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**TO:** Certifying Officers, Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)  
**FROM:** Jeff S. Ignatowitz, PERS Board Secretary  
**SUBJECT: IMPORTANT: PERS Notice of Municipal Election**

We require your assistance in servicing the election of one PERS-Municipal representative position for the PERS Board of Trustees. The PERS-Municipal representative will be elected for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2019. Candidates for this position must qualify by nomination.

It has come to the attention of the New Jersey Division and Pensions & Benefits (NJDPB) that your location is among a small number of PERS-Municipal locations which were inadvertently excluded from the electronic delivery distribution list regarding the PERS Municipal Election. Therefore, all PERS-Municipal members who are employed at your location are now being provided the opportunity to participate in the nominations phase of the election.

Accordingly, any PERS-Municipal member employed at your location will have until **Friday, May 24, 2019, at 4:00 p.m.** to declare their interest for this position. Any such eligible member will have until **Monday, June 24, 2019, at 4:00 p.m.** to obtain the requisite number of nominations.

Currently, there are seven participants seeking the 300 number of nominations to qualify for the Municipal election. We urge employees at your location to participate in the nomination phase which has been extended to **Monday, June 24, 2019.**

### EMPLOYER RESPONSIBILITIES

Every active PERS-Municipal member must receive a copy of the attached *Notice of PERS Election*, which details the pre-election procedures. Please distribute the attached election notice electronically or, if you are not able to accommodate electronic distribution, please provide a paper notice to every PERS-Municipal member employed at your location. If you are the Certifying Officer for multiple locations, you will receive only one Certifying Officer letter; however, you are required to distribute the election notice to active PERS-Municipal members at all locations. Your attention to this distribution is required under N.J.A.C. 17:2-1.4.

In addition to individual distribution, you may post the notice on your location's intranet site and/or in any other appropriate public area.

It is very important that you confirm distribution of this notice with the Board of Trustees. To confirm that you have distributed the notice to your active PERS-Municipal employees, please send an email to: [NJBOT.elect@treas.nj.gov](mailto:NJBOT.elect@treas.nj.gov) Thank you for your prompt assistance and cooperation.

Attachment: Election Notice

**PERS Municipal Election  
IMPORTANT NOTICE**

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Any PERS-Municipal member at this location who wishes to declare their interest in running for this position should send a written request to the PERS Board Secretary at [NJBOT.Nomination@treas.nj.gov](mailto:NJBOT.Nomination@treas.nj.gov) or P.O. Box 295, Trenton, NJ 08625-0295 by **Friday, May 24, 2019, at 4:00 p.m.** Any PERS-Municipal member interested in running for the PERS-Municipal position on the Board must send a written request by this date. Any such eligible member will have until June 21, 2019 to obtain the requisite number of nominations. The nominations phase will end on **Monday, June 24, 2019.**

Presently, there are seven nominees who have expressed interest in the position and are therefore eligible to receive nominations. We urge employees at this location to participate in the nomination phase which has been extended to **Monday, June 24, 2019.** The current nominees are:

Theresa Ann Villani  
Julie Kupilik  
Jacob Nieman  
Loris Young  
Raheem Shabazz  
Gary Stramandino  
Benhamin M. Hurst

Only active municipal employees may petition for the PERS-Municipal representative. Nominations for the PERS-Municipal position are made primarily through a secure web site. The process is very easy and only takes a few minutes.

- For Municipal nominations, log on to: <https://vote.election-america.com/PERS-Municipal>
- You will need to provide the last 4 digits of your Social Security number, the first 4 letters of your last name, and your birthdate. You will then see a list of all the candidates and you can make your choice.
- Paper nominating petitions are also available upon request to the PERS Board Office at the address above. For further information, please visit the NJDPB website at: [www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions](http://www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions)

Nominations must be received online or arrive in the Board Office on or before 4:00 p.m. Monday, June 24, 2019. If more than one candidate receives 300 or more nominations, an election will be required. Election ballots will be mailed to PERS-Municipal employers for distribution on or about July 19, 2019.

**PRESENT MEMBERS – TERM**

**State Representatives:** Thomas Bruno – 2019; Carey Brown – 2021; William O'Brien – 2020;  
**County Representative:** Tracy Smith – 2020; **Municipal Representatives:** Brian Currie – 2020;  
Benjamin "Max" Hurst – 2019; **Gubernatorial Appointments:** Ronald Winthers, One vacant; **State Treasurer's Representative:** Susanne Culliton, Ex-Officio Member

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**PERS BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Render decisions regarding Disability Retirement cases.
- Review appeals pertaining to the denial of certain 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 and appeals 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.
- View monthly and annual reports setting forth data such as assets and liabilities, income and disbursements, and statistical summarization of membership as documented by the Actuary.