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Petitions Available for Upcoming IHL Representative Vacancy

The Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi (PERS) is seeking candidate petitions for Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL) representation on the PERS Board of Trustees.

This trustee position is currently filled by Dr. Joseph S. Paul, vice president for Student Affairs at the University of Southern Mississippi, who was elected to the Board in February 2009 to complete an unexpired term through Dec. 31, 2010. The new term will run from January 1, 2011, to December 31, 2016.

Candidates for the position must be active members of the System with at least 10 years of creditable service. Nomination petitions must be signed by 25 or more active PERS members working for IHL.

Notices and petitions were mailed to IHL agencies July 8 and made available on the PERS website, www.pers.state.ms.us. Deadline for receipt of petitions by PERS will be 5 p.m. August 9. The Board is scheduled to approve the ballot at its regularly scheduled meeting August 24. Ballots will be mailed to IHL members September 15, and the deadline for receipt of ballots by PERS will be October 15. The Board is scheduled to approve the election at its regularly scheduled meeting October 26. Should a runoff election be necessary, ballots will be mailed November 10. The deadline for receipt of those ballots by PERS will be 5 p.m. December 13, and the Board will approve the election results at its regularly scheduled meeting December 21.

The 10-member Board includes the state treasurer, a gubernatorial appointee who is a member of PERS, two retirees, two state employees and one representative each of public schools and community colleges, IHL, counties and municipalities. With the exception of the state treasurer and the gubernatorial appointee, board members are elected to staggered six-year terms.

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