



## Finance and Administration Committee

# Agenda Item 6b

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**September 14, 2021**

**Item Name:** 2021 CalPERS Board of Administration Special Public Agency Member Notice of Election

**Program:** Board of Administration Election

**Item Type:** Action

### **Recommendation**

The Operations Support Services Division (OSSD) recommends approving the initiation of the 2021 Special Public Agency Member Election for the CalPERS Board of Administration by adopting the Notice of Election (NOE).

### **Executive Summary**

The board election team is preparing to conduct a special election to fill the Public Agency Member Representative seat, which was vacated by Mr. Jason Perez prior to the term's expiration. This seat on the CalPERS Board of Administration is established by the Public Employees' Retirement Law (PERL), Government Code section 20090 (g)(4). Eligible active CalPERS public agency members can vote and participate as candidates in this election. The term of office for the elected candidate will begin immediately upon certification by the Secretary of State and will expire on January 15, 2027.

### **Strategic Plan**

This agenda item is not a product of the Strategic Plan but is part of the regular and ongoing workload of OSSD.

### **Background**

The CalPERS Board of Administration consists of 13 members. Three (3) board members are appointed. Four (4) board members are ex-officio board members by virtue of their office of official position. The remaining six (6) of these board members are elected by their represented membership. The CalPERS Board composition is mandated by law and cannot be changed unless approved by a majority of the registered voters in the State of California.

At the July 2021 offsite meeting, the board was provided with information on the tentative election schedule to fill the public agency representative seat vacated by Mr. Perez.

The proposed NOE for this special election, which is consistent with the tentative election schedule previously provided, is included as Attachment 1 to this item. After the NOE has been approved by the CalPERS Board of Administration, the board election team will begin the election process on October 25, 2021. Active public agency members will receive an electronic NOE distributed to them by their employers who will receive it from CalPERS via a Circular Letter. The NOE will also be available on the Board Election Office's webpage.

A potential candidate must submit a Nomination Petition for the Public Agency Member position to become a candidate for election.

The Nomination Petition Packages will be available through the CalPERS Board Election Office at 400 Q Street, Room W1570, or at [www.calpers.ca.gov/boardelection](http://www.calpers.ca.gov/boardelection) when the NOE is distributed on October 25, 2021. Completed nomination petitions must be received by CalPERS no later than December 16, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

A candidate must be elected by a majority vote. If there is not a majority vote winner declared, then a runoff election must be held between the two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes in the election.

The board election team will also collaborate with the Office of Public Affairs to video record the candidate statements for a posting on the CalPERS website. In addition, all candidates will be invited to participate in a Candidate Forum in or around April 2022. More information will be provided when a date has been selected. The Candidate Forum will be streamed live and posted on the CalPERS website for those unable to watch or attend.

### **Budget and Fiscal Impacts**

The cost to conduct the 2021 CalPERS Board of Administration Special Public Agency Member Election will be approximately \$500,000.00 paid in fiscal year 2021-22.

### Benefits

- Approval of the NOE will ensure CalPERS complies with the PERL's board member election requirements.

### Risks

- If the NOE is not approved, CalPERS will not be in compliance with the PERL's board member election requirements.

## **Attachments**

Attachment 1 – Notice of Election – 2021 CalPERS Board of Administration Special Public Agency Member Election

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