



## MEMORANDUM

TO: Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System Board of Trustees

FROM: Thomas G. Causey, Executive Director

DATE: April 28, 2022

SUBJECT: Firefighters' and Rescue Squad Workers' Pension Fund Advisory Panel

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The Firefighters' and Rescue Squad Workers' Pension Fund Advisory Panel was created under G.S. 58-86-6. In accordance with G.S. 58-86-11, the Advisory Panel meets at least annually to prepare an annual report to the Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System (LGERS) Board of Trustees regarding the status and needs of the Firefighters' and Rescue Squad Workers' Pension Fund.

The Advisory Panel consists of seven members:

1. Executive Director of Retirement Systems Division (Chair)
2. Designee of the State Insurance Commissioner
3. Five members to be appointed (four-year terms) by the LGERS Board of Trustees:
  - a. Paid firefighter
  - b. Volunteer firefighter
  - c. Paid rescue squad worker
  - d. Volunteer rescue squad worker
  - e. Member of the public at large

Notably, the four-year terms of the five members previously appointed by the LGERS Board of Trustees expired on January 16, 2022. Following collaboration with Treasurer Dale R. Folwell, CPA, and key stakeholders, staff recommends the following appointments to the Firefighters' and Rescue Squad Workers' Pension Fund Advisory Panel:

- **Paid Firefighter:** reappoint Kevin Gordon for an additional four-year term through January 16, 2026
- **Volunteer Firefighter:** reappoint Dean Coward for an additional four-year term through January 16, 2026
- **Paid Rescue Squad Worker:** reappoint Gary Whitman for an additional four-year term through January 16, 2026
- **Volunteer Rescue Squad Worker:** reappoint Debra Poe for an additional four-year term through January 16, 2026



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- **Member of the General Public:** reappoint Fred W. Beroth for a four-year term through January 16, 2026

Thank you for your consideration.