



Agenda Item 6a

February 19, 2014

ITEM NAME: 2014 CalPERS Board of Administration State, School, and Public Agency Elections – Notice of Election

PROGRAM: Operations Support Services Division

ITEM TYPE: Action

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the CalPERS Board of Administration approve each Notice of Election for the 2014 CalPERS Board of Administration State, School, and Public Agency Elections.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Staff is preparing to conduct an election for three seats on the Board of Administration established by the Public Employees' Retirement Law (PERL), Government Code sections 20090 (g)(2),(3), and (4). The current terms expire on January 15, 2015. Eligible active members can vote and participate as candidates in their applicable election.

There will be an individual election conducted concurrently for:

1. A member elected by the active State members of the System. The incumbent is George Diehr.
2. A member elected by the active School members of the System. The incumbent is Rob Feckner.
3. A member elected by the active Public Agency members of the System other than School members. The incumbent is Priya Sara Mathur.

Mr. Feckner and Ms. Mathur have both declared their intention to be a candidate for reelection. Mr. Diehr has declared no intention to be a candidate for reelection.

STRATEGIC PLAN

This item is not a product of the Strategic Plan, but is part of the regular and ongoing workload of the Operations Support Services Division.

BACKGROUND

The CalPERS Board of Administration consists of 13 members; six of the members are elected by their represented membership. The Board composition is mandated by law and cannot be changed unless approved by a majority of the registered voters in the State. Staff will begin the election process in March 2014 after the Notice of Election has been approved by the CalPERS Board of Administration.

ANALYSIS

A potential candidate must submit a Nomination Petition for the State, School, or Public Agency position, to become a candidate for election. Each individual election will run concurrently and each active membership will vote for their applicable position.

Each candidate must be elected by a majority vote, which is 50 percent of votes cast plus one vote. If there is not a majority vote winner in the first election, then a runoff election must be held between the two candidates who receive the highest number of votes in the election.

Staff will also work with the Office of Public Affairs to videotape the candidate statements for posting on the CalPERS website. In addition, all candidates will be invited to participate in a Candidate Forum in September 2014. The forum will be streamed live and posted on the CalPERS website for those unable to watch or attend.

The cost to conduct these three elections total approximately \$2,982,004 over Fiscal Years 2013-2014 and 2014-2015. The cost for a run-off election is NOT included in this total. If a run-off election is required, an additional \$1,490,480 may be required (\$486,638-State, \$524,579-School and \$479,263- Public Agency).

The proposed Notice of Elections (Attachment 1, 2, and 3) are attached for your approval.

BENEFITS/RISKS

The benefits include:

- Approval will ensure CalPERS is in compliance with the PERL for Member Board Elections.

The risks include:

- If the Notice of Elections are not approved by the Board of Administration, CalPERS will not be in compliance with the PERL for Member Board Elections.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Notice of Election – 2014 CalPERS Board of Administration State Member Election

Attachment 2 – Notice of Election – 2014 CalPERS Board of Administration School Member Election

Attachment 3 – Notice of Election – 2014 CalPERS Board of Administration Public Agency Member Election

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