

**AGENDA ITEM DETAILS**

**Subject:** Appointment of Group Benefits Advisory Committee Members - (Action)

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Move that the Board of Trustees of the Employees Retirement System of Texas accept the nominations made by agency staff as listed in Exhibit A as appointees to the ERS Group Benefits Advisory Committee.

**Background:**

The Group Benefits Advisory Committee (GBAC) is a part of ERS' ongoing efforts to incorporate a full spectrum of stakeholder and expert input to advise agency staff and the Board on employee benefits. The GBAC is composed of no more than 11 members appointed by the Board and represents a diverse cross-section of participating Texas Employees Group Benefits Program employers and stakeholder groups. The inaugural committee members were appointed by the Board in December 2017 and March 2018.

To establish a staggered term schedule, ERS staff allotted inaugural GBAC appointees terms of two, three or four years. Subsequent appointees selected to fill vacated or previously unfilled seats on the committee serve three-year terms.

The terms for three committee members expire December 31, 2020. To fill the vacated positions on the committee, ERS staff issued a request for applications in late September for eligible individuals to serve a three-year term beginning January 1, 2021 in the following categories:

- Mid-Sized State Agency (100 to 799 FTEs listed in the General Appropriations Act for the current year)
- Retiree, Non-Medicare
- Health-Related Institution Academic, Administrator or Healthcare Practitioner

Applications were accepted through October 26, 2020. ERS Executive Office staff reviewed the applications, verified the stakeholder group each applicant represented, and made appointment recommendations to a multi-divisional group of agency executives for further confirmation and vetting. The nominations presented to the Board for appointment in Exhibit A have been reviewed and approved by the Executive Director. Resumes for the recommended nominees are included in Exhibit B. Members currently serving on the committee are listed in Exhibit C.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Exhibit A - GBAC Appointment Nominees
2. Exhibit B – GBAC Nominee Resumes
3. Exhibit C – Current GBAC Members
4. Slides – GBAC Members