

A Special Election will be held Wednesday, October 26, 2011

for Member Trustee of the City of Tampa's GE Retirement Fund Board

The GE Retirement Fund Board of Trustees currently has one open trustee position:

Term of Office = Two Years (November 1, 2011 through October 31, 2013)

The Board of Trustees meets the third Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in the 5th Floor Conference Room, TMOB (unless otherwise indicated).

Employees interested in running for this position must meet these requirements:

- Must be an active, permanent employee with the City of Tampa.
- Must be a participant in the G. E. Retirement Fund.
- Must be a resident of the City of Tampa.
- Cannot be a participant in the DROP program.
- Cannot be an employee in the Growth Management and Development Services (GMDS) Department and Public Works Department as they are currently represented on the Board.

Nomination Procedures:

- Petition of Candidacy forms may be picked up at the G. E. Pension Office (7th Floor, TMOB) from **October 10 – October 21, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**
- Petition of Candidacy forms must contain endorsements of 25 or more active members of the GE Retirement Fund.
- Deadline for candidates to submit their Petition of Candidacy to the Pension Office is **Friday, October 21 by 5 p.m.**
- Candidates will be announced and posted **October 24** on INET & COT departments.

Voting Procedures:

- Only active, permanent members of the GE Retirement Fund will be permitted to vote.
- Photo IDs will be required.
- Former City employees now working for Hillsborough County who elected to remain under the City of Tampa's GE Retirement Fund are eligible to vote.
- Candidate campaigning is not permitted within 50 feet of the polls.
- Polling locations will be announced on **October 24**.
- The polls will be open during normal working hours on Election Day - **October 26**.
- Hillsborough County poll workers will supervise the voting at the polling locations.
- The campaign winner will be announced **October 27**.

Important Dates:

Oct 10	Announcement: Board of Trustees Special Election on INET and COT departments
Oct 10 - Oct 21	Petition for Candidacy forms available for all qualified candidates. Contact the GE Pension Office at 274-8136.
Oct 21, 5 p.m.	Deadline for candidates to file their Petition of Candidacy with Pension Office.
Oct 24	Candidates and polling locations announced and posted on INET and COT departments by Pension Office.
Oct 26	Election Day - Polls open
Oct 27	Winner is announced by Pension Office

Nov 15 Board approves new trustee; first board meeting

November 1 Term begins

* Employees of the G.M.D.S. Department and Public Works are already represented by a Member Trustee.
A DROP participant is prohibited from holding office as a Trustee under the provisions of Section 22, Chapter 23559.

** Those persons employed by the City of Tampa who became members of the Pension Fund on, or after, October 1, 1975, will have to be a resident of the City in order to qualify for election to the Pension Board. This does not apply to anyone who was an employee of the City and a member of the Pension Fund as of September 30, 1975 (Reference-Section 6.01, Revised Charter of the City of Tampa of 1975).

*** Only employees who are active members (Division A and B) of the GE Retirement Fund will be permitted to vote in this election. Current employees who are DROP participants as defined in Chapter 23559 are not eligible to vote because a DROP participant's application for retirement is effective on his or her DROP benefit calculation date.

**** Former City employees now working for Hillsborough County who elected to remain under the City of Tampa's GE Retirement Fund are eligible to vote, but are not eligible for nomination as Trustee.

For all questions, inquiries and requests for Petition for Candidacy forms, please contact Andrea Noriega @ 274-8136 or andrea.noriega@tampagov.net