



**North Dakota
Public Employees Retirement System**

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Dear Petitioner:

Thank you for your interest in being a candidate for election to the North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System Board.

To be an eligible candidate for nomination, you must be an active employee of a department of the State of North Dakota, or of a political subdivision that participates in PERS, so long as that department or political subdivision is not currently represented on the Retirement Board by a Board member not up for election. Members from the Office of Management and Budget and Department of Transportation currently serve on the board. Therefore, if you are employed by one of those agencies, you are not eligible to be a candidate for election.

To qualify to be on the election ballot, you must obtain the signatures of 100 active members in the PERS retirement system as determined by the current NDPERS membership records. All information requested on the petition must be completed in order for a nomination to be valid. Do not have petitioners continue signatures on the back of the forms. If additional copies are required, you may obtain them from this office or you may make copies of the form. All petitions submitted must have original signatures. No copies will be accepted. Please be sure you have signed all petition forms. **No time on which you are entitled to receive wages or salary from the State of North Dakota or a political subdivision and no public funds may be used to promote your election, except as permitted by the employing agency.**

The deadline for submitting petitions to PERS is 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 2, 2014. You may include a 3" x 5" photograph and a narrative not to exceed 200 words. The photograph and narrative can be e-mailed to kallen@nd.gov no later than the petition deadline. The absence of a photo or narrative will not invalidate your eligibility. You will be notified by First Class U.S. mail of validation of your candidacy. You may withdraw your nomination by providing written notice to the North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 9, 2014.

PERS will mail out ballots the week of May 26, 2014. They must be returned no later than Friday, June 13, 2014. Canvassing of ballots will be conducted at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, June 16, 2014. The NDPERS board will review and validate the canvassing results at its regularly scheduled meeting tentatively set for June 19, 2014.

If you have any questions, please contact NDPERS at 701-328-3900. A copy of Chapter 71-01-02, Election Rules, may be viewed at <http://www.legis.nd.gov/information/acdata/pdf/71-01-02.pdf>.

Good luck with your campaign.

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