



NORTHAMPTON RETIREMENT BOARD

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June 30, 2020

Notice of Election to Members and Retirees of the Northampton Retirement System

Election Date:

Tuesday, September 29, 2020

Location:

The election will be conducted entirely by mail.

Purpose:

The Northampton Retirement Board ("Board") is conducting a special election for one of the two elected positions to its five-member retirement board in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 32, 840 CMR 7.00, and the Board's supplemental election regulations.

Term of Office:

The elected member will serve for a (3) three-year term from October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2023.

Eligible Candidates:

Active members-in-service or retirees of the Northampton Retirement System. Beneficiaries and Survivors are not eligible to participate. Massachusetts Law (Chapter 32, Section 20, (4 7/8) Chapter 34B, Section 19) prohibits an individual who is an "employee, contractor, vendor or person receiving remuneration, financial benefit, or consideration of any kind, other than a retirement benefit or statutory stipend for serving on the retirement board, from a retirement board or from a person doing business with a retirement board" from serving on a retirement board.

Nomination Requirements:

Any active member-in-service or retired member may qualify as a candidate by filing Nomination Papers with the Northampton Retirement Office containing the signatures of at least (20) twenty active or retired members no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, August 14, 2020.

Nomination Papers may be obtained by contacting David Shipka, Retirement Administrator.

Phone: 413-587-1211

Email: dshipka@northamptonma.gov

Voting Procedures:

The election will be conducted entirely by mail. In the event of an election, ballots will be mailed to all active, inactive and retired members of the System at their last known address no later than Tuesday, September 8, 2020. Ballots will be accompanied with a return envelope. The envelopes will include a space where the voter must sign his or her name and provide an address. Members will be responsible for return postage. All ballots must be received by the close of business on election day.

Election by Declaration:

In the event that only one candidate is nominated, pursuant to Massachusetts CMR 840 Section 7.05 the Board will declare that candidate to be elected and no election will be held.

Joyce Karpinski, Chairperson

Joyce Karpinski
Ex-Officio, Chair

Michael J. Lyons
Elected Member

Thomas Sullivan
Fifth Member

Susan Wright
Appointed Member