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**TO: CERTIFYING OFFICERS OF THE
POLICE AND FIREMEN'S RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PFRS)**

**FROM: MARY ELLEN RATHBUN, BOARD SECRETARY
POLICE AND FIREMEN'S RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

SUBJECT: PFRS NOTICE OF ELECTION

This certifying officer letter and the attached notice for the 2017 Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) "Police" election is being transmitted to you electronically and will require your electronic response.

We ask your assistance in servicing an election for the vacancy of a "Police" Representative on the PFRS Board of Trustees. A police representative will be elected for an unexpired term beginning December 1, 2017, and ending on June 30, 2018. Candidates for the position must qualify by electronic nomination.

We are requesting that you distribute the attached NOTICE OF PFRS ELECTION electronically to each PFRS law enforcement member employed at your location, as the information will explain the pre-election procedures. It is important that each individual active PFRS police member receive this notice. If you are the certifying officer for multiple locations, you will only receive one certifying officer letter and will be required to distribute the attached election notice to active PFRS police members at all locations. Your attention to this distribution is required under N.J.A.C. 17:4-1.4.

We ask that you distribute this notice *electronically no later than June 16, 2017*. In addition, if you maintain a Web site for your employees, you may post the notice there and in any other appropriate public place at your location.

It is important that you confirm distribution of this notice. To confirm distribution of the notice to your active PFRS police employees, please send an e-mail to NJBOT.ELECT@treas.nj.gov

Thank you for your prompt assistance in the timely response and distribution of this notice.

Attachment: Election Notice

BOARD OF TRUSTEES, POLICE AND FIREMEN'S RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PFRS)
DIVISION OF PENSIONS AND BENEFITS - NOTICE OF PFRS ELECTION
One State Street Square - 50 West State Street - P.O. BOX 295 - Trenton, NJ 08625-0295 or
NJBOT.Nomination@treas.nj.gov

Nominations are being accepted for an election to fill the vacancy of a "Police" Representative on the PFRS Board of Trustees for the unexpired term beginning December 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018. Candidates for the unexpired position must qualify by electronic nomination. If you wish to declare your interest in running for this position, please send a written request by July 7, 2017, to the PFRS Board Secretary at NJBOT.Nomination@treas.nj.gov or PO Box 295, Trenton, NJ 08625-0295.

The Board of Trustees has the general responsibility for the operation of the PFRS, under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 43:16A-13. The Board meets monthly at the Division of Pensions and Benefits in Trenton. The statute provides that no employee shall suffer loss of salary or wages as a result of serving on the Board. A member who wishes to be a candidate for the unexpired "Police" position must be an active PFRS police member and must receive at least 500 active PFRS police member nominations. **Only active PFRS police members may nominate a candidate for the PFRS police position.**

After the candidates have declared their interest in becoming a PFRS representative, nominations to support your choice for a candidate are made electronically through a secure web site. The process is easy, and it only takes a few minutes. You just need to have access to a computer and log on to [HTTPS://VOTE.ELECTION-AMERICA.COM/PFRS-POLICE](https://vote.election-america.com/pfrs-police) and follow the simple directions. You will need to provide the last four (4) digits of your Social Security number, the first four (4) letters of your last name, and your birthdate. You will then see a list of all the candidates, and you can make your selection. *Please allow sufficient time after this notification for active police members to request candidacy and to have ample time for the vendor to enter the member's name in the online system.*

Nominations must be registered online **on or before 4 p.m. Friday July 21, 2017.** An election will be required if more than one candidate receives 500 or more nominations. Qualified candidates will be invited to attend the drawing by lot for position on the ballot, if necessary, on August 1, 2017. Election ballots will be mailed to PFRS employers for distribution to active members on or about August 25, 2017.

PRESENT MEMBERS – TERM

Police Representatives: Keith Bennett-11/30/2017 and Michael Kaniuk-8/31/19; Fire Representatives: Timothy Colacci-6/30/20 and Brady Middlesworth-6/30/18; Retired Representative: Marty Barrett-12/31/20; Gubernatorial Appointments: Laurel Brennan, Frank Leake, Richard Loccke, and two vacant positions; State Treasurer's Representative: Susanne Culliton, Ex-Officio Member

PFRS BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES

- Render determinations regarding disability retirement cases.
- Review appeals pertaining to the disallowance of 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 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.