

**NOTICE OF TWO ELECTIONS  
AND ABILITY  
TO SEEK NOMINATION**

**PENSION BOARD OF THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
OF THE COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**

**EMPLOYEE MEMBERS OF PENSION BOARD**

The Pension Board of the Employees' Retirement System of the County of Milwaukee is comprised of nine members, including three "employee members." See Ord. § 201.24(8.2)(c). The Pension Board employee member representatives are elected by ERS and OBRA members who are then currently employed by Milwaukee County. An employee member representative elected in a regular election serves a term of three years and may serve no more than two consecutive three-year terms. An employee member elected in a special election serves the remaining term of the employee member being replaced and is eligible to serve two consecutive three-year terms thereafter.

Two elections for employee member positions on the Pension Board will be held in February 2008. One of the elections is a regular election. The winning candidate will become an employee Pension Board member for a term of three years until February 28, 2011. The other election is a special election to fill a Pension Board member position. The winning candidate will be a Pension Board member until February 28, 2009. Both elected employee members will begin to serve their terms on March 1, 2008.

**Eligibility for Candidacy**

Candidates will be nominated and elected according to Pension Board election procedures. A candidate can only run in either the regular election or the special election. To be a candidate for an employee member position of the Pension Board, an individual must be a member of ERS. A "member" is a person who:

1. works as a Milwaukee County employee; and
2. earns retirement benefits as an active member in ERS.

If an individual is eligible for an employee member Pension Board position and the individual wishes to seek candidacy for either position, the individual should visit or write to the Retirement Office to provide proof of eligibility for candidacy and request nomination papers. The Retirement Office is located at:

Milwaukee County Courthouse  
901 North 9th Street  
Room 210-C  
Milwaukee, WI 53233

Nomination papers are available beginning Monday, December 3, 2007.

### **Nomination**

To earn a nomination and be placed on the ballot for one of the employee member elections, an eligible individual must return a signed nomination acknowledgement form, and the eligible individual must obtain 100 signatures. **The candidate must designate on the nomination form whether the nomination is for the special one-year term election or the regular three-year term election. An eligible individual is only allowed to earn a nomination for either the regular election or the special election. A candidate who seeks nomination for both positions will be disqualified from both elections.** An eligible individual's representative(s) may circulate nomination papers and obtain signatures on behalf of the eligible individual. The potential candidate or representative(s) must obtain 100 signatures from other members eligible to run for Pension Board membership, current ERS members employed by Milwaukee County. OBRA members are unable to nominate candidates. Eligible individuals or representatives may seek more than 100 signatures if the eligible individual has any doubt that a person signing the nomination papers is eligible to sign the document.

Upon receiving the required number of signatures for nomination, the candidate or representative(s) shall sign and date the nomination papers, have them notarized and return the nomination papers to the Retirement Office. The individual may also deliver a resume and statement, limited to 75 words, detailing the candidate's qualifications for the position at that time. The eligible individual must complete and file all nomination papers with the Pension Board Secretary in the Retirement Office. ***Nomination papers must be received by the Pension Board Secretary no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, January 2, 2008.*** Eligible individuals are strongly encouraged to return nomination papers prior to this deadline to allow for the possibility of the Retirement Office confirming the validity of signatures prior to the deadline.

### **Election**

If more than two eligible individuals file valid nomination papers for either the regular or special election, a primary election will occur for that election. The combined 75-word resumes and statements of candidates for each election will be

communicated to eligible voters by January 31, 2008. The primary election shall occur at several voting locations during working hours on Thursday, February 7, 2008. If necessary, final elections will be held on Thursday, February 21, 2008 and will determine the employee member representatives on the Pension Board.

The two candidates who receive the highest number of votes in each primary election will participate in their respective final election. The final election will again be held at several voting locations during working hours on Thursday, February 21, 2008. If only two candidates file valid nomination papers for a respective election, the primary election conducted for that respective Pension Board position on February 7, 2008 shall be the final election.

Positions on the ballot for the primary election and the final election will be determined by random drawing. The drawing will take place in the Retirement Office before one or more witnesses on Thursday, January 3, 2008. Attendance of the candidates or their representatives at the ballot position drawing is optional with the candidates. Candidates should call the Retirement Office for date, time and location of the drawing.

All ERS and OBRA members who are on the Milwaukee County payroll as of the second pay period prior to the election are eligible to vote in the elections.

### **Questions**

Questions and correspondence should be addressed to David Arena, Director of Employee Benefits, at the following address:

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Room 210-C  
Milwaukee, WI 53233

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David Arena  
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Dated: December 4, 2007