

Email Message – July 27, 2023

TO: Certifying Officers, Public Employees Retirement System (PERS)

FROM: Jeff Ignatowitz, PERS Board Secretary

SUBJECT: PERS Notice of Election – Municipal Extension

As you should be aware, the Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement System is currently running an election for the PERS-Municipal Representative seat. Due to a large number of locations that have not distributed ballots to their employees, including yours, the election has been extended to August 7, 2023. Ballots were shipped care of the Certifying Officers for all locations with PERS-Municipal members on or about June 6, 2023, and UPS verified that your location received the election package.

Our election vendor noted that you have not yet certified that you distributed the ballots to your employees, and our records show that zero votes have been received from employees at your location. You should have received several emails, both prior to and during the election, reminding you to certify that your employees were provided with an opportunity to vote. Please make every effort to distribute the ballots, and certify that you have done so, in order to allow all of your eligible employees to participate in this important election. If your employees are working remotely, you can advise them that ballots are available at your location.

As the Certifying Officer for your location, your cooperation in assisting with the election is required under N.J.S.A. 43:15A-67 and N.J.A.C. 17:2-1.4. Failure to certify that you distributed the ballots to your eligible PERS-Municipal members will result in the Division of Pensions & Benefits terminating your access to the EPIC system as of Tuesday, August 1, 2023.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Board Office via email: NJBot.Ballots@treas.nj.gov or phone: (609) 690-4883.