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**TO: CERTIFYING OFFICERS OF THE
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PERS)**

**FROM: HANK SCHWEDES, BOARD SECRETARY
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

SUBJECT: PERS NOTICE OF ELECTION

Once again, in an effort to support a decrease in administrative costs and to preserve resources, this certifying officer letter and the attached notice for the 2013 Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) elections are being transmitted to you electronically and will require your electronic response.

We are seeking your assistance in servicing an election for one "State" Representative position, and one "Municipal" Representative position to the PERS Board of Trustees. Both the State and Municipal representatives will be elected for a three-year terms as of July 1, 2013. Candidates for all positions must qualify by nomination.

We are requesting that you distribute the attached election notice electronically to each PERS member employed at your location, as the information will explain the pre-election procedures. It is most important that each individual active PERS member receives 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 PERS members at all locations. Your attention to this distribution is required as regulated by N.J.A.C. 17:2-1.4.

We ask that you distribute this notice by the preferred method of distribution, which is *electronically*. If you are not able to accommodate electronic distribution, please make copies of the notice and provide to all active PERS employees. In addition, if you maintain a website for your employees, you may post the notice there and in any other appropriate public place at your location.

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

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

Attachment: Election Notice

DIVISION OF PENSIONS AND BENEFITS - NOTICE OF ELECTION
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PERS)
 One State Street Square - 50 West State Street - P.O. BOX 295 - Trenton, NJ 08625-0295 or
Pensions.NJ@treas.state.nj.us

Nominations are now being received for one elected "State" position to the Board of Trustees of the PERS, whose term will expire as of June 30, 2013* and one elected "Municipal" position to the Board of Trustees of the PERS, which term will also expire as of June 30, 2013.** The general responsibility for the operation of the PERS is vested in the Board of Trustees under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 43:15A-17. 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 because of serving on the Board. A member who wishes to be a candidate for one of the above positions must be an active or retired member of the PERS and must be nominated by at least 500 active PERS members. **Only State employees may petition for State Representative and only Municipal employees may petition for Municipal Representative.** Instructions for the nominating process are available upon receipt of a written request to the Secretary of the PERS Board of Trustees. Nominations must be registered on or before 4:00 p.m. Friday, January 11, 2013. Election ballots will be mailed to employers on or about April 1, 2013 for prompt distribution to their employee members of the PERS. All qualified candidates will be invited to attend the drawing by lot for position on the ballot, if necessary, on February 20, 2013.

PRESENT MEMBERS - TERM:

<u>State</u>	*Thomas Bruno William O'Brien Peter Maurer	6-30-13 6-30-14 6-30-15	<u>County</u>	Suzanna Buriani-DeSantis	6-30-14
			<u>Gubernatorial Appointments</u>	Edward Thomson, III Ronald Winthers	
<u>Municipal</u>	Leon Flanagan **Benjamin Max Hurst	6-30-14 6-30-13	<u>Ex Officio Member</u>	Susanne Culliton, State Treasurer's Representative	

After the candidates have declared their interest in becoming a PERS representative, nominations to support your choice for a candidate are now made electronically through a secure website. The process is very easy and only takes a few minutes to support the candidate of your choice. You just need to have access to a computer and log on to: <https://vote.election-america.com/PERS> and follow the simple directions. The only information you will need to provide is the last 4 digits of your social security number, the first 4 letters of your last name, and your year of birth. The list of those declaring their interest in being a candidate will then be available for your selection.

The PERS Board of Trustees has the responsibility for the proper operation of the Retirement System. The Board consists of six employee representatives, the State Treasurer, and two private citizens appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Board meets once per month. Within the limits of legislation, the PERS Board has a certain amount of discretion in the solution of problems confronting the Retirement System in cases where complications exist that legislation alone cannot properly address.

PERS BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES

- Adopt rules and regulations to provide for the payment of benefits and collection of monies as required by the statute.
- Establish rules and regulation 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.
- Review 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.