



Agenda Item 7a

February 18, 2015

ITEM NAME: 2015 CalPERS Board of Administration Retired Member Election –
Notice of Election

PROGRAM: Operations Support Services Division

ITEM TYPE: Action

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the CalPERS Board of Administration approve the Notice of Election for the 2015 CalPERS Board of Administration Retired Member Election.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Staff is preparing to conduct an election for the Retired Member seat on the CalPERS Board of Administration established by the Public Employees' Retirement Law (PERL), Government Code sections 20090 (g)(5). The current term expires on January 15, 2016. Eligible retired members can vote and participate as candidates in this election.

The incumbent, Mr. Henry Jones, has declared his intention to be a candidate for re-election.

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 2015 after the Notice of Election has been approved by the CalPERS Board of Administration.

A potential candidate must submit a Nomination Petition for the Retired position, to become a candidate for election.

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.

ANALYSIS

Historically, the last three Candidate Forums have been scheduled with varying dates and times within the month of September (Attachment 1). After the last election, OSSD received feedback that the Forum should be scheduled the first week after the ballots are mailed allowing for the candidates to reach out to voters early in the voting period. Therefore, staff recommends scheduling the Retired Candidate Forum on Thursday, September 3, 2015. The Candidate Forum will be streamed live and posted on the CalPERS website for those unable to watch or attend.

Some key dates for the Retired Member Election include –

- Notice of Election will be mailed on Monday, March 23, 2015
- Ballots will be mailed on Friday, August 28, 2015
- Candidate Forum will be held on Thursday, September 3, 2015

The proposed Notice of Election (Attachment 2) is attached for your approval.

The Nomination Petition Packages will be available on the CalPERS On-Line website when the Notice of Election is distributed on March 23, 2015. Completed nomination petitions must be received by CalPERS no later than May 14, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. Staff will also work with the Office of Public Affairs to videotape the candidate statements for posting on the CalPERS website.

BUDGET AND FISCAL IMPACTS

The cost to conduct the election will total approximately \$1,503,946 over Fiscal Years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016. The cost for a runoff election is NOT included in this total. If a runoff election is required, an additional \$707,998 may be required.

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 Election is not approved by the Board of Administration, CalPERS will not be in compliance with the PERL for Member Board Elections.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Candidate Forum Overview

Attachment 2 – Notice of Election – 2015 CalPERS Board of Administration Retired Member Election

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