

AGENDA ITEM DETAILS

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

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Move that the Board of Trustees accept the nominations made by agency staff as listed in Exhibit A to this agenda item and appoint the listed nominees to the ERS Group Benefits Advisory Committee for three-year terms beginning January 1, 2022.

Background:

The Group Benefits Advisory Committee (GBAC) advises the ERS Board of Trustees in planning and developing employee benefits programs under the Texas Employees Group Benefits Program. The 11-member committee provides the Board with input from ERS participants, benefit experts and professionals. The goal is to ensure that state benefit offerings provide value to participants and employers and remain competitive at a reasonable cost to members, retirees and their dependents. GBAC members are appointed by the Board to fill three-year terms.

The terms for two committee members expire December 31, 2021. To fill the vacated positions on the committee, ERS staff issued a request for applications in early October for eligible individuals to serve a three-year term beginning January 1, 2022 in the following categories:

- State institution of higher education, four-year
- Retiree, Medicare-eligible

Applications were accepted through October 29, 2021. The nominations presented to the Board for appointment in Exhibit A have been reviewed by a group of agency executives and approved by the Executive Director. Resumes for the recommended nominees Janet Bezner and Gary White 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 – Resumes of GBAC Nominees
3. Exhibit C – Current GBAC Members
4. Slides – Appointment of GBAC Members