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Joseph E. Connarton
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OVERNIGHT MAIL

Dear Mr. Connarton:

This is to update the Public Employee Retirement Administration on the current status of the election for the third and fourth members of the Board of the Essex Regional Retirement System (ERRS.)

Massachusetts General Law (MGL), Chapter 34B, Section 19A, establishes the ERRS Advisory Council as the board which supervises the election. At the meeting held on April 6, 2016, the Advisory Council approved the use of a single ballot for the election of the third and fourth board members and, further, that the two candidates receiving the highest vote totals shall be declared the winners. This is the process that was used in the two prior elections for these positions in 2010 and 2013.

The Advisory Council further established the deadline for the submission of nomination papers as September 15, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. Letters dated July 25, 2016, which contained a notice of the election, including the date on which nomination papers were due, were sent to 5,480 active, inactive and retired members of ERRS. As of the deadline established by the Advisory Council, only two candidates have submitted nomination papers.

Each candidate who submitted a nomination paper has received a receipt as required by Chapter 34B, Section 19A, signed by Chair of the Advisory Council and attesting that the nomination papers were submitted prior to filing deadline. The signatures on each form have been verified and each candidate appears to have filed the requisite number of signatures for nomination.

On September 28, 2016, the ERRS Advisory Council will be holding its fall meeting at 1:00 p.m. at Boxford Town Hall. Assuming that the Advisory Council certifies both

nomination papers as having the requisite number of valid signatures, there will only be two candidates for the two elected positions.

Chapter 34B, Section 19A states:

If, after an investigation, the election board determines that only 1 candidate has filed the requisite number of signatures, the election board shall declare the candidate to be the elected member of the county retirement board. If, after an investigation, the election board determines that more than 1 candidate has obtained the requisite number of valid signatures, the election board shall notify the candidates of the determination and shall immediately prepare election ballots and set the date for an election to be held within 40 days.

As only two candidates have submitted nomination papers for the two elected positions, and assuming that both nomination papers are declared valid, ERRS has prepared a suggested motion for Advisory Council as follows:

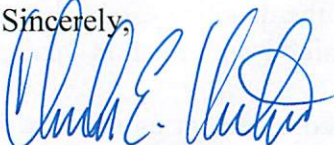
Mr/s _____ of _____ moves that the Advisory Council, acting as the election board pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 34B, Section 19A, subsection (i), determine that H. Joseph Maney and Susan J. Yaskell are the only candidates to have filed the requisite number of signatures and are, therefore, declared as having been elected to the positions of Third and Fourth Members of the Board, each to serve a term of three years, which terms shall begin on December 2, 2016.

This vote would end the election process and the two nominees would be declared elected to the Third and Fourth Member positions. We believe that such a vote is consistent with the requirements of Chapter 34B, Section 19A and that no further action is required regarding this election.

If you or your staff should have any issue or question concerning our election process, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for the continued cooperation and guidance provided by you and the PERAC staff.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Kostro
Executive Director

cc: Board Members
Advisory Council Members