



Louisiana State Employees'
Retirement System

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Candidates for LASERS Board Election

Baton Rouge— Eight candidates are running in the 2015 Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS) Board of Trustees Election. Three open seats must be filled by active LASERS members and two by LASERS retirees.

A random drawing was held to determine ballot positions for the candidates.

The five candidates for the three active positions, in ballot order, are: Judge William T. Kleinpeter of the City Court of Port Allen, Shannon S. Templet of the State Department of Civil Service, Tannie James Isaac of Southeastern Louisiana University, Michael K. Dees of the Port of Lake Charles, and Thomas Bickham of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections.

The three candidates for the two retiree positions, in ballot order, are: Lorry Simmons Trotter, retired from Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center; Charles F. Castille, retired from the Department of Health and Hospitals; and Virginia Burton, retired from the Louisiana Department of Revenue.

The candidates' qualifications and platforms are posted on the LASERS website, www.lasersonline.org. LASERS members will cast their votes for candidates between September 25, 2015 and October 23, 2015 via the Internet, telephone, or by mail.

The 13-member policy-making Board has fiduciary oversight over LASERS. Members include six elected active representatives, three retiree representatives, and four ex officio members including the State Treasurer, the Chair of the House Committee on Retirement, the Chair of the Senate Committee on Retirement, and the Commissioner of Administration. Trustees serve four year terms unless they are filling an un-expired portion of a term. No elected Trustee may serve more than three consecutive terms.

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