged to contact the FPPC for information on their legal obligations under the Political Reform Act.

VOTER ELIGIBILITY

CalPERS members active as of July 1, 2021 are eligible to vote in this election. Retired CalPERS members (excluding survivors and beneficiaries) whose effective date of retirement is on or before July 1, 2021 are eligible to vote in this election. If a runoff election is needed, CalPERS members active as of October 1, 2021 are eligible to vote in the runoff election. Retired members (excluding survivors and beneficiaries) whose effective date of retirement is on or before October 1, 2021, are eligible to vote in the runoff election.

PRIMARY ELECTION SCHEDULE

DATE	ACTION
March 15, 2021	Notice of Election will be mailed directly to retired members and electronically sent to employers for distribution to active members.
May 13, 2021	Nomination Petition, Nomination Acceptance/Ballot Designation forms and Candidate Statements are due by 5:00 p.m.
June 1, 2021	Deadline for CalPERS receipt of the Candidate Statement Addendum.
June 3, 2021	Random drawing for the order of candidate names to appear on the ballot for Position A and Position B.
August 27, 2021	Ballots will be mailed directly to eligible voters. Eligible voters will have the opportunity to submit their vote either online, by telephone, or by paper ballot in accordance with the instructions provided in the ballot package.
August 27, 2021 – September 27, 2021	Returned envelopes will be scanned and secured at 7720 Hardeson Road, Suite B, Everett, Washington 98203.
September 3, 2021	Eligible voters who have not received a ballot by this date should contact the Customer Service Center for a replacement ballot at 1-877-610-8637.
September 27, 2021	Voted ballots must be received by CalPERS on or before this date.
September 28, 2021 – through completion	Beginning at 9:00 a.m., on September 28, 2021, the sealed, signed, envelopes containing the voted ballots will be opened, the ballots removed, and processed at 7720 Hardeson Road, Suite B, Everett, Washington 98203. Public viewing will be allowed.
	Upon completion of the paper ballot process, the electronic tabulation process will be held at the Embassy Suites, The Stagecoach Room, 100 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, CA 95814. The time for the public viewing will be announced promptly following the completion of the paper ballot process.
	RUNOFF ELECTION SCHEDULE (IF NECESSARY)
DATE	ACTION
October 5, 2021	Random drawing for the order of candidate names to appear on the ballot for Position A and Position B.
November 5, 2021	Runoff ballots will be mailed directly to eligible voters. Eligible voters will have the opportunity to submit their vote either online, by telephone, or by a paper ballot in accordance with the instructions provided in the ballot package.
November 5, 2021 – December 6, 2021	Returned envelopes will be scanned and secured at 7720 Hardeson Road, Suite B, Everett, Washington 98203.
November 12, 2021	Eligible voters who have not received a ballot by this date should contact the Customer Service Center for a replacement ballot at 1-877-610-8637.
December 6, 2021	Voted runoff ballots must be received by CalPERS on or before this date.
December 7, 2021 – through completion	Beginning at 9:00 a.m., on December 7, 2021, the sealed, signed envelopes containing the voted ballots will be opened, the ballots removed, and processed at 7720 Hardeson Road, Suite B, Everett, Washington 98203. Public viewing will be allowed.
	Upon completion of the paper ballot process, the electronic tabulation process will be held at the Embassy Suites, The Stagecoach Room, 100 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, CA 95814. The time for the public viewing will be announced promptly following the completion of the paper ballot process.

SEATING OF BOARD MEMBER ELECT

DATE	ACTION
January 16, 2022	The newly elected Board Members will be seated on the CalPERS Board of Administration in accordance with the Public Employees' Retirement Law, Government Code Section 20095. The new term of office begins January 16, 2022 and ends January 15, 2026.

For questions, general information, nomination petitions, or CalPERS Board Election regulations, contact the Board Election Office at the phone numbers on the reverse side or write to the Board Election Office at the CalPERS mailing address on the reverse side.