

2022 NOTICE OF ELECTIONS FOR THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD OF RETIREMENT

Elections will be held Wednesday, September 14, 2022 – Wednesday, October 12, 2022, to select three voting members and an alternate voting member of the Board of Retirement of Santa Barbara County Employees' Retirement System (SBCERS):

1. **General 2nd Member elected by active General employees** (*filling a vacancy from December 1, 2022 – December 31, 2023*),
2. **General 3rd Member elected by active General employees** (*full 3-year term from January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2025*),
3. **Safety 7th Member and Safety Alternate 7A Member** elected by Safety employees (*full 3-year terms from January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2025*). The candidate with the most votes is the voting member. The runner-up in the category of Sheriff or Fire who is not in the same safety category as the voting member is the alternate.

WHAT IS THE BOARD OF RETIREMENT?

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 Board consists of nine voting members and two alternate voting members. The seats up for an election are in bold:

- No. 1 – Permanent Ex-Officio Member (County Treasurer)
- **No. 2 – Elected by General Members**
- **No. 3 – Elected by General Members**
- No. 4 – Appointed by the Board of Supervisors
- No. 5 – Appointed by the Board of Supervisors
- No. 6 – Appointed by the Board of Supervisors
- **No. 7 – Elected by Safety Members**
- **No. 7A (Alternate) – Elected by Safety Members, Runner Up**
- No. 8 – Elected by Retired Members
- No. 8A (Alternate) – Elected by Retired Members
- No. 9 – Appointed by the Board of Supervisors

General Members of the Board represent active General employees, Safety Members of the Board represent active Safety employees, and Retired Members of the Board represent the System's retirees. The Board of Retirement also includes non-SBCERS members, who are appointed by the Board of Supervisors to represent the County's taxpayers. Two seats on the Board of Retirement are held for the Treasurer-Tax Collector and a member of the Board of Supervisors. All members of the Board serve 3-year terms, except for the Treasurer-Tax Collector who serves as the Ex-Officio member as long as they hold the elected office of Treasurer.

WHEN DOES THE BOARD OF RETIREMENT MEET?

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.

WHO CAN RUN FOR A SEAT ON THE BOARD OF RETIREMENT?

This year, elections are for two General members and two Safety members (one of them being an alternate). General member candidates must be an active General member of SBCERS and may not be a Safety or Retired member. Safety member candidates must be an active Safety member of SBCERS and may not be a General or Retired member.

There are no restrictions or requirements to run in a Board of Retirement election, other than membership and gathering a required amount of signatures from your same membership base (signatures are gathered in the "Nomination Petition Packet & Candidate Filing Guide" available at www.sbcers.org/board-elections).

While there are no education requirements to be elected or appointed to the Board, all Members on the Board of Retirement are required to complete 24 hours of education in any 2-year period. SBCERS staff provide educational opportunities at some Board of Retirement meetings and extensive offsite training is also provided.

HOW DOES AN ELIGIBLE MEMBER RUN IN AN ELECTION?

All candidates must submit a Petition of Nomination and Declaration of Candidacy. Petitions will be available online at www.sbcers.org/board-elections/ and at SBCERS Offices beginning Tuesday, July 5, 2022:

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.

Nomination petitions and ballot statements must be returned to any SBCERS office no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 9, 2022.

Candidate statements will be available for public review from Tuesday, August 16 – 29, 2022 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.

HOW ARE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES SELECTED?

The two General members are selected in two separate elections. When interested candidates file their petition, they will need to declare which of the two positions they seek to fill. Candidates may not run for more than one position. The candidates receiving the highest number of votes in each separate election will be the successful candidates.

The Safety member and the Alternate Safety member are selected in a single election. The Safety member is the candidate receiving the highest number of votes. The Alternate Safety member will be the candidate receiving the second highest number of votes who is not in the same category of membership (Sheriff/Fire) as that of the successful safety member candidate. A member of the same group as the safety member is not eligible to serve as the alternate safety member, even if receiving the second highest number of votes.

WHO CAN VOTE?

Active General members of SBCERS can only vote for the General Member elections. Active Safety members of SBCERS can only vote for the Safety Member elections.

HOW TO VOTE?

Eligible voters will be able to cast their votes **online** or by **paper ballot** beginning Wednesday, September 14, 2022, through the closing of the election on Wednesday, October 12, 2022. The online voting system is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, during the voting period.

Eligible voters who have a valid email address on file with SBCERS will be emailed online login credentials and voting instructions on Wednesday, September 14, 2022. All eligible voters will also be mailed voting instructions by USPS on Wednesday, September 14, 2022, including a paper ballot and pre-paid return envelope as an alternate voting method.

Members who wish to vote via paper ballot must mail the ballot in the pre-paid return envelope via USPS and be received by the Elections Provider by Wednesday, October 12, 2022.

WHEN WILL VOTES BE COUNTED?

The votes will be counted on Thursday, October 13, 2022.

2022 ELECTION CALENDAR FOR THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD OF RETIREMENT

Tuesday, July 5, 2022	Election Notice is mailed to the home address of each eligible voting member.
Tuesday, July 5, 2022	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. Candidate instructions regarding Nomination Petitions will be included in the Nomination Packet along with this calendar.
Tuesday, August 9, 2022	The deadline for filing nominating petitions is Tuesday, August 9, 2022 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 or Safety. 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 Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. Any candidate not submitting a statement before the deadline will be considered to have declined to file a statement.
Tuesday, August 16 – 29, 2022	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, September 14, 2022	Eligible voters in this election who have a valid email address on file with SBCERS will be emailed login credentials and voting instructions on Wednesday, September 14, 2022. Eligible voters will also be mailed voting instructions by USPS, including a paper ballot and pre-paid return envelope as an alternate voting method.
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Thursday, October 13, 2022	Votes will be counted.

Inquiries regarding these elections may be made by calling the Clerk of the Board of Retirement at 805-770-1135 or emailing clerkoftheboard@sbcers.org.



You can stay up to date with the Board of Retirement by signing up for the SBCERS Monthly Newsletter. Each newsletter includes a summary of the previous meeting, the draft minutes, and the agenda for the next Board of Retirement meeting. Members of the public may attend any Board of Retirement meeting virtually or in-person and can make a public comment if there is a topic they are concerned about. **Use your smartphone's camera to scan the QR code to the left and submit your contact information.**