



CITY OF NEW ORLEANS MEMORANDUM February 23, 2026

To: All Employees of the Municipal Employees' Retirement System

From: Amy Trepagnier, Personnel Director and Member, Retirement Board of Trustees

Subject: Retirement Board Election for the 2026 Employee Seat – Call for Nominations

In accordance with the provisions of the Home Rule Charter of the City of New Orleans, membership on the five-member Board of Trustees of the Municipal Employees' Retirement System includes an individual who is nominated and elected **solely** by the members of this system. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I am writing to all members to give you the opportunity to nominate someone for this position. The person elected to this position will serve in the employee seat on the Municipal Employees' Retirement System for the term July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029. To be eligible to serve as the employee board member, the City Charter requires that the **nominee “. . . must be domiciled in and an elector of the City.”** As an active or DROP member of the retirement system, you may nominate an active or former employee, or an individual who was never an employee or member of this retirement system.

For a nomination to be valid, the candidate must be nominated by any 25 active or DROP members of the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of the City of New Orleans. On the reverse side of this memorandum, you will find the nomination form that you will need to nominate a candidate. If you wish to nominate someone, please fill in the name, address, and phone number of the nominee at the top of the form. Fill in your name, the last 4 digits of your social security number, signature, and telephone number on one of the lines provided below. To be received in a timely manner, **the nomination form must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 13, 2026, in the office of the Municipal Employees' Retirement System, Rm. 1E12 City Hall, 1300 Perdido Street, New Orleans, LA 70112.**

If you do not wish to nominate someone for this position, do nothing at this time. If only one person is nominated, they will be considered elected. If more than one person is nominated, you will receive a ballot in the mail to allow you to vote for one of the persons who is nominated. The tentative election schedule is as follows:

- (1) Primary election conducted by mail-in ballots in the month of April 2026. The ballot will include short statements by each candidate who is nominated.
- (2) Run-off election (if necessary) conducted by mail-in ballots in the month of May or June 2026.
- (3) Three-year term of office commences on July 1, 2026.

The Civil Service Department will oversee the election process. The Civil Service Department does not know who is being nominated for the position. If you have any questions concerning this nomination and election process, please contact either Destini' Price (504) 658-3513 or Doddie Smith (504) 658-3543.



**2026 NOMINATION FORM
MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

NOTE: YOU MAY NOT SIGN MORE THAN ONE NOMINATION FORM

I NOMINATE _____ NOMINEE'S PHONE # _____
NOMINEE'S ADDRESS _____ ZIP CODE _____

CLEARLY PRINT YOUR NAME	Last 4 Digits of YOUR SS#	SIGNATURE	PHONE #
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YOU MAY ONLY SIGN YOUR NAME FOR THE NOMINATION OF ONE PERSON.