

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (SBCERS) 2021 NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION FOR GENERAL MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF RETIREMENT

On October 1, 2021, a General Trustee position on the Board of Retirement of the Santa Barbara County Employees' Retirement System became vacant. In accordance with the Board of Retirement elections policy, a special election will be held Wednesday, December 8, 2021 – Monday, January 10, 2022 to select a General Member to fill the vacancy of the 2nd Member of the Board of Retirement. The successful candidate will serve the remaining term of the 2nd General Member beginning January 26, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022.

The Board consists of nine members and two alternate members. Four are appointed by the Board of Supervisors, four elected by Active members (current employees), two elected by Retired members, and the County Treasurer is an ex-officio member. The Board has complete responsibility for administering the Retirement System, which includes oversight of approximately \$4.0 billion in trust assets; establishing actuarial rates and assumptions; granting service retirements, disability pensions, and other benefits.

The regularly scheduled Board meetings are at 9:00 a.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month, except that the November meeting is scheduled for the third Wednesday of the month and the December meeting is scheduled for the second Wednesday of the month. Meetings usually last approximately 5-6 hours, and additional special meetings occur as needed. Preparation for each meeting may consume 4-8 hours. Attendance is also expected at training sessions and workshops each year with 24 hours of continuing education required every two years.

GENERAL member candidates must be an Active member of the Retirement System and may not be a Safety or Retired member. All candidates must submit a Petition of Nomination/Declaration of Candidacy. Petitions will be available online at www.sbcers.org/board-elections/ and at SBCERS Offices beginning Monday, October 4, 2021:

130 Robin Hill Road, Suite 100
Goleta, CA 93117

2236 South Broadway, Suite D
Santa Maria, CA 93454

The petition shall include the nominee's name, certification of willingness to serve and the nomination by at least 15 but not more than 25 members of the nominee's membership classification on a nominating petition. Nominations may be submitted with wet or electronic signatures of nominating members. The petitions and ballot statements must be returned to any SBCERS office no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 1, 2021.

Candidate statements will be available for public review from Monday, November 8, 2021 to Friday, November 19, 2021 online at www.sbcers.org/board-elections/ and at SBCERS offices in Santa Barbara and Santa Maria upon request. During that period, any member qualified to vote for the candidate may seek an injunction requiring any or all of the material to be amended or deleted if it is false, misleading, or inconsistent with the requirements for the statement.

Ballots containing the names of all qualified candidates and postage-paid return envelopes will be mailed to the home address of qualified voting members of the System on Wednesday, December 8, 2021. **Completed ballots must be returned by U. S. mail before Monday, January 10, 2022.** The votes will be counted on Monday, January 10, 2022.

Inquiries regarding this election may be made by calling (805) 568-2940 or emailing clerkoftheboard@sbcers.org.

2021 SPECIAL ELECTION CALENDAR

Office of General Member of the Board of Retirement

Term beginning January 26, 2022; ending December 31, 2022

Monday, October 4, 2021	<i>Forward notices to all work sites of the election and nominating procedure via Payroll Clerks.</i>
Monday, October 4, 2021	Notices of vacancy are mailed to the home address of each eligible General member.
Monday, October 4, 2021	Nominating petitions will be available at SBCERS Offices upon request at 130 Robin Hill Road, Suite 100, Goleta, CA 93117 or 2236 South Broadway, Suite D, Santa Maria, CA 93454, or on our website www.sbcers.org/board-elections/ , or County Intranet. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Members wishing to pick up a nominating petition should call to schedule an appointment in advance. Instructions to candidates regarding Statement of Qualification and the Form will be included in the Nominating Petition packet along with this calendar.
Monday, November 1, 2021	The deadline for filing nominating petitions is Monday, November 1, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. To qualify, a candidate must be nominated by not less than 15 nor more than 25 SBCERS members in the same category, i.e., General. Candidates are invited to submit a statement of their qualifications, not to exceed 200 words in length, to be enclosed with the ballot and voting instructions. These must be filed with SBCERS no later than Monday, November 1, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Any candidate not submitting a statement before the deadline will be considered to have declined to file a statement.
Monday, November 8, 2021 – Friday November 19, 2021	The candidate statements will be available for review online at www.sbcers.org/board-elections/ and in the SBCERS offices in Santa Barbara and Santa Maria upon request. During that period, any member qualified to vote may seek an injunction requiring any or all of the material to be amended or deleted if it is false, misleading, or inconsistent with the requirements for the statement. Written statements may not refer to opponents. The order of appearance of the candidates' names upon the ballot is determined by Secretary of State of California most recent random alphabet drawing conducted for the state-wide election. If only one member files, no election is held and that person is declared the winner.
Wednesday, December 8, 2021	A ballot containing the names of the candidates, voting instructions, candidate statements and a return envelope will be mailed to the home address of each qualified voting member of SBCERS. No person shall be eligible to vote unless they are a General Member as of October 31, 2021.
Wednesday, December 8, 2021 – Monday, January 10, 2022	Beginning Wednesday, December 8, 2021, ballots may be cast in manners consistent with the voting instructions. Ballots must be received by Monday, January 10, 2022 via USPS, otherwise they will not be considered. Eligible members not receiving ballots may request a ballot from the Clerk of the Board of Retirement.