



**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 have, as of April 15, 2014, accepted a retirement allowance through NDPERS.

To qualify to be on the election ballot, you must obtain the signatures of at least 25 members receiving a retirement allowance from 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.

The deadline for submitting petitions to PERS is 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 2, 2014. They may be accompanied by a 3" x 5" photograph and a narrative not to exceed 200 words. Narratives and photographs must be submitted by the petition deadline and can be included with the petitions or e-mailed to kallen@nd.gov. The absence of a photo or narrative will not invalidate your eligibility. However, only your name will appear on the material accompanying the ballots. You will be notified by First Class U.S. mail of validation of your candidacy. You may withdraw your nomination by providing notice in writing 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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