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June 25, 2026

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, 2027, and end December 31, 2032. Candidates must be municipal employees and active PERS members with at least 10 years of creditable service.

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

Election Schedule:

July 27, 2026	Deadline for receipt of nominations and petitions by PERS (5 p.m.)
August 26, 2026	PERS Board certifies ballot at regularly scheduled meeting
September 8, 2026	PERS mails ballots
October 13, 2026	Deadline for receipt of ballots by PERS (5 p.m.)
October 28, 2026	PERS Board certifies election results at regularly scheduled meeting

Runoff Schedule: (If necessary)

November 9, 2026	PERS mails ballots for runoff
December 14, 2026	Deadline for receipt of ballots by PERS (5 p.m.)
December 16, 2026	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). For questions, contact PERS Compliance Counsel Davetta Lee at 601-359-9516, 800-444-7377 ext. 9516, or dlee@pers.ms.gov.

Sincerely,

H. Ray Higgins, Jr.
Executive Director

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Board of Trustees:

Bill Benson, *County Employees, Chair*
George Dale, *Retirees, Vice Chair*
Kelly Breland, *State Employees*
Kimberly Hanna, *Municipal Employees*
Chris Graham, *Gubernatorial Appointee*
Randy D. McCoy, *Retirees*
David McRae, *State Treasurer*
Brian Rutledge, *Institutions of Higher Learning Employees*
Jay Smith, *Public Schools Community/Jr. Colleges*
Terrance Yarbrough, *State Employees*

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Mineola, NY 11501

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To Vote Online:

1. To vote online, please go to: **vote.yeselections.com/MSPERS**
2. Enter your Election Code and Voting PIN (below)
3. Follow the on-screen instructions

To Vote by Mail:

1. On the ballot below, fill in the bubble to the left of the candidate of your choice
2. Tear the ballot at the perforated line and mail (no envelope necessary)
3. All ballots must be received by YesElections by 5:00 pm on December 14, 2026

To Vote by Phone:

1. Call **(877) 318-8665**
2. Follow the prompts to enter your Election Code and Voting PIN (below)

✓ Election Code Election Code

✓ Voting PIN Voting PIN

Municipal Employee Representative Runoff

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

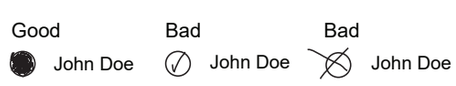
Please cast your vote for one of the candidates listed on the ballot below to serve as the Municipal Employee Representative.

All votes must be received by 5:00 pm, December 14, 2026.

For a replacement ballot or to ask a question, contact: help+mspers@election-america.com or (866) 384-9978.

Official Mail-in Ballot

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



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PERS of MISSISSIPPI **Official Mail-in Ballot**

2026 Municipal Employee Representative Runoff

Vote for no more than one.

◯ Ronda S. Kennedy

◯ Braxton H. Tullos

Mail-in ballots must be received by 5:00 pm December 14, 2026

Control Number

Ronda S. Kennedy	Wiggins, MS	24.75 years of service

- City of Hattiesburg, clerk of council
- Gulf Coast Community College, radiologic tech
- 25 years of municipal experience
- IIMC Master Municipal Clerk
- IIMC CMC
- CDMCC

Ronda S. Kennedy has dedicated 25 years to municipal government, serving as Clerk of Council for the City of Hattiesburg. Her experience in public service has been built on accountability, transparency, and responsible stewardship. As your representative, I will work to safeguard the solvency, transparency, and integrity of PERS while ensuring the voices of public employees are represented. I respectfully ask for your vote.

Braxton H. Tullos	Oxford, MS	20.25 years of service

- City of Oxford, human resources director
- Belhaven University, master's, management
- University of Mississippi, bachelor's, park and recreation management
- More than 20 years of public service

I am honored to seek your support for the Municipal Representative position on the PERS Board. As Human Resources Director for the City of Oxford, I work with PERS every day, helping employees understand their retirement benefits while ensuring compliance with PERS laws and regulations. My experience in public service, employee benefits, payroll, and retirement administration has given me a practical understanding of the challenges facing both members and employers. If elected, I will serve with integrity, transparency, and fiscal responsibility while advocating for a strong, sustainable retirement system that protects the promises made to Mississippi's public employees and retirees.

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