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June 24, 2020

Dear PERS Employer:

The Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi (PERS) is seeking petitions for candidates to serve in the municipal employee representative position on the PERS Board of Trustees. The six-year term will begin January 1, 2021, and end December 31, 2026. Candidates must be a PERS-covered municipal employee, an active member of PERS with at least 10 years of creditable service, and must not hold office in the legislative or judicial departments of the municipality in which he or she is employed as a member of PERS.

Please share this letter with your employees and direct them to [www.pers.ms.gov](http://www.pers.ms.gov), where interested employees may download the Board of Trustees Candidate Nomination and Petition.

**Election Schedule:**

- July 27, 2020 Deadline for receipt of nominations and petitions by PERS (5 p.m.)
- August 25, 2020 PERS Board certifies ballot at regularly scheduled meeting
- September 8, 2020 PERS mails ballots
- October 8, 2020 Deadline for receipt of ballots by PERS (5 p.m.)
- October 27, 2020 PERS Board certifies election results at regularly scheduled meeting

**Runoff Schedule:** *(If necessary)*

- November 5, 2020 PERS mails ballots for runoff
- December 8, 2020 Deadline for receipt of ballots by PERS (5 p.m.)
- December 15, 2020 PERS Board certifies election results at regularly scheduled meeting

For further details about the election process, see PERS Board Regulation 17, *Election of Members of the Board* ([www.pers.ms.gov](http://www.pers.ms.gov)). For questions, contact PERS Counsel and Policy Advisor Davetta Lee at 601-359-9516, 800-444-7377 ext. 9516, or [dlee@pers.ms.gov](mailto:dlee@pers.ms.gov).

Sincerely,

H. Ray Higgins, Jr.  
*Executive Director*

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Ray Higgins <i>Executive Director</i>	<i>Board of Trustees:</i>	Brian Rutledge <i>Institutions of Higher Learning Employees, Chair</i>	Chris Howard <i>State Employees, Vice Chair</i>	Bill Benson <i>County Employees</i>	Kelly Breland <i>State Employees</i>	Lee Childress <i>Public Schools, Community/Jr. Colleges</i>
		George Dale <i>Retirees</i>	Kimberly Hanna <i>Municipal Employees</i>	Randy D. McCoy <i>Retirees</i>	David McRae <i>State Treasurer</i>	Vacant <i>Gubernatorial Appointee</i>



c/o YesElections  
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 Mineola, NY 11501

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**To Vote Online:**

- To vote online, please go to: <https://vote.yeselections.com/MSPERS>
- Enter the last 4 digits of your Social Security Number and Voting PIN (below)
- Follow the on-screen instructions

**To Vote By Mail:**

- On the ballot below, fill in the bubble to the left of the candidate of your choice
- Tear the ballot at the perforated line and mail (no envelope necessary)
- All ballots must be received by YesElections by 5:00 pm on October 8, 2020

**To Vote By Phone:**

- Call **(877) 311-9976**
- Follow the prompts to enter the last 4 digits of your Social Security Number and Voting PIN (below)



**Municipal Employee Representative**

Your vote is vital to ensure your interests are represented on the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi (PERS) Board of Trustees.

Please cast your vote for one of the candidates listed on the ballot below to serve on the PERS Board of Trustees.

All votes must be received by 5 p.m., October 8, 2020.

For a replacement ballot or to ask a question, contact: [help+msperts@yeselections.com](mailto:help+msperts@yeselections.com) or (866) 384-9978.

**Official Mail-in Ballot**

Mark your selection by completely filling in the circle as shown.

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**Official Mail-in Ballot**

**2020 Municipal Employee Representative**  
 Vote for no more than one.

Rachel M. Foy

Kimberly W. Hanna

Mail-in ballots must be received by 5:00pm October 8, 2020.

**Control Number**

**Rachel M. Foy** Meridian, MS 14.5 years service credit

**Biography:**

- Meridian Fire Department, prevention specialist
- Davenport and Meridian Community colleges
- Lauderdale County Council on Aging, treasurer
- MS Public Fire Safety Educators, secretary
- U.S. Navy, 1990-94

**Candidate Statement:** I am Rachel Foy and I look forward to serving the municipal employees as your representative on the PERS Board. I have many family members and friends who are current retirees, so I understand the importance of maintaining these benefits. I pledge to work with the other board members to faithfully serve the best interest of the current employees and retirees. We have a solid retirement system and I want to do my part to ensure that it stays that way!

**Kimberly W. Hanna** Shannon, MS 25.5 years service credit

**Biography:**

- Tupelo, chief financial officer
- Mississippi State University, master's and bachelor's in accounting
- MS Clerks and Collectors Association, member
- Government Finance Officers Association, member

**Candidate Statement:** I have been a PERS member for the past 25 years. I am currently serving as the Chief Financial Officer and City Clerk for the City of Tupelo, where my focus is financially preparing Tupelo for the future, with the responsibility of complying with regulations and following federal and state laws. I have had the unique perspective of serving as the municipal representative on the PERS Board since 2018. Understanding how important PERS is to all members, I will remain committed to study the issues and make informed decisions as a trustee for PERS.

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