



Finance and Administration Committee Agenda Item 6e

May 15, 2018

Item Name: Amended Notice of Election for the 2018 CalPERS Board of Administration State, School, and Public Agency Elections

Program: Board of Administration Election

Item Type: Action

Recommendation

Approve the amended Notice of Election for the 2018 CalPERS Board of Administration State, School, and Public Agency Member elections.

Executive Summary

The CalPERS team members are preparing to conduct an election for three seats on the CalPERS Board of Administration.

At the February 2018 Finance and Administration Committee (FAC) meeting, the CalPERS Board of Administration approved the Notice of Election (NOE) for the 2018 CalPERS Board of Administration State, School, and Public Agency Member elections. The team is recommending changes to the upcoming election paper ballot intake and tabulation process which will require modifying the Election Schedule in the NOE and Board approval.

Strategic Plan

The Agenda Item supports the CalPERS 2017-22 Strategic Plan, which is to strengthen the long-term stability of the pension fund.

Background

Since the conclusion of the 2017 Member-at-Large election, the Board Elections team has listened to feedback regarding the paper ballot intake process. One additional change can be implemented for the upcoming 2018 CalPERS Board of Administration State, School, and Public Agency elections instead of waiting for the full program review scheduled to be conducted during the 2020 election off-year.

The following are the proposed paper ballot intake and tabulation process changes being incorporated into the Primary and Runoff Election Schedules upon Board approval:

- Returned envelopes will be scanned and secured at 7720 Hardeson Road, Suite A, Everett, Washington 98203.
- Beginning at 9:00 a.m. on October 2, 2018 for the primary election and December 11, 2018 for the runoff election, the sealed, signed envelopes containing the voted ballots will be opened, the ballots removed, and processed at 7720 Hardeson Road, Suite A, Everett, Washington 98203 and public viewing will be allowed.

- Upon completion of the paper ballot process, the electronic tabulation process will be held at 4225 Executive Square, La Jolla, California 92037. The time for the public viewing will be announced promptly following the completion of the paper ballot process.
- The random drawing in the Runoff Election Schedule will be changed from October 4, 2018 to October 9, 2018 to allow additional time for the proposed paper ballot counting process changes.

Analysis

The election process began on March 26, 2018 when the NOE was transmitted electronically to employers for distribution to active members. Once approved, the amended NOE will be transmitted to employers for distribution.

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

Budget and Fiscal Impacts

No additional costs for this update.

Benefits and Risks

The benefits include:

- CalPERS will be able to implement the new election paper ballot intake and tabulation process.

The risks include:

- If the Notice of Election is not approved by the Board of Administration, CalPERS will not be able to implement the new process changes.

Attachments

Attachment 1 – Amended Notice of Election – 2018 State Member Election

Attachment 2 – Amended Notice of Election – 2018 School Member Election

Attachment 3 – Amended Notice of Election – 2018 Public Agency Member Election

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