

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MIDDLESEX COUNTY RETIREMENT BOARD

NOTICE OF ELECTION OF THIRD MEMBER

Pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 34B, §19, an election of the Third Member of the Middlesex County Retirement Board is required to be conducted by the Middlesex County Retirement Board Advisory Council, which serves as the Election Board. The term of office shall be for three years commencing January 1, 2020 and expiring December 31, 2022.

ELECTION PROCEDURES

CANDIDATES

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 34B, §19(b)(3), candidates must be active or retired members of the regional retirement system or one whose retirement is being reimbursed by that system in accordance with the provision of M.G.L. c. 32, §3(8)(c).

NOMINATION PAPERS

Nomination Papers will be available at the Middlesex County Retirement System Office for circulation from **Monday, September 23, 2019, through Friday, October 4, 2019 between 9:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M.**

To obtain Nomination Papers, candidates must appear **in person** at the Retirement System Office and **present photo identification**. Nomination Papers will **not** be distributed by proxy, or by fax, mail, or electronically.

Nomination Papers must be filed **in person by the candidate** for certification at the Middlesex County Retirement System Office no later than **Friday, October 11, 2019 at 4:30 P.M.**

Nomination Papers will **not** be accepted for certification by proxy, fax, mail or electronically.

**ELECTION BOARD
MEETING**

Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 9:30 A.M.

BALLOTS

Ballots will be mailed to all active and retired members of the Middlesex County Retirement System on or about **Tuesday, November 19, 2019**.

Ballots shall be returned by mail at once, but postmarked no later than **Monday, December 9, 2019** for verification with the voting list.

COUNTING

Envelopes will be opened and ballots tabulated by the Election Board and/or their designees on **Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at 9:30 A.M.**

Massachusetts General Laws

Chapter 34B: Section 19. Regional retirement systems; boards; members

Section 19(b). Said system shall be managed by a retirement board which shall have the general powers and duties set forth in subdivision (5) of section 20 of chapter 32. Said board shall consist of five members as follows:

(3) A third and fourth member, hereinafter referred to as the elected members, shall in the first instance be, respectively, the currently elected member who was elected pursuant to chapter 306 of the acts of 1996, who shall be the third member, and the previously elected current member, who shall be the fourth member. The third member shall serve until the expiration of his term on January 1, 2002 and the qualification of his successor. Thereafter the third member shall be elected by the membership in accordance with paragraph (h) for successive three year terms. The fourth member shall serve until the expiration of his term on January 1, 2000 and the qualification of his successor. Thereafter the fourth member shall be elected by the membership in accordance with paragraph (h) for successive three year terms. The elected members shall be active or retired members of the regional retirement system or one whose retirement is being reimbursed by that system in accordance with the provision of paragraph (c) of subdivision (8) of section 3 of chapter 32.

Section 19 (h). The regional retirement board advisory council, which shall serve as the election board, shall supervise the election of the elected members of the retirement board. The council shall make available nomination papers to any member in or retired from service so requesting and shall require that such nomination papers be signed by the candidate and be returned to the office of the retirement board for safekeeping until the election board shall meet. The chairman of the council shall give a duplicate receipt for such nomination papers to each candidate. Completed nomination papers shall contain the signatures and addresses of at least five active or retired members of said retirement system. The election board shall determine whether each candidate has filed nomination papers containing the requisite signatures and addresses. If, after investigation, the election board determines that a candidate has filed nomination papers containing less than five signatures as required, the election board shall declare said nomination papers invalid and shall notify the candidate of such determination. If, after investigation, the election board determines that only one candidate has filed the requisite number of signatures, the election board shall declare said candidate to be the elected member of the county retirement board. If, after investigation, the election board determines that more than one candidate has obtained the requisite number of valid signatures, the election board shall notify said candidates of such determination and shall immediately prepare election ballots, and set the date for an election to be held within 40 days.

The election board shall mail ballots to all members of the retirement system whether active or retired. The election board shall instruct each member to place an appropriate marking on the face of the printed ballot envelope next to the name of one candidate, insert the ballot into a ballot envelope, and the ballot envelope into the pre-stamped envelope, seal said pre-stamped envelope and mail said envelope to the election board in care of the county retirement board, within 20 days after they were mailed. Any envelope postmarked later than 20 days after such mailing shall not be used to determine the elected member. The election board shall notify each candidate of the time and location of the tabulation of the ballots and shall permit all such candidates to be present at said tabulation. At the specified time for tabulation, the election board shall assemble all envelopes and inspect said envelopes. Any envelope which has been opened prior to said date, or which has not been signed on the rear by the appropriate addressee, shall be invalidated and shall not be used to determine the elected member. The election board shall, assemble all properly signed, unopened envelopes and shall open each envelope and separate the enclosed ballot from said envelope. The election board shall assemble all ballots and shall tabulate the vote for each candidate. Any ballot which contains a marking for more than the number of vacancies shall be declared invalid.

The election board shall notify each candidate in writing of the results of said election. All envelopes and ballots received by said election board, including those determined to be invalid, shall be preserved by the election board for two years. The costs incurred by the election board in administering the election shall be paid from the county retirement system administration fund.